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Preface.

In the summer of 2010 Ed and Claire Blatchford donated the first three volumes of the Gray Knob logbooks (1906-1943) to the RMC archive. These original logbooks were kept by the Hincks family: Edward Young Hincks; his second wife Elizabeth Tyler “Bessie” Clark; and five children: Ann Perry “Nan”, Sarah Erick, Carroll Clark, Edward, Elizabeth Mary “Tibby”, and Caroline Tyler “Tottie” Hincks. None of the Hincks children had offspring of their own, although Carroll had three step-children.

On the death of Caroline Hincks in 1986 the logbooks passed to the Blatchford family: Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks’ sister Carita Tyler Clark was the wife of Charles Hammond Blatchford. Carita and Charles had four children: Eliphalet Lawrence, Charles Hammond, Huntington, and Mary Williams Blatchford. Huntington Blatchford and his wife Florence Evelyn Parker had three children: Huntington, Mitchell Parker and Edward Williams Blatchford. It is Edward and his wife Nelda Claire Howell who gave the logbooks to the RMC.

Over the last three years, your archivist has transcribed and edited the logbooks and added some enhanced features: a set of photographs; a listing of the 806 names appearing in the logs; short biographical sketches of the 487 folks whom I was able to identify; a set of genealogical diagrams showing some of the complex relationships that linked people who appear in the logbooks.

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Randolph, NH
July 1, 2013
Introduction.

In the late summer of 1905 a cabin was erected on the northern flank of Mount Adams at an altitude of 4,375 feet. The cabin was built by two churchmen in partnership, Charles Cummings Stearns (1850-1924) and Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927) following a design by Stearns. The cabin was christened Gray Knob. It was located just off Lowe’s Path about 1000 feet higher than the older Log Cabin and just several hundred meters below scrub tree line. It had an all-weather spring and was in the vicinity of two rocky landmarks offering extraordinary views: “the Quay”, about 100 meters to the west, overlooking Cascade Ravine; “the White Cairn”, just above timber line on Lowe’s Path with views to the north and west. As Judith Hudson describes it in *Peaks & Paths* (p46), the structure was built over a wooden frame, its siding was made with small vertical logs; the walls were chinked with moss to keep the drafts out. With an open porch on its eastern side, Gray Knob was larger than the Log Cabin or Spur Cabin.

An August 28, 1905 entry in the Spur Cabin register notes that, “Prof. E.Y. Hincks & son leaving in 5 minutes for Gray Knob for the night.” On the following day the register reports, “Five of the party went to Spaulding Spring, where they met Prof. and Mrs. Hincks, who had spent their first night at Gray Knob.” [See *Spur Cabin Registers: 1900-1916*, p. 31.] Thus begins the recorded history of Gray Knob cabin.

It is of interest to note that five years earlier, on July 19, 1900, a group of Hinckses (Prof. E.Y., Sarah, Ann Perry, Margaret and Elizabeth Mary) were among the party that logged the first overnight at Spur Cabin, erected that year by Charles Cutler Torrey (1863-1956) and George Foot Moore (1851-1931). [See photo on p. iv, below.]

The first record in Gray Knob’s own log book does not appear until July 5, 1906, when “Mr. Hincks, Sarah and Carroll [Hincks] and Alice Stearns came up and opened Gray Knob cabin. “They found everything in most excellent condition, with the exception of a few edibles forgotten the year before”.

The partners in the Gray Knob enterprise were Charles Cummings Stearns (1850-1924), the architect and constructor, and Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927). Charles was a native of Lunenberg, Vermont, a graduate of Yale (AB, 1872, MA, 1879) and Union Theological Seminary (BD, 1875). In 1875 he married Sophia Dickerman Putnam Seymour (1852- ), and with her had five children: Charles Miner (1876-1918), Elizabeth Putnam (1880- ), Myron Morris (1884-1963), Seymour Putnam (1888-1973), and Alice Lucinda (1891- ) Stearns. In 1906, a year after the establishment of Gray Knob, Charles Stearns, was appointed Professor of Biblical History and Literature at Pomona College in southern California, a post he held until his death in 1924. After his appointment to distant Pomona College, the Stearns family, for all intents and purposes, disappeared
from the Gray Knob scene. On September 9, 1906 Edward Hincks and his son Carroll, who had come up to prepare the cabin for winter, remarked
... The pathos of bidding the cabin farewell for nine months is heightened by the fact that its architect and constructor is already at the far extremity of the continent beginning a new work.

After the 1906 removal Charles and his family visited Gray Knob only once, briefly, in 1913. On August 31, 1913, Charles’ entry in the log reported

A glorious morning. Sunlight greets me as I say goodbye to Gray Knob cabin. Today terminates my ownership of a half interest in the pretty place, and tomorrow, Sept. 1 it will belong to Mr. Hincks alone. We have been wonderfully peaceful partners ... In distant California I still take great pleasure in knowing that the cabin ... is sure to greet me in any visits in many years to come.

Alas, there were no further visits, and the Stearns family disappears from the Gray Knob record.

Although Edward Young Hincks was born in Bucksport, Maine, his family soon moved to Connecticut. He was educated at Yale (AB, 1866), Union Theological Seminary (1866-1867), and Andover Theological Seminary (1868-1870). In 1871-1881 he was pastor of the State Street Congregational Church in Portland, Maine. In 1883 he joined the faculty at the Andover Seminary, where he remained for many years. In 1877 he married Elizabeth Champlin Perry (1842-1882), with whom he had a daughter, Ann Perry “Nan” Hincks. In 1887, the widower Edward married Elizabeth Tyler “Bessie” Clark (1869-1952) with whom he had three daughters (Sarah, Elizabeth “Tibby”, and Caroline “Tottie” Hincks) and two sons (Carroll and Edward Hincks). All of the folks named above except for Edward’s first wife and son Edward (who was mentally incapacitated) appear in Gray Knob log entries along with a few Hincks outliers: Edward’s brother Enoch Pond Hincks and the latter’s children Cornelia B. and Henry W. “Harry” Hincks, and Edward’s niece Margaret Howard Hincks (Morse).

For more extensive information on the Stearns and Hincks families see the brief biographies and genealogical charts that appear in the appendices.

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Besides the members Stearns and Hincks families, the names of almost 800 guests and visitors appear in the Gray Knob logbooks. The full list is set forth in the appendix on “Names appearing in log”. Some of the folks were just passing through heading for other places. Others stayed at the cabin for varying amounts of time either in company with Hincks folks, or, in their absence, as avowed guests.

Just looking at selected surnames beginning with A and B, we find that some visitors were outliers of the Hincks extended family: the Bennets (Bertha “Bertie”, Peter, Thomas “Tommie”, step-children of Caroll Hincks and Edith Walker Ney); the Blatchfords (Charles Hammond Blatchford, husband of Carita Tyler Clark, who was the sister of Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks and Sally Tyler Clark Buckland); George
Some of the visitors were, or had connections with Randolph summer residents. For instance, Florence Peek Abbott (granddaughter of pathmaker William H. Peek; the Alexanders (Hortense, James S. and Sarah “Sally”); Margaret “Peggy” Allen (mother of Fred Hubbard and Barbara Hubbard Wilson); the Arnolds (William and Ada Hart, and their daughters Alice, Isabel, and Margaret “Miggy”); Richard Gordon “Dick” Ayer (married to Mary, father of Bunty and Carol); George Bartlett (an associate of Bishop-to-be Robert Hatch); Blood (Eldredge Hugh and his adopted son Robert “Rob” Blood); Boothman (John H., Edith Watson, Harold T. and Marion L.); Bridgman (Percy Williams and wife Olive Ware; their children Jane, 2nd wife of Bernard Osgood Koopman, and Robert Ware, husband of Sylvia Carter); Buckingham (Edith Nason, aunt of Mary and Anna Gulick); Burbank (Albion and son Harry Thompson Burbank, the latter the husband of Theodora Mary Beckwith).

There were scientists and physicians: Edward Stanley Abbott (physician, psychiatrist), Corelli Alger (nutritionist educator), Barry Anson (anatomist), Kenneth Appel (physician psychiatrist), John W. Balet (electrical engineer), Harlan P. Banks (botanist), Emil J. Baumann (physiological chemist), Jonathan Biscoe (physicist), Alice F. Blood (physiological chemist), Charles L. Bouton (Harvard mathematician), Bridgman (Percy W., Harvard physicist, Nobel Prize recipient; Robert W., geologist)


Educators: Bliss (Daniel, head of American University, Beirut; Howard Huntington, head of Damascus College, Syria), Archibald Bouton (Dean of Arts and Sciences, NYU), Margaret I. Bouton (Curator of Education, National Gallery of Art), Albion Burbank (Principal of Exeter, NH High School).

Some folks, of course didn’t fit into any particular category but are of interest: Pierrepont Alford (a Shawnee from the Sac & Fox Indian Agency); Hugh Picken Brady (helped build Crag Camp; boon companion of Nelson Smith; son of Alaska Territorial Governor); Carolyn Burdett (Carolyn, immortalized in two 1914 sketches executed by George Arthur Flagg: “Miss Burdett on the trail” and “Miss Burdett on the ladder [of the Crow’s Nest”]).

In short, a lot of interesting people turn up in the Gray Knob logs.
members of the family were intelligent, well-educated, and conversable, and the guests were usually of the same stripe.

The women, in particular, were a pretty well educated bunch. Although I couldn’t find educational information for many of the women appearing in the log books, a review of those for whom I could find data undergraduate college attendance shows Bryn Mawr (10), University of California, Berkeley (1), Columbia (1), Kansas State Agricultural College (1), MIT (1), Mt. Holyoke (2), University of Michigan (2), University of Pennsylvania (1), Radcliffe (9), Reed College (1), Simmons (1), Smith (14), Wellesley (5), with Vassar (18) leading the way. Among these folks, 16 also earned MAs, 13 PhDs, and 1 MD.

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One salient feature of the log books is the pervasive presence of poetry, some of it doggerel, some of it of better quality; some brief in form and some quite extended. The first example appeared on 3 Aug 1907. It offered a challenge not only for poetic competition, but a competition between the sexes.

“Three Jolly Bummers.”
Aint we clever, all we three / Alphonse, Gaston, a-a-about me.
So we fly the Po-ee-tree / To show what a Gray Knob log may be.
When sunk to in-fi-nal-tie.

The challenge, in both senses, was taken up almost immediately on 6 Aug 1907 from the distaff side by Alice Stearns and Rachel Schauffler, “who found the Cabin uninhabited and in astonishingly good order.”

How sorrowful it is to stand alone / Among the ruins of the sweet Has-been
How desolate to see not e’en one bone / So garnished have they left the place so clean
No! It were better that I staid away / When members of my sex inhabit here.
Back to the woods! ‘Twas there I went while they / Did steep their callous souls with tea and cheer.

But those dear boys! Th’ impressionable Three. / Here will I wait till / They come back to me!

With this exchange the stage was set, and from then on poetry runs rampant on the pages of the logbook. In such an invitation, it was to be expected that the limerick form would rear its head. For instance, on 14 Sep 1908 the Rev. John H. Grant dedicates one of an extensive set of limericks to Abby Frances Pease, the mother of Arthur Stanley Pease, and another to Elizabeth “Miss Lizzie” Jones. This is also an example of the genre that honors someone.

There was a much liked Mistress Pease. / She’d traveled o’er land and o’er seas.
She could work, she could play. / She could cook and crochet,
And all with such consummate ease.
There was a star hiker named Jones. She hiked and galumphed all the cones.
At a steak or a skirt She was wondrous expert,
And jollity reigned in her tones.

A 21 June 1909 entry provides the first poetic offering by a member of the Hincks family. Sarah and Edward Hincks honor their cousin Jimmy G. Ludlum, a mountain neophyte.

Cousin Jimmy came from Bridgeport to carry home his wife.
We took him up the mountains & tried to take his life.
From Gray Knob over Jefferson, from “Beersheba to Dan”.
Where ere he stopped to catch his breath, we said “Come on,” and ran.

The Hinckses’ poetry frequently offers some sort of formal challenge. An offering from 18 July 1910, features an alliterative acrostic.

Grins gratefully the gladsome guest,
Reaching this roost, ‘mid rocks revealed;
A asks, amazed, “Ain’t it all snug?!”
Yes, yes, to you the palm we yield.
Knob where the Kindly Kokoa Kooks!
No night-owl e’er (k)new nicer nest.
Once more of orr [awe] I’m overcome,
Before in blissful bunk I rest.

An excerpt from a longer opus has humor and wistfulness.

The rain it rainèd every day. But up the Spur Trail wound their way
Five stout souls whose feet were limber / To ford the creeks and climb the timber.
The two Gazelles leaped light ahead. Behind with lowly bending head
Plodded the ancient dames and slow, / Remembering tramps of long ago,
While in the rear with many prances / And shining eyes came little Frances,
Sometimes with sweater, sometimes not, / Skipping along from grot to grot ...

Whether you live in the domain of “little Frances,” that of “the ancient dames”, or somewhere in between, if you love the Northern Peaks and the trails and camps thereon, the Gray Knob logbooks offer an entry to an era now passed, but one that I hope may ignite a glow of recognition in the reader.

Dona nobis pacem.
February 5th—Tuesday

1906

J. H. Hitchcock, Oliver and
Eames, H. J. D. and

Gray Knob Camp—

May 10th. Arrived at

Gray Knob Camp—

7:30 a.m. Left before

Gray Knob Camp—

July 10th. Left camp at

Gray Knob Camp—

July 19th.
Historical note: Edward Williams Blatchford has a copy of this photograph. On the reverse side is the notation: “First party to spend the night at Spur Cabin - July 19, 1900”. The entry for that date in SPUR CABIN REGISTER (RMC Archive, Revised edition, June 2009) clearly reveals the names of the folks depicted here. The likeliest identifications, based on similarities to other photos with known subjects, are:

Sitting: Sarah Watson Saunderson, Margaret Hincks, Elizabeth “Tibby” Hincks
Photographer (by process of elimination): Albert H. Moore
Hincks Family Portrait

Seated: Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927)
       Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks (1869-1952)

Standing: Elizabeth Mary “Tibby” Hincks (1894-1968)
          Caroline Tyler “Tottie” Hincks (1902-1986)
          Sarah Erick Hincks (1888-1962)
On “Uplook” porch, Randolph, NH

Back from left: Edward Young Hincks, Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks, Charles Hammond Blatchford, Larry Blatchford, Carita Tyler Clark Blatchford.
Front sitting: Huntington Blatchford in lap of Carroll Clark Hincks.
In hammock: Caroline Tyler Hincks, Hammond Blatchford, Elizabeth Mary Hincks, Sarah Erick Hincks.
“Three Hincks Girls - August 1956”

From left: Sarah Erick Hincks
Caroline Tyler “Tottie” Hincks
Elizabeth Mary “Tibby” Hincks

Elizabeth “Tibby” Hincks and Caroline “Tottie” Hincks at Lake Christine, NH, 1967
Gray Knob Cabin
The original, by an unknown artist, is from “Uplook”, the Hincks-Blatchford cottage in Randolph, NH
Sketches of Three Women from the Gray Knob Log

Left: “Boisterous Fun!” Mrs. Katharine Fowler Lunn [Later, Katharine Fowler-Billings]
Middle: “Cook & Poet” Merle Whitcombe
Right: “Hostess” Elizabeth Mary “Tibby” Hincks
The White Cairn above Gray Knob Cabin
The Razing of Old Gray Knob

April 8-15, 1989

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Gray Knob Register

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Volume 1: 1906-1911

Gray Knob cabin was designed and constructed in 1905 by Charles C. Stearns in partnership with Edward Y. Hincks.

[Charles C. Torrey reported in the Spur Cabin Register that “Mr. and Mrs. Hincks spent the first night in the cabin on August 28, 1905”]

1906

Thursday, July 5, 1906. Mr. Hincks, Sarah [Hincks] and Carroll [Hincks] and Alice Stearns came up and opened Gray Knob cabin. They found everything in most excellent condition, with the exception of a few edibles forgotten the year before. Ravine House was reached before six o’clock.

Saturday, July 7, 1906. Mrs. Hincks, Sarah, Carroll and Mrs. Stearns strolled to the cabin; i.e., the ladies strolled & Carroll rushed on ahead, put up the smoke pipe, made the fire, and cleaned up generally. Mr. Stearns came up in early eve (2 hours 24 minutes from Ravine House. The signals were immediately answered. Black flies and mosquitoes were the only drawbacks to Paradise.

Sunday, July 8, 1906. After a Delmonies breakfast out by the White Cairn, all the party of the day before started on an all day walk in the glorious open. Mrs. Stearns slowly sauntered as high as 5k, while the others ambled on Sam Adams & returned via Spur Trail. Sarah and Mr. Stearns went up Adams. Supper was enjoyed out of doors not far from White Cairn. A most glorious Sabbath day.

Monday, July 9, 1906. Mr. Stearns & Carroll left before 5 o’clock. The others slept until 8 o’clock and finished breakfast about 9:30. Afternoon was spent near White Cairn, where lunch was enjoyed, and later Mrs. H. & Mrs. S. started westward -- over rock and moss -- “prospecting”. Mr. Stearns came up late in eve with Carroll, both with heavy packs.

Tuesday, July 10, 1906. All day spent in “prospecting”, tho’ very late start was made. Mr. S. set up several cairns. Mrs. H. & Sarah went through bush & briar down to R[andolph] Path, to Perch, & home by Lowe’s Path. Mrs. S. also tumbled through thickets back to 4k6. Carroll cut a short cutoff to the dead firewood place.

Wednesday, July 11, 1906. Mrs. Hincks & Sarah left cabin at 10 o’clock for Randolph. Mr. Stearns & Carroll began prospecting again for Rock Side Trail (?) to the Randolph Path. Camp rabbit made his first visit.

Thursday, July 12, 1906. Mr. Stearns & Carroll kept on with the path making in cloud & occasional rain. Mrs. Stearns “cleaned house”, remained near camp, & gathered fir balsam tips for pillows -- driven back by rain at first. Prof. Hincks, Elizabeth [Hincks] and Alice Stearns arrived about 6 o’clock.

Friday, July 13, 1906. Prof. Hincks, Mr. Stearns and Carroll continued path making -- E[izabeth] and Alice went up as far as 5k -- Mrs. Stearns gathered fir balsam for pillows -- Mr. Stearns went over
Israel’s Ridge to see if the New Trail would join the Gulf Side Trail near the Eye. Returned by Peabody Spring, Sam Adams & the New Trail!

**Saturday, July 14, 1906.** Mr. Hincks & [E]lizabeth] left before 10 o’clock for Madison Hut & Randolph. Mr. S. & Carroll cut trees near cabin and put up mosquito netting. Alice and Carroll went down about 4 o’clock. Mr. Stearns, in evening, made two new seats from the trees cut in the morning.

**Sunday, July 15, 1906.** Mr. Stearns and Mrs. Stearns spent a quiet day about the cabin, reading & battling with black flies.

**Monday, July 16, 1906.** Mr. Stearns left at 5:10 for Randolph. Alice arrived at 2 o’clock with a too heavy pack. She weighed it at Ravine House Store & found it weighed 18 lbs. Mrs. Stearns had severe headache and remained in bed all day. Mr. Stearns surprised us at 10:20 in the evening, coming up in the dark with big pack.

**Tuesday, July 17, 1906.** Alice went to Randolph early, and Mr. Stearns remained with me [Mrs. Stearns]. He made a new signal place. Showers at intervals.

**Wednesday, July 18, 1906.** Mr. Stearns left at 4:30 and Alice arrived about one o’clock.

**Thursday, July 19, 1906.** A beautiful day. Alice celebrated by sleeping from 10 until after one o’clock. After having risen at 8 o’clock, I walked out to White Cairn -- first time since last Sunday. Carroll came in time for supper.

**Friday, July 20, 1906.** Alice’s birthday! A quiet day. We had “fudge”, a quasi birthday dinner and a most mild celebration. Played cards, talked German. Carroll planned a trap for the porcupine!

**Saturday, July 21, 1906.** Therm - 63°. Carroll left quietly about 6 o’clock. Mr. Porcupine greatly excited us & there was little sleep for a time. A thick darkness came up about 11:00 & it soon rained powerfully. Mr. Stearns arrived at 12 o’clock, having left Ravine House at 8:30 in the evening.

**Sunday, July 22, 1906.** Mr. Stearns and Alice went for a quiet walk, taking lunch -- They reached home about 7 o’clock, having spent only an hour at Peabody Spring & registered on Nowell’s Peak [Adams 4], Sam Adams, Mrs. Adams and Jefferson. Mr. Stearns saw the porcupine at 2:00 am on the ladder, & belabored him from the bunk window with the only weapon near, an ........ which retained over100 quills; actual count 358!

**Monday, July 23, 1906.** Mr. Stearns left at 5 o’clock. Rain began later and Alice and I tried to make up for loss of sleep. It did not clear until nearly four o’clock. The porcupine left us in peace. Alice & I slept alone in the cabin.


**Wednesday, July 25, 1906.** Cold and clear. The four young people started at 9:30 for Washington. Returned home past 8 o’clock, sunburned & weary, but reporting a glorious excursion. Mr. Stearns put up a couple of shelves for supplies. Prof. Hincks arrived about 6 o’clock. Mr. Stearns arranged bed on piazza for Mrs. Stearns, & she spent day & night.

**Thursday, July 26, 1906.** Mr. Hincks, Mr. Stearns and Carroll left about 9:30 for Washington and Southern Peaks to Crawford’s. The girls rested at White Cairn & had a quiet day. Mrs. Stearns read German plays Mr. Hincks [had] brought up, & slept out on the piazza again at night.
Friday, July 27, 1906. Another fine day. Alice collected more boughs for the upstairs beds. We all played whist as the black flies drove us into the house. Carroll came about 7 o’clock, reporting that the gentlemen yesterday did not get the train at Crawford’s, and had to spend the night at Whitefield. Star lit evening after the new moon had set. Slept out on the piazza.

Saturday, July 28, 1906. Carroll and Alice left about 8:30, and Sarah & Caryl Eaton at 10:00. The former for home, and the girls, via Spur Trail, for Adams. Mr. Stearns reached the cabin about 8 o’clock (one hour, 56 minutes) from Ravine House with 30 lb. pack, his record time so far. Mrs. S. slept on the piazza.

Sunday, July 29, 1906. Slight rain in the night. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns spent a quiet Sunday -- The rain drove Mrs. Stearns in from the piazza at 2:30 am -- already Monday. Mr. Stearns inspected place of spring and bathing place.

Monday, July 30, 1906. Very rainy in early morn, but brighter after 10 o’clock. Mercury 59° at 10:30 o’clock. Raining hard at 11 o’clock ... Showers all day. Mr. Stearns left at noon. At eve he and Alice came in, bringing beans, peas and lettuce from White Birches [Alice Stearns’ cottage]. He took 6 hours & 3 minutes round trip, spending an hour at the White Birches.

Tuesday, July 31, 1906. Mr. Stearns went down again soon after 5 o’clock. Alice took a long sleep & Mrs. Stearns rested. At 5 o’clock pm Caryl Eaton arrived, escorted by Albert Moore. Carroll Hincks came at 7 o’clock. After a game of bid whist the young people went to White Cairn to enjoy the moonlight. Thomas Connor arrived at White Birches.

Wednesday, August 1, 1906. Pleasanter than yesterday. Albert Moore left before 12 o’clock for Mt. Jefferson and Carroll Hincks, soon after, set out for Randolph. We 3 ladies wrote and read and watched the lovely, dreamy sunset from the White Cairn. The girls later visited the White Cairn for the moonlight.

Thursday, August 2, 1906. Mrs. Stearns, Caryl Eaton & Alice Stearns busied themselves with “Wirtschaftsgangelegenheiten” in the morning; Alice blacking the stove. No visitors. A quiet afternoon. Mrs. Stearns read “Die Schöne Melusine”.

Friday, August 3, 1906. Warmer. Beautiful day. Mercury at 9 o’clock, 69°; at 2:30, 66°. Thomas Connor appeared about 11 o’clock with provisions and mail and note from Mr. Stearns. Caryl Eaton decided to remain over Sunday, so we all stay up.

Saturday, August 4, 1906. Slightly raining. Thomas appeared with provisions about 11 o’clock. We 3 “girls” had been sawing wood “for fun” -- Alice had a big pile. About 7 o’clock arrived Sarah and Carroll Hincks in the mist. Too foggy to make the signal visible.

Sunday, August 5, 1906. Mercury 74°. It must be a very warm day “down below”. Finished our hearty breakfast at 10 o’clock. The others cut boughs to make the fir beds softer. Singing of hymns and reciting the psalms and poetry made the late evening, on the piazza, seem quite like Sunday. “Tomorrow to fresh fields and pastures new.”


Wednesday, August 8, 1906. Mr. Hincks, Sarah, Anne [“Nan Hincks”], & Elizabeth H. arrived about 3 pm. Escorting Mr. Enoch Hincks of Biddeford, and daughter Cornelia. Carroll H. arrived at 5 pm. All spent night.

Thursday, August 9, 1906. Left in detachments via summit of Adams to Hut, & down Air Line.
Monday, August 13, 1906. Miss Willard, Margerie Reid and Alice arrived early in afternoon and spent
night. Mr. Stearns arrived about 6 o’clock evening (up via Howker’s Ridge with Mr. Hincks & Carroll
to Madison summit & Hut, whence CCS alone to Gray K., skirting the Ravine ?chises? & joining
Lowe’s Path at 5K). CCS spent night also. A wonderful day. Cabin mercury 47° at 8 o’clock.

Tuesday, August 14, 1906. Foggy -- Driving fast from the west. The three ladies left at 11 o’clock, rising
at 8:00. Mercury: 8 am, 45°; 12 noon, 49°; 3 pm, 54°; 8 pm, 42°. Carroll Hincks (&Thomas Connor)
arrived at 12:30 just after the fog lifted. Worked 4 hours on the new “Gray Knob Trail” (Rock Side
Trail), finishing this end. A cold clear afternoon.

Wednesday, August 15, 1906. A marvel of a sunrise; it even called CCS & Carroll to the “Signal” at half
past four! Mercury: 5 am, 38°; 1 pm, 52°; 8 pm, 41°. Rare day! Clearing and pathmaking near the
cabin. No redfire, so signaled successfully with a small rag & kerosene.

Thursday, August 16, 1906. Worked on the path from morning ‘till night. T. Connor went out 5 pm. Alice
S. and Elizabeth H. arrived at 7 with roast chicken, red fire & lots of cheer! (CCS up at 4 for sunrise
on the knob -- back for breakfast, which was ready at 6!). Another wonderful mountain day. Mercury:
noon, 58°; 8 pm, 50°.

Friday, August 17, 1906. Three porcupines skirmished near the cabin at 2 am, but ran at the approach of
the hunter. Alice & Elizabeth & CCS cut boughs for the north loft bunk, while Carroll worked on the
trail. Alice & E. at 11+ went to S[am] Adams by Lowe’s [Path] & across the rocks to the new trail,
where CCS brought lunch and lemonade, all lunching at 1:45 at the new round top cairn near the old
Israel Ridge Path. Mr. [Harry] Burbank & father [Albion] called at 1 pm. Mrs. Hincks & Anne arrived
at 3:45, four hours on the path, & one at Spur Cabin. CCS & Carroll on trail, finishing cutting as far as
the old Israel Ridge Path.

Saturday, August 18, 1906. CCS went down at 5 am. CCH went up Nowell’s Peak, down Col, building
cairns from Gulf Side trail over Col to near junction with IR [Israel Ridge] path & Gray Knob trail.
He met EJH & invited her to follow his cairn path, which she did going back by Gulf Side, new IR &
Randolph & Lowe’s paths, reaching cabin at 2:30. CCH prospected more after leaving his mother &
found water on a possible route between end of new trail & Randolph path at high elevation. Thomas
Connor brought us up a load, and at 6:15 EYH arrived. The day was terribly hot: 93° in the sun, but in
the deep cavern, 45° (refrigerator).

day! At 6:15 EYH arrived bearing roast chicken, very welcome, both.

& down to IR trail to Randolph Path. EYH & wife returned same route: 20 minutes from Randolph
Path to new path, & 35 minutes back to cabin; 55 minutes in all. ALS returned by Randolph, Lowe’s
[paths], visiting Montevideo (round trip from Lowe’s, 12 minutes), 20 minutes to Lowe’s & 35 up to
cairn. A showery afternoon -- Day mostly cloudy & warm. ETH made fireless cooker out of moss
pillows & two moveable window screens.

Tuesday, August 21, 1906. Fireless cooker breakfast, but did not start for Washington as it showered
heavily. At two Carroll came up & went out path making from junction with RP [Randolph Path] to
intersection with old Israel Ridge Path. EYH tried sketching from White Cairn. A pleasant afternoon. I
hurt two fingers with rock work.

Wednesday, August 22, 1906. Mr. Hincks went down at ten as showers threatened & came at noon. After
dinner Alice & Carroll read German tales & ETH went to sketch at White Cairn. Seeing what looked
like new cairns up above, she hallowed & found a party of five from Ravine House, one, Mr. Grant of Merriden [sic]. They came in to call & get water, then went down at 4:30. Messrs Grant & Edwards left coats as they will return for tomorrow night.

Thursday, August 23, 1906. Rain and clouds all day. No arrivals and no departures. Evening cold. CCH [Carroll Hincks]


Saturday, August 25, 1906. On way from Mt. Wash to Madison Hut, stopped over night at Gray Knob’s Spring by permission of Mr. Stearns & Sister who were very kind to me & little dog “Sky”, who is my only companion in a trip through the entire White Mountains. Wm. F. Marver/Marber [?], Haverhill, Mass. W[illiam] A. Lorenz, E[ward] H. Lorenz, S[tanley] H. Rood [all of] Hartford, Conn. Here for dinner from Washington over Clay & Jefferson. Mist continually opening & closing. CCS arrived 10 minutes after the above.

Sunday, August 26, 1906. CMS and ALS leave Gray Knob for the White Birches [at] 3:40 pm.

Tuesday, August 28, 1906. And in the meanwhile Percy M. Dawson (Butler), Susan E. Coyle arrived having left Echo Cabin at 2(?) pm on Tuesday Aug 28, 1906. Sorry not to find anyone at home, but will drop in again some time. [Also Aug 28]: Arthur R. Kelley, Quebec, P.Q., Arthur W. Jenks, Toronto, Ont.


Thursday, August 30, 1906. CMS starts for Randolph Station and the White Birches at 5:20 am. [Also:] A.R. Kelley & A.W. Jenks start for Whitfield at 9:35 am. CCH starts for work on GK Trail at 10:00. [Also:] Percy M. Dawson calls, having come from Echo Cabin via Lowe’s Path & Log Cabin. Leaving in a few minutes for Log Cabin to do some work on the Log-Spur Trail. [Also:] Nan [Anne] Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Alice Stearns up from Randolph at 7:30.

Friday, August 31, 1906. CCH to work on path. CMS, APH, SH, and ALS take luncheon with Carroll at new spring on path. Sarah, Carroll and Nan start for Jefferson. CMS and Alice resting at the spring. All returned to the cabin for the night.

Saturday, September 1, 1906. Cold day. 35° above at 8 am. At 1:45 the five start for home by King’s Ravine.

Sunday, September 2, 1906. 3:00 pm. From Echo Cabin via King’s Ravine (impromptu trail), JQA & Mt. Adams & Spur Trail. Leaving at once for Log Cabin, Israel Cascades & home. Percy M. Dawson (Butler & Iconoclast), Susan Edmond Coyle (Eclectic Nihilist). Last appearance for this season. Very sorry to find no one at home.

Monday, September 3, 1906. AW Jenks & AR Kelley arrive at 3:15 pm from Bowmans in rain. At 6:50 pm CM Stearns [arrived].

Tuesday, September 4, 1906. Fog all day. D. Howard Nash [arrived] from Bowman Sta at 12:45 pm.
Wednesday, September 5, 1906. Leaving at 9:45 for Carter Notch via Osgood Trail: D. Howard Nash, AR Kelley, AW Jenks, with gratitude that words cannot express for hospitality of Gray Knob, to Mr. Stearns, and “Horace”. [Also:] Arthur Stanley Pease, from Ravine House via Spur Cabin and Montevideo. Whittled out the worst parts of the Lowe’s Path-Montevideo trail. On via Lowe’s Path to Adams and the Hut. [Also:] At 6 pm Prof. Hincks and Carroll from Randolph via Randolph Path and Lowe’s to remain over night and go on to Washington. [Also:] Messers CMS, DHN[ash], ARK[elly] and AWJ[enks] retreat in good order from Madison Hut to Gray Knob, after lunching at the Parapet and ascending Madison. EYH & CCH & SH went over Boott Spur, spending night at Hermit Lake Camp.

Thursday, September 6, 1906. Prof. H & Carroll leave at 8:30 am. DHN[ash], ARK[elly] & AWJ[enks] take a final farewell (for 1906) of the Gray Knob and go down to Bowman’s via Lowe’s Path. CMS [headed for] “White Birches”. [Also:] Alice Stearns up from “White Birches” about 6:00. Anne Perry Hincks and Maria Dmitrievna Debogory of St. Petersburg, Russia ... arrived at 7:15 for the night.

Friday, September 7, 1906. [EPH & MDD] left at 10:30 for Randolph via Spur Trail. [Also:] Wm Gray Nowell & Susan A. Poor from Log Cabin by Spur Cabin, Spur Trail, Torrey Trail. Going down Lowe’s Path at 4:20 pm.

Tuesday, September 11, 1906. Mrs. Hincks, Carroll & Jean S. Pond arrived at 3:30 pm, having lunched on the way from the Ravine House. Carroll at work on the new path.

Wednesday, September 12, 1906. JSP[ond] returning to Randolph. Warm days & nights with a golden September haze in the valley.

Thursday, September, 13, 1906. Carroll started to work on trail at eight. Mrs. Hincks started with Dr. Dawson to carry out lunch at 12:00, arriving at spring at 12:45. Dr. Dawson lunched & chatted till 3:00. Carroll cut two hours more on path & returned a few minutes after his mother at 6:30; nearly dark. Stove blacked today.

Friday, September, 14, 1906. Prof. Hincks, Elizabeth [Hincks] and Alice Stearns at Cairn on return about 6:15. All “turned in” at the cabin for the night.

Saturday, September 15, 1906. Carroll to work on path about 9:00. Prof. Hincks followed about 10:00 with Dr. Dawson, who came up from Randolph. Mrs. Hincks, joined by Miss [Susan] Poor of the Log Cabin, went sketching, Alice showing the way. The three ladies returned to the cabin for lunch. All went down for the night.

Tuesday-Wednesday, September 18-19, 1906. Mr. Hincks and Carroll came up in the evening to prepare the cabin for winter, and to get blankets. Came in 2 hours and 35 minutes from the “Uplook” via the Randolph Path from Wood’s. Reached the White Cairn at 6:50. Had to use a lantern in coming up Lowe’s Path. Came into cloud. Temperature mild. Most comfortable night. In the morning (19th) the cloud lifted at about 10:00. Calked chinks, did up mattresses and bedding, took down stove pipe, covered hole in roof with zinc, threw away debris, put up shutters, packed up blankets to be carried down, and started for Randolph at 4:15 pm. A very calm, mild afternoon. The pathos of bidding the cabin farewell for nine months is heightened by the fact that its architect and constructor is already at the far extremity of the Continent beginning a new work. Mrs. Stearns, perhaps, its warmest admirer is to start next Saturday to join him with Miss Alice. When shall we meet here again. 1906 Finis.

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Tuesday, July 2, 1907. E.Y. Hincks & Carroll C. Hincks left the “Uplook” at 2:03 with blankets and supplies. Reached the Knob Cabin via Ravine House at 5:20. It began to rain before we reached Lowe’s Path, and we were thoroughly drenched. Cabin undisturbed except by mice, and these had done little harm. Carroll put on the stove pipe chimney, and we took down the spring frames and mattresses, and swept. Cloud shut us in in the morning, occasionally breaking away for a glimpse of Berlin & the Androscoggin Valley. Left for home at about 11:00 on July 3.

Thursday, July 4, 1907. Mrs. Hincks, Mrs. Dole, Dorothy Dole, Carroll and Elizabeth left the “Uplook” at 9:30 am. Reached Gray Knob at 3:20, having had lunch at Spur Brook. It is indeed a “glorious fourth.” [Signed:] Susan Gage Dole, Dorothy D. Dole, July 4, 1907.

Friday, July 5, 1907. We left for Randolph via Mt. Adams and the Hut at about 9:45.

Wednesday, July 10, 1907. Mrs. D’s birthday. [Also:] Came to Gray Knob via Spur Cabin

Thursday, July 11, 1907. Strawberry day. [Also:] July 11th spent on Adams & Madison. It rained after three. Creamed chicken & strawberries from Mt. W. for supper.

Friday, July 12, 1907. Orange man’s day. 3 red letter days in lives of two fine young men whose names are Percy M. Dawson, Harry R. Miles. [Also:] July 12th spent in the clouds. Very cold & wet. Dr. Dawson returned with a full pack.

Saturday, July 13, 1907. Went down to valley in the morning. “They’re hanging Danny Deever in the morn.” Three most enjoyable days: Helen D. Worrall, Alice D. Mulleson, Anne P. Hincks, Sarah Hincks.


Thursday, July 18, 1907. Alice Stearns, Claremont, Calif; Sarah Hincks; From Randolph for the night. Supper at 5:30; breakfast at 5:15. A beautiful sunrise. Leave for Randolph 6:20 am.

Thursday, July 25, 1907. 5:30 pm. ?Mh? S -- His first entry in this the Gray [Knob] log.


Saturday, August 3, 1907. At some minutes after the usual starting time the three (count ’em, three) Jolly Bummers -- to wit Alphonse Schauffler [Probably William G. Schauffler, Jr], Gaston Bryan [probably Ridgely O. Bryan] [alias William Flemming] and the Wit [Probably Robert H. Schauffler] himself, as such -- left the fair Sorgen Frei [house of the Schauffler family] & started for the tall timber. Having soon distanced their pursuers, they caroled in vain their carol for Carroll, and advanced with speed, vigor, & grace to the Storm Field (alias Woods pasture). There Satan disguised thickly as a Black Bull Rampant upon a Green Field, provided a beautiful and noisy spectacle. The retreat was made in good order, the rear guard alone asking where the fence was. The day was beautiful, the sky being partially overcast, & the sun being in the same, more or less as usual. The thermometer registered several times, but the Bummers could not find the register. There were many varieties of insects in the woods, which attracted the ardent interest of the amateur artists. Birds also were heard singing, one particularly interesting song being recognized as that of the Turdus Americanus, otherwise known as
the Robin. The Judson Mansion was passed in safety and silence. Fourteen minutes later the Ravine House sank below the horizon, a momentary delay having been caused at the Store. The valley was traversed with the same quiet decision, & the railroad track with scarcely a tremor. No train was in sight. Space is not sufficient to adequately describe the other sights, dangers, & nobilities of the journey (there being only about 200 pages left in this volume, & extra paper coming high). Suffice it to say that the cabin was reached in due course, some hours after Sorgen Frei was dropped astern. The view from the Knob was about the same as usual. Same about view from cabin. Supper was about like most other suppers, beyond description. Same with the eaters. The dishes were washed after supper, all taking part except the tin cups; they seemed to be as clean as the rest, so no more was said.

After supper, it being Saturday evening, & some intended preparation for the Sabbath being deemed indefensible, a quiet game of draw poker attracted all 3 members of the party until 11:00, the score then standing as follows: The Wit (sic), 67 matches; Gaston, minus 18 matches; Alphonse, minus 49 matches. Adjourned, syn a die [sine die], 12 pm. (Mouse enters, unobserved.) All three Bummers retire, chanting: “Ain’t we clever, all we 3 / Alphonse, Gaston, a-a-about me / So we fly the Po-ee-trie / To show what a Gray Knob log may be / When sunk to in-fi-nal-le-tie.” (Shadow of Night) (Exit omnes.) Earata [sic]: Signals were sent from cabin at 8:00; No answers. Alphonse & Gaston ?shoved? over a tree on the way up. For further details see other entries. Describes the entire situation. PS -- NB

Further Earata: Alphonse & Gaston didn’t shove over the tree. NB again: Gaston hogged more than he’d oughter of the cake. He’s a disgrace to the name.

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Sunday, August 4, 1907. Party same as in preceding entry. Rose early to see the sun rise (at about 10:30 am). Too late: A heavy rain & fog obscuring the otherwise beautiful sky. Breakfast served 10:30 to 12:00. [Later:] Enter muse again, badly drenched with the fog, the rain & the wet. Stroph I (Muse): “What! Do I still find you here, wet with the weather & washing? / Have you done nothing but feed, wash, sleep, & feed over again? / You chortle & gurgle & leer, Pleased with your wit & your sloshing. / Is there no end to your greed? Is there no gain to your fear?” Chorus (The 3): “We think we’re ill if anyone is, / Alfonse, & Gaston, & and me. / Us foolish? Not! / Mind your own biz! / Muse-y, Skiddo! 23!”

Ante Strophe I (Muse): “O, what crass ignorance, grime and base ingratitude! / Where can be your consciences, your intellects and eyes! / Have you naught but somnolence and addle-headed platitudes? / Note your own inconsequence, and cut it out, you guys!” Chorus (The 3): “Muse, you’re rather tiresome, and idiotic too. / If you want workers, hire me and let us rest a few! / We know the moral you sing, but want to have our own young fling; / Don’t try to make us do the thing ‘Like mother used to do!’”

Strophe II (The Muse): “Cheeze it! You’re making me sick, You with your wit & your writing! / You think that paper’s so cheap that you can use all of the book. / Jiminy! Cut it out quick! Notice the work that you’re ?fighting! / You’ve had your long 10 hour sleep, / There’s dirt on the cabin floor, Look!”

Chorus (The 3): “Back to the woods! / We are the goods! / We are the crew & caboose! / Mosey! Skiddoo! / Lemon for you! / Pass away! / Beat it! Vamoose!” (Here Muse exits, more in sadness than anger, so 2nd Ante Strophe & chorus is lost.)

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Monday, August 5, 1907. Act V, Scene I. (The Wit, seated at table, writes: “Aug. 3, ’07. After 36 h’rs c’nt’n’s rain, a p’t’ct day. ’S’g’n’ls s’t last night. St’r’t now f’r Mt. A, and f’r R’nd’ph l’t’r. All well & send love.” (Goes over to stove & inspects fire.) The W! “???--!-!!!!-!-!-!-!!” Alphonse, from above: “What’s that?” W: “!!!-!!-!!!-!!!-!!!-!!” Gaston: “Did you burn yourself?” W: “Say, youse guys t’ink you’re funny, don’t youse? Did I burn myself? Nit. I just tasted my breakfast!” G: “Is it ready yet?” W: “Aw, youse makes me tired. Go to sleep again. It ain’t noon yet.” G: “What kind of a day is it?” W: “It’s hardly noon yet -- De sun’s still shinin’. Hit youse other ear fer a while.” W writes: “Got up early to see the sun rise. Perfect day. Ate most wonderful breakfast in the world. Dishes far surpassed Del Monte, Piedmontera, and Tierra del Fuego or Hotel Hungaria.” G, looking over his shoulder: “Aw gee! See what he’s writin’!” A, sliding down from above: “And him only half-dressed yet!” W: “Aw, go ‘way an’ play. Youse guys makes me tired. Don’t cher know how a log book had oughter be writ?” Scene II. Enter Muse, haggard after a long night. The W: “Gee! Here it comes again! Say, will youse kindly vamoose, decamp!” Muse chants wearily: “Hear this my parting speech / And the warning word I teach; / You may think I’m not a peach, / But look out! For all and each / You’ll die the death of a quandam dog / For taking so free with the Gray Knob log!”
chorus, waving the evil eye & intoning towards the door: “We are the goods! Lemon for you! / We are the peppers, b’gee! Back to the woods! / Beat it! Skidoo! / Mush along! Scat! 23!” Muse, sadly: “Board of health, and fare thee well! / The echo will the story tell!” (Exit) Scene III. The W: “This Sunday we’ll remember / When all the world is old; / ‘Till the log’s own gray December / Shall turn it back to the world. / So don’t think we’ll mind in the least, now, / just chuckle or snortle away! / The sun may rise red in the East, now, / But we dogs have had our day!” The 3, to the tune America: “So say we all of us, / So say we all.” Exeunt towards Mt. Adams. In the distance the muse can be heard crashing toward Spur Cabin through the underbrush, seeking more profitable fields. From under a bush leaps the camp rabbit, gazing warily at the cabin, lying deserted in the silence of noonday. Curtain.

Later: Monday, August 5th. Evening performances began promptly at 7 o’clock when Alice Stearns and Rachel Schaufler arrived at the White Cairn. They found the Cabin uninhabited and in astonishing good order! The Camp Rabbit had apparently decamped taking with him all signs of the accusing Muse who had so troubled the Witty Three. Alas, that gentlemen who had departed from Randolph exulting so openly over their prospective freedom from the trammels of feminine society should have been so constantly harassed by this most inconsistent of females! Not a sign even of her skirt hem has been caught sight of by the unprotected but Self-Sufficient Two. After setting off the signal which was answered copiously, all the anxious friends of the Self-Sufficient Two joining in to make an illumination scarcely surpassed by the lights of Berlin, the Two retired to the Cabin and partook of an astonishing supper. The rest of the evening was consumed by the washing of dishes and the reading of the Log, one reading while the other washed, and vicy-versy. Having mapped out for ourselves a comprehensive little tour of the White Mountains, to be concluded at 5:08 at the Randolph Station, the Two were much saddened to wake to the sound of rain beating against the windows or, rather, against the mosquito nettings! Being, however, of amiable dispositions and congenial tastes, they settled down comfortably to domestic pursuits, whence it was difficult for them to tear themselves in time to hit the trail again at 2:04 pm [on] August 6, 1907.

Tuesday, August 6, 1907. 2:05 pm. How sorrowful it is to stand alone / Among the ruins of the sweet Has-been / How desolate to see not e’en one bone / So garnished have they left the place so clean. / No! It were better that I staid away / When members of my sex inhabit here. / Back to the woods! ‘Twas there I went while they / Did steep their callous souls* with tea & cheer. / But those dear boys! / Th’ impressionable Three! / Here will I wait till / They come back to me! [Signed] A Muse. *Note: Some editors read “soles”; but though it is not unlikely that the ladies in question, of whom our author speaks with such disparagement, did actually arrive at the Cabin with wet feet, the mood of the Muse seems best to correspond with the more poetical meaning.

Later:] August 6, 1907, 2:10 pm. William Flemming ?? and William G. Schaufler for the night via Randolph Path & Lowe’s Trail. Leave at 11:30 for Sorgenfrei. [Also:] Rachel C. Schaufler returned at 2:10 pm. Left 11:30 am August 7.

Thursday, August 8, 1907. EY Hincks, Annie PH, Sarah H & Carroll H left Ravine House at 4 pm; reached Cairn at about 6:40. Glorious sunset.

Friday, August 9, 1907. We 4 (“the big 4”) en route for Mt. W & Crawfords at 7:15. Having arisen at 5:00!!! We have the morning of this summer, and are full of germ meal and enthusiasm. [Later:] Dr. CF Judson & Wm P. Fisher left Appalachia at 11:00; reached Cairn at 2:30. Took our lunch in the cabin; bestowed the remainder of admiration on the mountains, and returned at 3:30. [Later:] 5:30 pm. Wm Gray Nowell, Susan A. Poor. You know where we live.

Thursday/Friday, August 15/16, 1907. EY Hincks, HW Hincks, CC Hincks, EG Buckland. EYH & ECB left Randolph at 3 pm, Aug 15; arrived at cabin at 3:50. HWH & CCH came 20 min later via Mt. Adams. We are leaving Aug 16 at 9 am for Mt. Washington & Tuckerman’s Ravine, full of hope and breakfast.
Saturday, August 17, 1907. Alice Stearns, Claremont, Calif; William G. [“Willie”] Schauffler, Jr; Ridgely D. Bryan; Mrs. Chas. C. Stearns arrived at 7:45, 4-1/2 hours on the way. Chas. C. Stearns arrived at 7:50.

Sunday, August 18, 1907. Wonderfully clear night -- Clear sunrise -- heavy fog clouds after 6:30. CCS & SSS [Mrs. Sophia Seymour Stearns] saw comet during the night. Orion’s belt was just rising, with the Pleiades some 40 odd degrees higher. The comet was at about 30 degrees on a line at right angles to the Orion/Pleiades line. See diagram [omitted in this transcription] on next page. A & B were 2 stars so placed that A, with its comet tail, pointed to B and almost connected with it. [Later:] A quiet day: clear after 10 o’clock; clear & cold. Reading aloud, an afternoon’s walk by the three young people to Sam Adams, and more evening reading made a full day. Devotions at 8:30. Bed at 9:00. [Note:] Mercury Aug. 18 at 9 pm [was] 39°.

Monday, August 19, 1907. CCS, ALS, WGS,Jr, RDB left 9:20 am; arrived Washington 12:30 & left 1:30; arrived Hermit Lake Camp 3:00 (after a bath in the brook higher up) & left at 3:30; arrived Jefferson road 4:20 & left at once by Glen carriage waiting; arrived at Randolph Hill 6:30, when party broke up. CCS returned with carriage to Wood’s, thence by foot to Ravine House, arriving at about 7:30. Left Ravine House 7:38 and arrived at the Knob Cabin at 10:01, 2 hours and 23 minutes with lantern. Found SSS awake. She cooked a great feast of rejoicing, and at 11:00 we retired to sleep the sleep of the just in the woods! [Later:] Carroll Hincks arrived about 3 pm with supplies, & left soon after 4 o’clock. Weather warmer, clear.

Tuesday, August 20, 1907. Another rare mountain forenoon, so warm that big black balsam flies were about and a few small black flies annoyed the camp. CCS and SSS spent some hours inspecting the ravines of the knobs above us. [signed:] Percy M. Dawson. [Later:] La amo de la montoj estas la plej bona [Love of the mountains is the highest good.]. (cf. July 17) [signed:] Agnes Learned Dawson. [Later:] Elizabeth T. Hincks, all other three left the Dawson’s at 10:30, the good Dr. carrying a double pack cheerfully. Called at Log Cabin, had refreshments and a lesson in Esperanto. Delighting return with our cabin partners.

Wednesday, August 21, 1907. 10 o’clock: Mr. & Mrs. Dawson left for Mt. Adams, though it is partly cloudy. 11:30: Myron Stearns appeared & made a 15 minute call. He was 1 hour 59 minutes from Sorgenfrei to the White Cairn, and returns for a Sorgenfrei dinner at 1 o’clock!!! At 5:30 three visitors arrived from Mt. Crescent House; just three hours from there to Gray Knob: Mary Post Ely, Stanley Coulter, Lucy P. Coulter. CCS made steps from the corner of the piazza (to the left of the door). A chilly evening. The crackling fire was cosy enough. A game of buzz in “Esperanto”: deksep [seventeen] and kuardeknau [forty nine] proving fatal numbers.

Thursday, August 22, 1907. Six 6 started by Rockside [Gray Knob] Trail with lunch at 9:15. The following party, Ridgely D. Bryan, Douglas Horton, WG Schauffler, Jr, Alice Stearns, arrived at the Cabin at 1:45 pm, 3 hours after leaving Ravine House. The [original] six separated at Spaulding Spring: Mrs. Ely, Prof. & Mrs. Coulter taking the Castles Path & out by Bowman’s; Mrs. Hincks sketching Adams from near the Spring; Mr. & Mrs. Stearns taking the Gulfside back to Peabody Spring for lunch, thence Israel’s Ridge back to junction with Gulfside, thence directly North over the rock ridge, & skirting the rocks as far as the old original Israel’s non-path (or whatever it be), then down to the Rock Side twin cairns, where they were joined by Mrs. Hincks, all returning to the Cabin at 6:30. [Later:] The party arriving at 1:45 brought the news that MMS [Myron M. Stearns], on his last trip of Aug. 21, injured his foot by a nail, with serious after effects. CCS went out at 7:30 to lend aid if possible.

Friday, August 23, 1907. CCS appeared at 8:45, reporting MMS doing well. SSS [Mrs. Stearns] had a curious finger swelling, either poison from a bite or from a plant. ALS, WGS, Jr, RDB & DDH [Douglas Horton] started, via Spur Trail, for Madison Hut, & summits of Madison, Adams and, if possible, Jefferson. 2:00 -- CCS & SSS out by Ravine House. [Later:] Got back to cabin at 3:35. After phoning to the doctor at the Madison Hut, the four went to the summit of Madison and registered.
Coming down, we had lunch at the Hut, and then hit the trail for the Cabin, registering at Nowell’s Peak [Adams 4]. [Later:] Arrived 5:35 pm from Elliott’s Hotel, Waterville, NH. Left Monday [26 Aug] at 6:45 am. Went over Franconia Range, Twin Mountain Range, to Carrigain Notch, up Carrigain, to Sawyers River to Crawford’s and over Washington. Expect to return by Washington, Mt. Willey, & Mt. Hancock. [signed:] EH Lorenz (Hartford, Conn), Pierrepont Alford (Oklahoma, from Shawnee in Pottawattomi Co.). Left at 6 am for Randolph after a fine night.


Sunday, August 25, 1907. Arrived at 3:45 with goods from Mrs. Hincks. Adiau. Returning at once via Log Cabin. [signed:] Percy M. Dawson. “As one who tries the hills to climb / Who never climbed before / And finds it in a little time / Grow every moment less sublime / And votes the thing a bore. // But having once begun to try / Will not give up his quest. / But climbing ever keeps his eye / On one small hut against the sky / Wherein he hopes to rest. // He climbs till nerve and force are spent / With many a puff and pant / And still as rises the ascent / In language grows more violent / Altho in breath more scant.” Etc, Etc. From Rhyme? & Reason?

Monday, August 26, 1907. From Randolph by way of Spur Cabin. Mercury at 3:30 was 36° and growing colder. Left at 10:30. Climbed Adams and Madison. [signed:] Margaret Judson, Sarah Hincks.

Tuesday, August 27, 1907. Ode to several: “I am the princess Ilse / And I dwell on Adams’ side. / From the cairn before my castle / The view is fair and wide.” Shed light please. [signed:] PMD [Percy M. Dawson]. “The view is fair and lovely / But yet I cannot stay, / For like a mountain chamois / I must away, away. // From rock to rock go tripping / In sunshine or in rain / What e’re the garb of nature / She’s lovely just the same. // From sunshine into shadow / Ah! hear the thunder crash / The wind is high, the clouds scud by / Beneath Walkure lash. // I hear their armor rattle. / They scatter and they crowd. / They swirl around the summits, / Their horses neighing loud. // I hear their voices shouting / So clear & strong & true. / Dear sisters, when I’m older, / Please let me ride with you.”

Vassar Female College. Literature A, Christmas Questions on the above [with answers in ink in a different hand]: Q1- Who first wrote of the Princess Ilse? (A: Heine). Q2- What other poems does this resemble? (A: Arethusa of Shelley). Q3- Who was the next person to write of the princess Ilse (A: I) and what other poem does that resemble? (A: Shelley’s Cloud). Q4- Is the second Ilse a person or thing? (A: Both a thing & two persons). Aug 27, section 7.

1- Charles Dodgeson. 2- Stevenson’s “Robin”, as quoted: “A porcupine of lordly mien / Tapped on mother’s window screen / Humped his squeaking tail and said / Aren’t you ashamed, you sleepy head.” 3- The next author to write of the Princess Ilse, as far as is known in this century of new thought philosophy scientific investigation, was [Thomas] Percy’s Reliques [of Ancient English Poetry][ref. Chevy Chase], so is not quite determined by the best critics whether this Ilse was a dainty creature of the “relics” imagination, or a reference to some Norse goddess. The Century Dic. of Names says she is a relative of Wealthow and a friend of Deirdre. 4- The etymology of the word Ilse is worth noting: “A starlight maid with comet hair / (She believed in Free Will, Sir) / Wept rainbow tears.” Is grief thy life? / “Ah no, but I am ill Sir.” As was natural, he thought her name was Ilse (example, Clay, Sir). Authority, EMH [Elizabeth M. Hincks], TIME. Censure no Poet. “For the light burns slow / The candle waxes late / The lofty stove pipe draws the dreams below.”

[Later:] SH & Miss Judson went up Adams & Madison. EYH, CCH, ETH & Dr. Dawson arrived at 6:15.

Wednesday, August 28, 1907. All six started at 8:30 for Washington & Hermit Lake Camp.
Friday, August 30, 1907.  4:30 pm.  (Dawson) returning at once.  Up with two blankets a little wet from rain.  In fact, the only dry thing about me is the little poem (?) which I brought up inside my skull:  “Howker Ridge, you know it. / Long trail and hard to find. / Some blazes help to show it. / Twas fallen in the wind. // I lunched, an open place. / A fine view of the Glen. / From Madison to Berlin / Eye runs and back again. // A bit of rock beside me. / An ant and crumb of bread. / She tugs and tries to drag away. / “Oh! Eat it there,” I said. // She waved her small antennae. / “The bread’s not mine,” said she, / I’m only one of many / And all are dear to me.” // Evergreens, rocks, lichens. / “Humph!” said I as I climbed. / “That brainless little communist / Has much to teach mankind.”

Monday, September 2, 1907.  RD Bryan & Myron Stearns arrived here at 6:30 from home via Randolph Path and Lowe’s.  Carroll Hincks and William G. Schauffler, Jr made a very fast trip, arriving here at 5:20, taking an hour and 4 minutes from the Ravine House.  Played poker until 12 o’clock midnight, when the score stood: Myron +30; Carroll, -15; Bill, -55; RDB, +77 (but I didn’t have the matches because I was owed 50 or 60 from bankrupt players).

Tuesday, September 3, 1907.  We all leave for home at 12:40 for the valley after a morning game of poker, called Mental Poker.  Score is as follows: Myron, 1,114; RDB, 355; Carroll, 65; Bill, 0.  My last trip for 1907: WGS, Jr.  Exeunt omnes.

Friday, September 6, 1907.  2 pm.  Over from Spur Trail.  In search of Ilsenstein.  Stein not yet found; must search for it higher up.  “Keep not standing fast & rooted. / Briskly venture, briskly roam. / Head and hand where e’er we foot it. / And stout heart are still at home. // In all lands the sun doth visit / We are gay what e’er betides. / To give space for wandering is it / That the world was made so wide.” (Welhelm Meister).  [Later:] Those egg shells on the shelf are not mine!  [signed:] PM Dawson.  [Later:] From the Uplook arrived at 5:50 pm: Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks.  Fog and rain down from the sky and up from the bushes.  Result: An omnipresent damp.  [Later:] Arrived 6:50 pm from the Log House: Alice L. Stearns, having had the exciting experience of a wet trip after dark; also of having a short vision (real) of a small black BEAR on Randolph Path shortly below Cold Brook.  Said bear was as much startled at the appearance of a rival “Monarch of all I survey” as the rival herself.

Saturday, September 7, 1907.  Percy M. Dawson arrives leading a live Esperantist which he found in the woods near the Log Cabin, JF Twombly.  “Trovis la feston bonan.”  [Later:] Alice LS, Elizabeth and Sarah H kept house in the cabin and the bone yard.  Dr. Dawson called.

Sunday, September 8, 1907.  Drinking Song.  “Cut loose from the things that bore us. / Entranced by the world that we find. / The grandeur of Nature before us. / The smallness of man left behind. // So klink we our glasses of water. / For the life that is simple and strong. / For a good Mother Nature has promised / The lives of her children be long.”  [To the tune of an] air: “Here’s to the dead,” an Indian army song.  [Later:] The three of us went up to the Knob for a red sunrise, and [then] back to bed.  It rained all day, and cleared up in time for the sunset.  Dr. Dawson called.

Monday, September 9, 1907.  The sunrise from the window this time.  Picked balsam all morning.  Watched the large Canada jays.  Swept and garnished.  Dr. Dawson called.  Down at 4 pm.  “Farewell, we three shall meet no more” this year.

Tuesday, September 10, 1907.  Passed by & shut two windows which I found open.  [signed:] Percy M. Dawson.

Wednesday, September 11, 1907.  Up brook bed to Torrey [Spur] Path, down Lowe’s 4:15.  [signed: PMD]

Thursday, September 12, 1907.  Passed by again.  [signed:] PMD.  [Later:] EY Hincks & HB Steele arrived at 5 pm from the Hut, having left Randolph this morning for Adams.  Very thick on top; no use going up.  Carroll came up at 5:30 & took care of us.
Friday, September 13, 1907. Clear at six, but it soon clouded over, & our plan of going over to Washington must be given up. [Later:] CC Hincks leaves at 9:45 to work on the other end of the GK Trail. All others at the cairn warned under penalty of instant sentence, e.g. to hard labor, not to look at the cabin floor. Will return at about 5:30. [signed:] CC Hincks. [Later:] 3:15 pm. Returned from path-making after opening GK Trail clear through to Randolph Path. Will leave at 4:00 pm for Randolph. [Later, in another hand:] Left Echo Cabin 11:30; reached Gray K C at 5 pm (about). Temp at 8 pm, 46°.


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Saturday, June 27, 1908. MBP, WCH, HH, SH went to Washington, coming back in 3-3/4 hours. ETH went up Adams via Israel Ridge, and down Lowe’s Path.

Sunday, June 28, 1908. All except MBP & SH down for dinner. The latter down & back.

Friday, July 10, 1908. Carroll H, Dr. WHaupt, Elizabeth H arrived at 5:05 on the 9th. At 6:45 Sarah, Eric Haupt, Harold H, & Prof. Hincks arrived, having been up Howker’s Ridge. There’s a porcupine in the Madison Spring. SH, WCH, HH, CCH are going down the Osgood Trail to the Glen & walk home by moonlight. Prof. H & Tibbie are going down the Castles. The young gents slept up on the Knob last night.

Friday, July 17, 1908. Arrived in good spirits & high glee. Left with drooping faces. [signed:] Walter Clark Haupt, AH Licklider, CC Hincks.

Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 1908. We abode at Gray Knob. The first afternoon took the Carroll Hincks Connecting Path [Rockside Trail] until driven in by rain. Entering Cabin were immediately followed by Messers Carroll Hincks and Drs. Haupt and Licklider. Games of “500” whist. Messers Hincks and Licklider cooked supper. After supper, various stunts by the young men, who contributed greatly to the “gayety of nations.” In the afternoon the Rabbit and Snow Bunting appeared.

Saturday Morning. Still raining. The young men left at 11:15 much to our regrets. Afternoon clear. Made John Adams by Nowell Ridge. Magnificent views. Mr. & Mrs. Smith & Dr. Dennis also made Sam Adams, picking blackberries on the way down sufficient for supper & breakfast. When we came down the “Porcupine” was on the porch and we chased him to the ridge pole and studied him an hour. He seemed to be of a rather unsociable disposition.

Sunday Morning. Too misty & wet for the Howks; down mountain straight way. Bully time -- Thanks awfully. [signed:] Mary P. Ely, Lucy P. Coulter, Mabel Coulter Smith, Talbot Smith (all of Lafayette, Indiana), Charles E. Dennis, Jr (Providence, RI).

Tuesday-Thursday, July 21-23, 1908. After a night of violent dissipation at the party given by the [RT & Caroline] Taylors at Khubsarat [cottage in Valley] in honor of one Eaton-Baltimore, Esq, who on this occasion made his debut into Randolph society (invitations limited to this & last year’s debutantes &
young men), a reconnoitering column consisting of Mrs. ET Hincks (commander-in-chief); Misses MR Babbott & Sarah Hincks (aides-de-camp), Messrs. Hincks, Licklider & Haupt, the “Three Musquetiers”, & Miss Caroline Hincks (mascot) set out, inspired by their battle-cry selected from Chopin’s funeral march (second movement first bars) for Gray Knob Palace by lumber road from Echo Cabin at 11 am to assault the larder of Gray Knob. On the very frequent skirmishes with Black Flies, the pride of His Satanic Majesty. The “Three Musquetiers” sought refuge in the cooling waters of Spur Brook. Pitched camp on shores of Spur where we both ate & were eaten. But on account of the flies we smudged instead of budged. At 2:30 the van advanced, while the rear piped the pipes. Gray Knob was sighted at 4:30 & a forcible entrance was made by the mascot. Rational rations were served.

Camp Routine. 5:30: Petit Diner à la ?...? prepared by chefs: Hincks & Licklider, fire by Haupt. 5:45: Cocoa Deluge (cocoa-nit). 6:30: Camp Council at White Cairn. Western philosophy & literature, etc. pounded? admirable discussion. 9:30: To bed. 8:00 am July 22: Long breakfast. 1:00 pm: Luncheon on Nowell’s Ridge, broken up by rainstorm. Afternoon was spent smoking & playing games. Bully time. 8:00 pm: Camp Council at White Cairn Ghost & Clairvoyant stories. 9:30 pm: To bed. [signed:] WC Haupt. [Later:] A convert to camping life thanks to the great time here at Gray Knob. [signed:] Mary Babbott.

Thursday, July 23, 1908. Carroll & Dr. Licklider went out via Glen; Dr. Haupt by Randolph. [Later:] WG Schaufler, Jr [arrived at] 2:25 from Washington. Left about 8:00 am. Going down for food. Came up again in time for a late supper. This party came from Washington, via Gulfside Trail, Randolph Path and Rockside Trail: Harriet M. ?Speening? (So. Orange, NJ), Helen Stearns (Lakewood, NJ), Marion Tupper (Minneapolis, Minnesota), Ridgley D. Bryan, Sumner Edwards (Cambridge, Mass). [Later:] (We started from Bethel Tuesday morning; went to Randolph by train; walked to the Glen House and slept in a field. About three o’clock we were awakened by a hard rainstorm. The party then climbed Washington and spent the night, leaving at 8:00 am.) The party leaves for Randolph Station at 9:15 am. The boys are going to walk to Bethel. Marion and the girls take the train. Thank you very much for the good food and sleeping quarters.

Friday, July 24, 1908. Yesterday Mrs. [Minnie] Haupt, Harold, Eric, [&] Istar [Haupt]; & Elizabeth Hincks came up from Randolph. This morning a cunning little rabbit was found dead. We had a funeral. We sang ‘Ach der liber [sic] Augustine’, deciding his name must have been Augustine. MH, EH, HH, IH, EMH are going up Adams this morning (July 24). [signed:] Istar Haupt, E[ric] Haupt, TOTTIE [the latter printed in the childish hand of 6-year old Caroline Hincks]. [Later:] Beautiful sunuset & six replies to signals. Istar made seven delicious omelettes. Elizabeth’s fine cocoa, peach tapioca for desert.

Saturday, July 25, 1908. A rainy day. Breakfast: corn cakes with raisins, pork & toast. Dinner: apple fritters (dried apples soaked a little while, mixed in thin batter of 2 eggs, milk, flour), meat balls (canned beef & chopped onions, dried bread crumbs soaked in water, pepper & salt & 1 egg; balls fried in bacon fat), boiled rice. Eric made potato masher, salt from covers to salt & pepper shakers ?uwhen? damper on stove ?...? Time for work & occupations: Harold put up birch bark on ceiling & walls; girls made holders from flannel; EHJ made stove benches; & Mrs. Haupt & EHJ cleaned; Tot piled wood on piazza; EHJ put screens throughout & washed. Tottie [Caroline Hincks] lost a tooth. Harold removed ?...? from entrance path.

[Later:] July 25. A relief party consisting of Messrs. C Hincks, Licklider, & Haupt set out from Randolph at 4:00 pm to carry food to Gray Knob. Rain pouring down in torrents. Fast time. Near Spur Cabin the party running down from Gray Knob was met. Fancy rain costumes!! Gossip of 15 minutes. CH, AL, WH decided to go up to Gray Knob; arrived there at 6:00. Fine supper: Carroll’s Cocoa, Lick’s Bread & Butter, Haupt’s Am & Heggs. After supper, talked till midnight: Philosophy, Ethics, Religion. Mighty interesting. At 12:10 Lick & Haupt talked shop: Metrics. Carroll falls asleep; murmurs something about dekalogue & doggerel verse. Finally, all go to bed. High times.
Sunday, July 26, 1908. Beautiful day greeted us when we arose at 9:10. After a great breakfast, we went down to Randolph around the Headwall of King’s Ravine & down the Knife Edge. Had a great time. [signed:] CC Hincks, Albert H. Licklider, Walter C. Haupt.

Monday-Thursday, July 27-30, 1908. Left Randolph for Gorham for Mt. Surprise, Mt. Moriah, Imp Camp Monday night -- rain. Left Tuesday am July 28th for Carter Range: Carter Notch Camp at 4:00 pm; on to Raymond Path; open camp Tuesday night on path; fine night. Wednesday am to Huntington’s Ravine: climbed Middle Wall to Mt. Wash. carriage road; on to Clay for lunch; Gray Knob at 6:00 pm. Thursday am: King’s Ravine to Randolph. [Signed:] Albert H. Licklider, Carroll C. Hincks, Walter Clark Haupt.

Saturday, August 1, 1908. Leaving for Great Gulf. Will return for supper & rest. [Signed:] Percy M. Dawson, MD (Surgeon-in-Chief of party), Albert H. Licklider (Passenger), Carroll C. Hincks (Mascot and general buffoon). [Later:] Left Jefferson from northern spur; descended into Great Gulf; followed Peabody Brook to lake; climbed headwall to col between Washington & Clay; over Clay; over Adams; via Lowe’s Path to Cabin. Great day; perfect weather, wonderful sunset. White Cairn till nine.

Sunday, August 2, 1908. 8:45 am. Leaving for valley. [Signed:] Albert H. Licklider, Percy M. Dawson, Carroll C. Hincks. Without “Gray Knob” Randolph would be Hamlet without the Melancholy Dane. I must thank the little cabin for several of the happiest days of my life. [Signed:] A. H. Licklider, Aug 2, 1908.

Monday, August 3, 1908. [Signators:] Elizabeth E. Jones, Mary E. Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Anne P. Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth T. Hincks; Edward Y. Hincks (protector). Started leisurely from Ravine House to Gray Knob, arriving about supper time.

Tuesday, August 4, 1908. Three visited Mt. Sam Adams.

Wednesday, August 5, 1908. Carroll C. Hincks brought up supplies, mail & presents from EYH. Played cards, made rag mat & cooked, ate, slept with some sunshine without lots of sunshine within. Enough rain falling to fill the water pail for domestic use.

Friday-Saturday, August 7-8, 1908. CCH arrived at 6:45. [Signators:] Elizabeth Butler Kirkbride, Mary Butler Kirkbride, Franklin B. Kirkbride. Showers to arrive in, & showers to leave in, with a beautiful afternoon & evening at the White Cairn, & a long night’s sleep sandwiched between.

Saturday, August 8, 1908. Party of six left clean cabin.

Sunday, August 9, 1908. Just a peep into the cabin which brings back such happy memories of last summer. [Signed:] Agnes L. Dawson.

Monday, August 10, 1908. [Signators:] Mary P. Ely, Roswell O. Post, Janette M. Post, Stanley Coulter, Albert Smith, Mabel Coulter Smith, Lucy Post Coulter. Arrived at 4:30 by devious paths & at various gait.s. The sunset from the White Cairn a thing of beauty & a joy forever.

Tuesday, August 11, 1908. Showers in the night did not intimidate the climbing Coulters-Smiths & Post Male (no pun intended) from starting at 8:15 for Mt. Washington. Returned at 5:30, reporting a hailstorm at the summit & various showers, but with sunshine & views & fun enough to make amends. Meantime, Mmes Post & Ely kept the Cabin, picked cranberries, & had a hot supper & warm blankets ready for the wet wayfarers. Dress parade at supper would have made the fortune of a contortionist.

Wednesday, August 12, 1908. Left at 9 am, the Post contingent for Appalachia via Randolph Path & Howker Ridge, with heartfelt thanks for the good times at Gray Knob.
Sunday, August 16, 1908. Left Echo Cabin at 3:30 pm; arrived at the cabin at 6:45. Spent the night. Rain came about 5 o'clock am. Cloudy all day, which we spent about the cabin. Mr. Smith set up spring bed in guest room, built wash stand, towel rack, clothes dryers, boot rack, put zinc about stove pipe. Mr. Dole was toastmaster. Harris family called. We served chocolates. The party was made up as follows: Mr. H[enry] A. Smith, Mrs. HA Smith (of Lowell, Mass); Mr. & Mrs. C[harles] T. Dole, Miss Dorothy Dole, Minot Dole (all of Andover, Mass); Mrs. Hincks & Elizabeth Mary Hincks.

Tuesday, August 18, 1908. After luncheon Mrs. Hincks, Elizabeth Mary Hincks, Dorothy Dole left via Spur Path at 2:18. Mr. Smith made piazza side-board or lavatory. [Later:] GONE. Five gone over Rockside to return tonight. [Later:] Took a walk via Carroll’s Path, Israel Ridge and Spur Path (2:10-5:30). Carroll’s Path very interesting.


Thursday, August 20, 1908. 7:30 am; therm at 34°. Delicious fried mush for breakfast. Starting for Jefferson, although very cloudy and probably shall go to Spur Cabin for night. A most beautiful stay. All look as if they would need a doctor again. [Later:] 1:30 pm at Cabin. Reached the col of Jefferson and found the peak heavily capped and wind powerful and cold, so decided to return to Cabin via Carroll’s Path, which we have traversed 5 times. Fun path!!! We are now leaving for Spur Cabin at 2 o’clock. We have been happy during our stay.

Friday, August 21, 1908. Came up over Adams, stopping at Salamacis [Fall] on the way. Very Lovely. Got to the Cabin before Carroll arrived, so Sarah [Hincks] struggled with the fire [???] Breakfast late: 8 o’clock. Starting for Washington about 9:30. Carroll still chopping wood; will catch up. This is such a fascinating place. Thanks to everyone. [Signed:] ?S. R.? English.

Saturday, August 22, 1908. Here’s hoping that the Kirkbrides will find their way to Gray Knob in spite of the threatening clouds. And if we, the undersigned, do find that the above-named party visit Gray Knob and leave the wood pile on the porch in its present state of corpulence, we shall take such negligence as a personal affront against our capabilities to select dry wood. So please. Oh Ye Kirkbrides, spare our feelings and, incidentally, your own steps & energy. Be jolly, and Goodbye. [Signed:] Carroll CH, 10:20 am.

Sunday, August 23, 1908. A verse without versification: “Oh son of Edward, mighty youth / Cleaver of towering pine / We Kirkbrides give the heartiest thanks / And warm our hearts & cook our food / Within kind Gray Knob’s glow. / Happy for us thy friendly feet / Moved by a generous thought / Turned from their upward path awhile / And to Spur’s Cabin greeting brought / With Gray Knob’s bidding for today. / And spying where Dame Kirkbride played / Of “Goody Blake” the “faggot” part / Thy arm of strength the axe up caught / And hewed, & laid the forest low. / Thanks -- Thanks to thee & parents too / And all who bear the good Hincks name -- / Both Spur & Gray Knobs Cabins share / For us the Heaven that comes to sight / When friendship pins the Mountain’s song / Of joy & peace & love on earth.” [Signed: Eliza B. Kirkbride, Mary Howard Butler, Elizabeth Butler Kirkbride, Mary Butler Kirkbride.

Monday-Wednesday, August 24-26, 1908. “’Tis this of all places, methinks, is / The place to come for high jinkes. / We came on a Monday, / Each day’s been a fun day / We thank you most truly, good Hincks. // Be sure we shan’t go a blabbin’ / The loan we’ve had of your cabin, / Or how like a Nabob / We’ve lived at your Gray-Knob. / Loafin’, feastin’, confabin’. / Here’s a health to the Hincks, b’gory! / (What more would take a long story) / May you never have dearth / O good things on earth / ’Til you take the Air Line up to glory.” Certified to by the following happy guests at Gray Knob: John H. Grant, Abby Frances Pease, Elizabeth E. Jones, John H. Edwards, Amelia A. Edwards, Clara M. E. Bagley.
Sunday, August 30, 1908. EY Hincks, Mrs. CT Dole, Sarah Hincks, Harry Burbank left “Uplook” at 3:00. Reached Cabin at 6:05. Quiet night. Leave for Washington & Raymond Path at 8:00. All to walk to Randolph except Mrs. D, who rides from Glen. Excelsior!!

Monday, August 31, 1908. Mr. & Mrs. AC Nickerson rose at 5 am to make chicken pates & rhubarb tarts. Then all started to gather at 9:30 to receive Miss Caroline Taylor, Miss Blood & Miss Jane Blood & Mrs. Hincks at five. Had the most fashionable super & made puzzles. Later: a scratching of claws, a chewing, a chattering of teeth, a shadow in the window! The brave Miss Taylor struck a light and slowly, majestically old Porky withdrew.

Tuesday, September 1, 1908. Party made the grand tour via Rockside, returning by Israel’s Ridge. A rarely beautiful day. [Signed:] Caroline A. Taylor, Alice F. Blood, Jane F. Blood, AC Nickerson, Ruth Nickerson.

Wednesday, September 2, 1908. “The best wine at the last.” / Of old, the prophets say. / Such best wine still is served / Say some blest guests today. // New life for hearty and limb / Comes with the passing hours, / New visions as we climb / New fields of fairest flowers. // The wonders of Gray Knob / Challenge our hearty praise, / So cleverly they wrought / Who its peeled walls did raise. // Vacation’s days quite sped / The golden hours well past / If all its joys enjoyed / We vote the best the last. // Our hostess fills our cup / With welcome, comfort, fun. / We drink the offering up, / But sigh when it is done! // Long may she live and reign / Upon the mountain high. / Long proffer such ‘best wine’, / The men may sigh and sigh.” [Signed:] AC & R Nickerson. [Later:] Came up from Burnbrae: Daisy E. Haynes, Harold N. Cross, Robert E. Blood.

Thursday, September 3, 1908. A cloudy day, so no start was made for Washington. Morning occupied by experiment in cutting jelly tumbler into a lamp chimney (Miss[es] Blood & Cross), & said chimney mounted in trim by Miss Jane Blood. Low stove & dish cloth hampers by Rob Blood. Face & dish cloths by Miss Daisy Haynes & Miss Blood.


Friday, September 4, 1908. Rose at 10:30 am. Breakfast 11-12:30; loaf and smoke, 12:30-2:15; luncheon at 2:30. Left for valley at 3:45 via Spur Trail. [Signed:] AH Licklider, CC Hincks, [Doggerel follows:] “The Tramp”, with apologies to Scott et als. “Not far advanced was morning’s ray / When Carroll did his troop array / To Adams top to walk. / He had safe conduct for his band / From Maine Central’s Pullman grand (?) / And Licklider to talk. // The train from out the station drew / About the route was much adieu (!) / “Shall we essay the Crawford trail / And brave the stormy western gale? / Or shall we through the peaceful notch / Make of our cherished scheme a botch?” // Burnt Lickies swarthy cheek with fire / And shook his giant form with ire. / “And this to me!” he said: / “And ‘twere not for thy whiskers young, / With scorching words from off my tongue, / I’d clear thy tawled head.” // Then Carroll round him blew the smoke, / Folded his arms, and thus he spoke: / “Curses on thee, little man. / With thy barefaced cheek of tan, / Thy boastful words too lovely speak; / Five hours hence thy knees shall creak!” (To be continued)
Saturday, September 5, 1908. Carroll and I came up by lantern light, arriving here at 10:05 pm. Found Dr. [Percy M.] Dawson here. Sunday: Sat all day in home yard. Monday, Sept. 7: Down at 7 am.

Thursday, September 10, 1908. Dorothy W. Dennis, Mrs. Charles E. Dennis, Jr, Harold Haupt, Istar Haupt, Mrs. Paul Haupt [of] Providence, RI. [Doggrel follows:] “At Randolph.” “If you eer at Randolph stay / You must walk. / If you don’t, then go away. / You must walk. / You must walk the morn away / And the middle of the day / And then later you must stray. / You must walk. / If the morning’s bright and clear, / Take a walk. / If its dubious and drear, / Take a walk. / You may idle, skip or hop, / But go on and do not stop / You must walk until you drop, / Only walk. / If you pause, someone will say / “Going to walk?” / If you pass the time of day. / “Going to walk?” / Or you stop to have a smoke, / Tell a yarn or crack a joke, / Some old pensioner will croak, / “Going to walk?” / When the habit is acquired, / “Where’d you go?” / When you drop down hot and tired, / “Where’d you go?” / When you’re steering for a change, / Straight toward you some crank will bring / In desperation you must fling. / “Would you go?” / Then later comes the query, / “Have you been?” / It’s exasperating, very. / “Have you been?” / When you’ve done your very best / And neglected proper rest / This just takes away the jest / “Have you been?” / Never mind your trial hard / You will learn. / And in time comes the reward / That you learn. / When a newcomer you spy / Fix him with an eagle eye / And the ?nenat methsh? bye / Take your turn.” B. A. Walker.


Monday, September 14, 1908. Mrs. P. Comfort, M.A. & Prof. EY Hincks. D.D.; also Elizabeth M. Hincks. P.A. left the “Uplook” at 1:30 pm. Picked up Miss. EE Jones in the Valley. Overtook Mr. Dawson at Lowe’s Path. Reached the White Cairn just in time to see the sunset. Found Mrs. Dawson. Had a fine chicken supper. (The chicken was made from an absolutely new recipe which is: Take a can of boned chicken & put it in a large spider on the stove. Then proceed to dump in as many things as you think of; the more the better.) The result was so delicious that Mr. Dawson overcame his theories (temporarily) as a vegetarian and partook thereof. Next day at 9:30 Prof. Hincks & his spouse and Dr. Dawson & Miss Jones departed for the left knee of Jefferson. Mrs. D & Tibbie [Hincks] stay in the Cabin & thereabouts. Mrs. Pease & Stanley came to dinner. Met two gentlemen on the path. They wanted to know if I lived up here. They got back about 6. [Signed:] Agnes Learned Dawson, Abby Frances Pease, Elizabeth Edwards Jones.

[Later:] See pages for August 24-26 [to give context for following doggerel]: “There was a fine couple named Edwards / He knew the green from the dead woods; / He sawed and he hewed / She cooked and she brewed / From dawn until they wend bedwards. // There was a much liked Mistress Pease, / She’d traveled o’er land and o’er seas. / She could work, she could play, / She could cook or crochet, / And all with such consummate ease. // Thee was a brave climber named Bagley / Who climbed where ‘twas windy and cragly. / She never did fail / To locate a trail / How high or how far or how snagly. // There was a star hiker named Jones, / She hiked and galumphed all the cones. / At a steak or a skirt / She was wondrous expert, / And jollity reigned in her tones. // There was a poor duffer named Grant, / Who went on a fine three day’s jant. / When asked, “Will you hike?” / Or, “What food would you like?” / For a time only blubbered, “I can’t”. [Signed:] Author Rev. J. H. Grant.


Friday, September 18, 1908. Came up to shut up cabin for winter. Took down blankets to be washed and stove fittings to be repaired. Ate all perishable food in sight. Left cabin for Randolph at five o’clock. Goodbye, old Gray Knob! [Signed:] Carroll Hincks, Albert H. Licklider. End of 1908.

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Monday, June 21, 1909. Sarah Hincks, EY Hincks en route over the range with one tenderfoot, JG Ludlum [the husband of Anna Hart Hincks Ludlum]. [Dogerell:] “Cousin Jimmie came from Bridgeport to carry home his wife. / We took him up the mountains & tried to take his life. / From Gray Knob over Jefferson, / From “Beersheba to Dan” / Where ere he stopped to catch his breath / We said “Come on” and ran.”


Thursday, July 8, 1909. EY Hincks & Carroll CH left “Uplook” at about 9:30; reached Cabin at 1:00. Mended with zinc great hole gnawed by porcupines in the floor. Drove many nails in floor.

Saturday, July 10, 1909. Miss Elizabeth Judson, Sarah & Mrs. Hincks came up on hot day. Rain during night & visits of mice.

Sunday, July 11, 1909. Sarah & the Judsons joined by Anne Hincks & Miss Margaret Judson.

Monday, July 12, 1909. Sarah & the Judsons went to Washington & Boott’s Spur. Miss APH washed the windows. Mrs. H. built window box & blacked stove. At noon CCH & Dr. Davis came for lunch. [Later:] Mrs. H & two men went through the brush from Gray Knob to Spur Cabin, following the brook, in 1 hour, 6 minutes.

Tuesday, July 13, 1909. The following left Spur Cabin for Summit of Adams, down to GK and spent the night: Alice L. Ricker, Mildred S. Eaton, Aldyth LY Eaton, Dr. Edward D. Eaton, Caryl Eaton, Carroll C. Hincks. [Later:] APH, EYH left at 9:45 for valley via Spur Trail. Help yourself to sandwiches in pot.

Wednesday, July 14, 1909. Mildred Eaton, Aldyth Eaton, & CCH left for Washington, down by Tuckerman’s. CCH returning by Osgood Path for night [at] 11:45 pm.


Tuesday, July 20, 1909. Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth Hincks and Arthur F Allen, Margaret Allen left the “Uplook” at quarter of three; reached Gray Knob 6:15. “My brow is wet / With honest sweat / I earn what air I can.” (Quoted) [Later:] Carroll & Dr. Dawson are working on a path down by Spur Brook. P.S.: So is Sarah. BLACK FLIES. [Later:] Sarah read aloud to us; the Doctor did so too.

Wednesday, July 21, 1909. EY Hincks left “Uplook” at 9:15; Arrived at Gray Knob 1:00. (Calls on the way.) Went down new path and worked on it with Carroll in pm. “Black flies galore / Did draw the gore. // And Bumps not Small / Did show their gall.”
Thursday, July 22, 1909.  EYH & Elizabeth Hincks left for Boy Mountain station via Ridge of the Caps at 9:50 am.  CCH leaves Thurs, 10:30 for valley via new path.


Wednesday, August 4, 1909.  Dr. P. Dawson, Sarah Hincks and EY Hincks left “Uplook” at about 3 pm and arrive at Cabin a little before six. Rainy in am; in afternoon too. [Later:] Came up from Spur Cabin. SH went down to tell them, & back again.

Friday, August 6, 1909.  EYH, PMD, & SH left Gray Knob at 3:30 for Randolph via Jefferson Knee and Great Gulf & Glen Road. “The Lame Gazelle” “A certain young lady brags / While skipping over the crags / That she feels as chipper / As her small tin dipper. // But Oh! Alas she did conceal / A fearful pain in her left heel. / Before she got home / She had such a blister / That a young gentleman / Had to assist her.”

Saturday, August 7, 1909.  3:30 pm. Called on our way from Madison Hut to Randolph via Spur Cabin. [Signed:] Susan J. Hart, Elizabeth Eaton Hincks. [Later:] Arrived from Appalachia at 4:30: HP Nichols, Margaret Nichols, Miss Mildred B. Sargent, Marianna Middlebrook, George H. Richards, Anna May Richards, Henry B. Richards, C. Marion Richards, & Wm R. Richards.

Sunday, August 8, 1909. A quiet and worshipful Sunday, during which our thankfulness for all mercies included especial impulse of gratitude to and for the friends who provided for us so hospitable & delightful a shelter. [Later:] The porter, Hayes, having spent his time loafing round the Ravine House barn in inaccessible places of meeting the train at Appalachia as requested, we did not find him till Marianna had changed her clothes and packed her hat, and the rest of the party had climbed to the spring and finished lunch. Hayes then decided it was too late for him to go. This gave Henry and George a chance to get up an appetite for breakfast Sunday by going down for the other pack which had been left in the woods by the brook. After breakfast Sunday we attended church service on the rocks near the White Cairn. Dr. Nichols preached on being lost, and being found. After service was over we returned to the cabin and prepared a simple lunch, which we took with us to the summit of Mt. Adams, via Maude Adams (which is a peak called by one gentleman “my peak”). We found a grassy spot on the east side of the peak of Adams, where we ate our lunch, and afterward read from a godly book. We returned to the cabin, some via John Quincy Adams (a peak rarely climbed by any of our party) and some via Madison. The JQA party returned via the Crags, which proved a most interesting path. [Later:] The organization of our party was as follows: Chief dish washer, Marianna; Assistant dish washer, all others; Guide, WRR; Chief Cook, Miss Sargent; Big chief, HPN; Porters, GHR & WBR, Axeman, WRR; Snorer, Marion; Provider of good cheer, Margaret and Anna and Marion’s laugh.

Monday, August 9, 1909. Monday morning. The day is so fine, the weather has stayed fair so long, the clouds look as ominous for the morrow that we decide all to go out with the first division rather than risk having a pleasant day on the range tomorrow. We have left bread on the table, butter in the spring, and candles on the shelf (west side, big room). We take with us memories of a very happy visit, and leave a large portion of gratitude to our absent hosts. [Later:] 11:00 am. “A communistic man / With a communistic mind / Once sauntered ‘long a roadway / Communal work to find. // Tho pleased he was to work / For a communistic group / He liked to keep all to himself / His special private ‘whoop’.” Expect to reach home before lunch. PMD [Percy Dawson].

Tuesday, August 10, 1909. Henry W. Hincks, Bridgeport, Conn, August 13, 3:30 pm. [Later:] John H. Edwards, Waverly, Mass, August 11, ‘09. [Later:] Same old bunch: Smiths, Doles left Mt. View this morning and reached the cabin soaked with rain. We found a generous supply of dry clothes, including
one white and one black “sneaker”. After a fine dinner of Roast Beef (please note), pie, rice, tea & toasted bread and a restful night, good as ever. We recommend Sarah’s path to those who follow. During the night same old Porky knocked a tin cover down and Mr. D has the nightmare which he laid to the pie.

Wednesday, August 11, 1909. [C.T.] Dole got ahead of [H.A.] Smith this morning and carried a pail of water before he was up. First time in the history of the Smith & Co. outings. Smith claims he stayed in bed so as not to disturb the sleepers. Mrs. Dole excels at that game, but writer thinks he was trying to get warm. We spent the day taking short walks and admiring the view at the White Cairn. During the afternoon two trampers appeared over Nowell’s Ridge whom we saluted affectionately. They spent a few minutes with us. We enjoyed Mr. Edward’s lecture on forest preservation, and Mr. Henry Hincks contributed a 2-cent stamp for Mrs. D’s letter. Mr. Smith conducted the men to the cabin and treated them to pie. Mrs. [Mary E.] Smith was pleased because Mr. Hincks thought she was Aunt Bessie [perhaps Elizabeth Tyler Clark “Bessie” Hincks] from a distance. Mr. Edwards went to the Perch and Mr. Hincks left for Randolph. [Later:] The Mrs. Hincks and Miss McKinnie reached us late this afternoon. Fine dinner, fine night. [Later:] Smith & Co. left for Washington at ten o’clock. [Later:] Dr. & Mrs. Abel, Dr. Anderson, Prof. & Mrs. Hincks spent night en route to Great Gulf. At 11 am Mr. John Boothman arrived with pack. He chopped wood & built the upstairs hammock bed frame. At 1:30 arrived: Marion Alice Perkins, Margaret E. Johnson, Annie Robart Nichols, Adele R. Johnson. Fine sunset.

Friday, August 13, 1909. Left home in rain; came from Ravine House via Leg in Trail in 1 hour, 50 minutes. Found Mrs. H & Miss McKinnie working hard -- White Cairn -- Misses Johnson, Perkins & Nichols arrived for tea. Horrible hail storm in night. Snowdrifts blocked doors & windows. Shoveled out by Miss Perkins with flapjack turner.

Saturday, August 14, 1909. Mrs. H arose only to get down to church. Breakfast served in sections. Day is gray.

Sunday, August 15, 1909. Cold, chilly; rain at intervals. SH & AE McK depart for valley after breakfast, about 12:00. [Signed:] Adele Elizabeth McKinnie, Cleveland, Ohio.

Wednesday, August 25, 1909. Catherine H. Laighton, Mrs. FD Allen, Genevieve T. Mathews, Margaret Allen, Arthur F. Allen (all of Cambridge, Mass). Came up via Spur Cabin where we spent night of 24th. Oh, these spring beds!!! Also, Black Flies. Not much view. Rain in night. (The bath towel in Sarah’s room not made dirty by us.) [Doggrel:] “Oh, it’s hurry, get up early in the morning. / And it’s get into your clothes and make it quick. / Then it’s beat it to the grill-room for your breakfast. / And it’s hike it down the mountain in the nick / Of time to ‘scape the rain!” (Any Dartmouth person should recognize the first part of this.) By-By, Aug 26.

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the hail. // One young man of our party, / Our axeman strong & true, / Who’d brought the water by pail, / Now brought it in his shoe. // Soon seated by the fire warm, / And clad in garments bright, / We eat & drink, we talk and read. // Then comes again the night. // The days they pass too quickly, / By Gray Knob’s friendly hearth. // Dear Mrs. Hincks, accept our thanks / Ere we go down your path.” [Later:] August 30. Very cold. thermometer 34° at rising.

Tuesday, August 31, 1909. Sarah & Elizabeth spent previous night & started for Washington & Southern Peaks at 7:15. Mrs. Hill, Caroline & EJH did wash at home, having made soft soap; and started home at eleven, leaving all towels washed, and the floor.

Tuesday, September 7, 1909. Mrs. Hincks and Mr. EP Hincks arrive at 4 pm. Mr. EYH at 6:00; CC Hincks, Sarah Hincks, & AH Licklider arrived at 8:05 via Glen, Great Gulf Headwall, over Carroll’s Path in the dark in 50 minutes (it seemed 50 aeons).

Thursday, September 9, 1909. Mrs. & Mr. EY [Hincks] & Mr. EP [Hincks] left up Lowe’s Path for Mr. Blood’s Cutoff into Gulf. The other three children for home via Six Husbands or anything else that occurs. Weather warm & hazy. Feet hurt, so return to Cabin.

Tuesday, September 14, 1909. CC Hincks left Ravine House at 5 pm; reached Cabin at 6:15. AH Licklider left Ravine House at 9 am. Randolph Path to Headwall of Washington. Down through Great Gulf; Up Six Husbands to Gulfside Path; Carroll’s Trail to Gray Knob; arrived at 6:45. Supper & bed, 10:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 15, 1909. Cleaned up cabin, removed blankets, etc. Closed Cabin. Left at 2:30 for home via Adams (summit), Star Lake, Hut & Air Line. Thus endeth the season of 1909. [Signed:] Carroll C. Hincks, Albert H. Licklider.

1910


Tuesday, June 28, 1910. Elizabeth Duke (Monticello, Ark.), EMH, & SH came up late in afternoon; CCH later.

Wednesday, June 29, 1910. EMH, ED & SH went up Adams, down Parapet Path to [Madison] Hut & back to Gray Knob. Cold & high wind. (The Hut reported [by telephone] to the Ravine House [that] 3 young girls of 15 are lost on the mountain!)

Thursday, June 30, 1910. Rose to see sunrise at 3:30. CCH left. Cleaned house, & sat in Boneyard.

Friday, July 1, 1910. Left for valley at 11:00. “The last late quarter of the moon drifts slowly up the sky.”

Tuesday, July 5, 1910. Dr. Charles Francis Judson and Mrs. [Sarah Worrall] Judson had lunch in the cabin, and greatly regretted the absence of their hosts. A beautiful day, and a perfect walk, and great comfort at Gray Knob.

Saturday, July 9, 1910. CC Hincks & AW Hartwell (Albany, NY) arrived at Gray Knob at about 2:30. Had lunch in the Cabin and then went up Adams. Had supper and a good sleep at the Cabin. Very hazy.
Sunday, July 10, 1910.  Had breakfast (very elaborate) and then cleaned up and left for Washington at 12:00.

Thursday, July 14, 1910.  APH, EMH [Tibby” or “Tib’], Margaret Allen (Cambridge, Mass) & Helen Eaton (Malden, Mass) came up and spent the night.  Gorgeous day.  We saw a bad fire over in Milan.  It must have been a lumber yard, or something of that nature.

Friday, July 15, 1910.  We went up the ridge toward hut.  Will return.  [Later:] 2:20 pm.  Tib [EM Hincks] & 2 others started for home at 2:00.  APH followed at 2:20 via Carroll’s Path & Randolph Path.  [Later:] Dr. & Mrs. Judson & Mary H. Ingham came up with Mrs. Haupt & Tottie [Caroline Hincks].

Saturday, July 16, 1910.  Helen Worrall & Sarah Hincks left valley in rain; arrived at GK for a lunch, of which 8 partook.  The Judsons left, leaving Mrs EY[H], Caroline, HW & SH.  No excitement except for Mrs. EY (see ballad).

Sunday, July 17, 1910.  Mrs. EY, chaperoned by HW & CTH, went to call on Crag [Camp; newly built].  SH practiced on axe.  SH left at about 4:00.  [There follows] “The Ballad of Gray Knob Roof” (Faithfully copied from the original MS. of the author(ess).)  I. ”‘Twas Saturday night, and the moon shone clear, / Nary breath by leaf or tree; / The lights of heaven and Berlin were bright, / And snug in our blankets were we. // So sing, ye lasses with a will, / Of a day in the sun and the wind, / Of a table d’ hote, and a dream on the ridge, / Of a mother wise and kind.”  II. “Well, ‘twas Saturday night, and she put us to bed. / When a light on the Trail gleamed near; / She ran to the door, and we held our breaths / To hear what we might hear. // O, Mrs. E.Y., E.Y. Hincks! /With daughters three in bed, / ‘They’ll ne’er forget that pallid night, / O ne’er, till they be dead.”  III. “They spoke of Cabin and of stumps, / Of kitties, stoves, and mice, / And Mrs. E.Y., took him down / To where we keep our ice. // They rustled to the moonlit Cairn, / She left us stiff in limb; / She called “You who!” and conjured up / Two fellow spirits grim.”  IV. “So all night long, upon the roof / They pranced in gruesome glee; / They rapped their tails and pawed their hoofs, / And whistled shudderingly. // Then dawn came up, and winked an eye. / The spookies Cragward flew. / And Mrs. E.Y. took a nap. / Which is, I swear it, true.”  [Later:] Up from Randolph via Short Line and Spur Brook Trail: EY Hincks, CC Hincks, CC Torrey.  Met Sarah going down.  Arrived at Gray Knob at 7 pm.

Monday, July 18, 1910.  Mrs. Hincks, Miss Worrall and Tottie [Caroline Hincks] worked hard about the Cabin in the forenoon; partly intellectual pursuits, partly sawing wood.  In afternoon they went up Adams (not clear up).  The three men took a fairly early start along the path to the Jefferson shoulder; then down the 6-Husbands Trail; to the spring; Appalachian Camp; Spalding [sic] Lake; up the headwall, coming out near Clay; then back via Gulfside Trail, etc, arriving at Gray Knob at 6 pm.  Remarkably fine day for tramping; cool and very clear, with little wind.  [Later:] (“An Acrostic for the Gray-Knob-ility”):

  Grins gratefully the gladsome guest,
  Reaching this roost, ’mid rocks revealed;
  And asks, amazed, “Aint it all snug?!!”
  Yes, yes, to you the palm we yield.
  Knob where the Kindly Kokoa’ Kooks!
  No night-owl e’er (k)new nicer nest.
  Once more of orr² I’m overcome,
  Before in blissful bunk I rest.    July 18, 1910

Tuesday, July 19, 1910.  Fine weather still.

Friday, July 29, 1910.  EY Hincks, CC Hincks lunched at Gray Knob & left provisions for party following.  Arrived from valley: Vera Stockard (Providence), Fern [A.] Bradley (Randolph Hill), J. Marion Stockard (Providence, RI), Dorothy W. Dennis (Providence, RI), EMH (Randolph, NH), APH (Randolph, NH) came up to the Cabin.
Saturday, July 30, 1910. APH, FAB, JMS, & VS started up Adams. DWD & EMH stayed in cabin.
Former party caught in thunderstorm. Hailed violently. Came in drenched to the skin & thoroughly chilled; arranged themselves cheerfully in pajamas (!!!) How shocking. Thunder, lighting and hailstones as large as lemon drops all the way down Randolph Trail and Lowe’s Path to cabin. Fine apple sauce for supper. [Crude illustrations not reproduced here.]

Sunday, July 31, 1910. Au revoir! At 10:00, [toward] home via Carroll’s path.

Wednesday, August 3, 1910. Mary A. Babbott, EYH, ... [half page illegible] ...

Wednesday, August 10, 1910. Mildred Nason (Salem, Mass), Sarah Hincks from valley via Spur Trail & Torrey Path. Warned off summits by weather, so made cocoa & lunch. Down at 3:30. Rain as usual.

Friday, August 12, 1910. Dorothy Freeman, Edward Freeman, WG Schauffler, Jr. Up from Randolph by Spur Trail & Torrey Path. Left Randolph 3:30; arrived 5:55.

Saturday, August 13, 1910. After a fine late breakfast at 10:30, we start for Madison Hut and Peak, and then on to Randolph. Bully night!

Monday, August 15, 1910. Up from Spur Cabin via open trail; borrowed an orange as we leave; no refreshments; back to Spur Cabin for dinner. Perfectly happy to be here again. [Signed:] S[G]age Dole, EM Aiken (Dorchester), Katherine L. Gage (Roxbury), Charles Minot Dole (Andover, Mass), Ralph S. Clark (Dorchester, Mass).
[Later:] Wm C. Prentiss (from Camp Havearest, Lake Morey, VT), and Henry J. Kilbourn (West Lebanon, NH), started from Ravine House store at 10:30. Met Mr. WG Schauffler at store, and, reaching Madison Hut at 2 pm in cloud, found him awaiting us there, where very kindly directed us into the mysteries and delights of mountain cooking. He then started with us to visit “Gray-Knob”. We made first for Knowles’ Peak. A thunderstorm broke upon us with a broadside as we approached the Peak. We were about to reach for the brass cylinder & register, when a bolt of lightning struck about 100 feet from us. Mr. Schauffler at once said “We don’t want to stay around this knob, and, soaking in the sheets of rain we tore down over the rocks, splosshety-sozzle, while the bolts glittered and crashed around us. But it was grand! At last we waggled up to the priceless door of Gray Knob.

Tuesday, August 16, 1910. 10:00 am. Leaving after spending the night. Going to Randolph trail [Path] and up Washington. Excellent sleep. Great breakfast. Camp is all right. Cook [is] Mr. Schauffler, and he is great. [Later, in Schauffler’s hand:] Down to Randolph via Carroll’s Path. [Signed: WGS,Jr]

Wednesday, August 17, 1910. A party of six left Mountain View House in the morning for Gray Knob. All walking to Ravine House except Mrs. Dole, who was afraid of her small and dainty feet. We stopped at Spur Brook for a light lunch, and arrived at Gray Knob at 1:30. A sumptuous repast was served on the piazza at 3:00. After filling the great gulf we went to White Cairn to watch the clouds and sunset. Flashed the train and put light on the subject of railroading. Mr. Smith began to froth at the mouth and we took down his ravings by shorthand. We were visited by squirrels and wind. The thermometer read 42° when we went to our downy cots. The next morning we took an early start for Washington (8:30). At the call [sic] of Jefferson we met a party who said there were 53 at Madison Hut. Arrived safely at Tip Top House at 12:10. The water at Greenough Spring was 36°. Back over same trail, arriving about six in a light rain. During the night the rain came down and in, but Mr. S thought we might all drown if we didn’t close the window. After a fashionably late breakfast we cleaned up and started for home via Madison Hut. Below is recorded the inspirations of the Mad Dog.

“Ravings of the Muse.” Act I: “Tramping the mountains o’er / Tramping the paths galore / Tramping as in days of yore / Tramping to thy very door / Dear Gray Knob.” // Spasm II: “Up where the stars are bright / Up where the moon beams light / Up to the hearts delight / Dear Gray Knob.” Explosion III:
“Inspired by the world’s expanse / Inspired where the peaks enhance / Inspired as the clouds advance / At Dear Gray Knob.” Fit IV: “Cheered by the countless trees / Cheered as they fan the breeze / Cheered by thy hearthstone’s ease / Dear Gray Knob.” Convulsion V: “Awed by the sun rise flare / Awed by thy hearthstone’s ease / Dear Gray Knob.” [Signed:] Henry A. Smith & Mary E. Smith (of Lowell); Susan G. Dole & Charles Minot Dole (of Andover, Mass); Katherine L. Gage & Ralph S. Clark (of Boston).


Thursday, August 25, 1910. With many thanks to our kind friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hincks, for the kindly shelter of Gray Knob. [Signed:] John J. Abel, Mary H. Abel, Robert Abel, George H. Abel, Carrie L. Krauss, Frieda Fliedner.

Saturday, August 27, 1910. Percy M. Dawson, Sarah Hincks. From “Uplook” via Air Line, Sam Adams & Lowe’s Path. Down at 3:30. Found mice had laid eggs on floor; stepped on them. We buried the remains. [Later:] Edward W. Freeman (Yale); Dorothy C Dole, Charles Minot Dole, Charles T. Dole, Susan G. Dole (Andover, Mass); Katherine L. Gage (Boston); WG Schauffler, Jr (Lakewood, NJ). The aforesaid left the Mt. View House at 12:30. Just below Colebrook [sic] we saw a ????. Met Sarah and Dr. Dawson on Carroll’s path. Arrived at 4:00. Flashed to the 6:10 train.

Sunday, August 28, 1910. Went to call on the boy’s cabin [Crag Camp?]. Finding no one we played the victor [Victrola]. Had a minstrel show. Dorothy Dole, Tramp; William Schauffler, Clown; Katherine Gage, ?Chuicome? Made fudge. New receipt: same as usual but, having no vanilla, we used a bacon rind. Dinner: Soup, Cold pressed beef, French fried potatoes, Hut fresh peas, Mince & apple pie. Mrs. Dole cooked. After the fudge was made we took it, or rather Katherine took it, with great care over to the rocks by the “White Cairn” where we ate it and watched the sunset. A general rough house then took place which lasted until supper time, all of the three actors joining in. Supper: Soup, Rice, Toast, Crackers. Supper over and the dishes washed, the signal was given at the usual time, and we received three answers, as on the night before. “Up Jenkins” was played until bed time.

Monday, August 29, 1910. Mr. Dole and Minot left for Randolph at eight o’clock, only snatching a bite to eat. The rest of us had a fine breakfast and, after cleaning up, hit Carroll’s Path at 9:50. P.S. There is some good butter in a small pail in the spring. [Later:] Goodbye Gray Knob for this year & hopes for many more pleasant trips here. Sarah & mother Hincks arrived & staid the night with next page party, & found beautiful pair pink edged blankets. Mrs. Moore called Tuesday.

Thursday, September 8, 1910. At 3:15 from the Ravine House via Spur Cabin and the Boulder Path. [Signed:] F.M. Maguire, Charles M. Stearns. [Later:] Left Randolph P.O. at 3:00 pm, arriving at 6:00. [Signed:] Dorothy Freeman, Julia Susan Lovejoy. [Later:] 1 hour, 34 minutes from Ravine House: Carroll B [sic] Hincks, WG Schauffler, Jr.

Friday, September 9, 1910. Thomas J. Homes (Boston), with hearty Thanks. “Oh! Oh! cried the climber with gleed. / Is this Smithville [Crag Camp?] or Gray Knob I see? / It’s my fate to be late / But dinner can wait / Until I have taken my tea.” [Yet more doggerel:] “In the still morn she dropped a shoe. / But with such a thud that they all cried ‘O Lord! / To the deuce with
the bothersome shrew.” [And more:] “There was a young maid of Duluth / Who drank a big jug of vermouth; / When asked ‘Is it good?’ / She sat down where she stood / And murmured ‘Yum yum, my gold tooth!’” [And:] “Buzz” / “Limericks” / “The man who would be king”. There was a fog. It grew cold. Supper was good.

Saturday, September 10, 1910. At 10:30 to Greenough Spring for lunch. Then Sarah Hincks, Carroll Hincks, Miss Lovejoy, Miss Freeman and WG Schauffler went to Washington, *Huntington’s Ravine and Hermit Lake. (They didn’t [do Huntington’s, but] Great Gulf Headwall [instead].) JM Maguire and CMS climbed Jefferson and Sam Adams, returning by Lowe’s Path.

Sunday, September 11, 1910. At 5:50 am CMS went over to Smithville [Crag Camp], and called on [Hugh] Brady at the cabin from 6:40 to 7:00. [Later:] The Sawbath. JM Maguire and CMS: At 11:45 to Ravine House for mail and dinner. Returned at 5:45.

Monday, September 12, 1910. At 2:00 pm to Smith’s Cabin, to Knight’s Castle and Nowell’s Peak. Maguire to John Adams and Sam. Home by Lowe’s.

Tuesday, September 13, 1910. Mist and Rain and Cold. Chopped, Hauled, Sawed and Split and Piled WOOD. Fudge.

Wednesday, September, 14, 1910. He wouldn’t get up at 5:30. Luncheon at Spaulding Spring, via “Stanley’s Path” to Six Husbands Trail and Jefferson’s Knee. Home via Six Husbands Trail and Randolph Path. [Later:] At 6:30 arrives WG Schauffler, Jr bringing lbs. and lbs. of precious provender: pie, prunes, potatoes and other parcels. 1hr and 40 mins, including conversation with the man with the bicycle wheel [probably mapmaker Louis F. Cutter], two children [probably R. Ammi and G. Osgood “Ozzie” Cutter], and a cyclometer [measuring wheel]. Mammoth Meal!

Thursday, September, 15, 1910. Home from a day on the upper stretches. We reached Washington at 11:15 before the six ?...s? of ?br...s? and friends (276 of ‘em).

Friday, September 16, 1910. Another clear day. We return to earth via the Log Cabin. (The flesh-eating bird and the squirrel enjoy their bread and meal with ginger sauce. After the meal last night we knew they’d approve of the ginger. It was concocted for man and beast. Goodbye 1910 Cabin. CMS & JMM.


1911

Monday, July 17, 1911. Arrived Gray Knob at 6:00. Blankets were brought up the day before. And the floor was scrubbed. Aside from a pailful of bread and another of eggs a year old, the cabin was in very good condition. [Signed:] Ira Winthrop Travell, Margaret Travell (Morristown, NJ). EMH (“Tibby” Hincks).

Tuesday, July 18, 1911. We cleaned Gray Knob Cabin, and then in the afternoon we climbed Mt. Adams. A visit from the camp rabbit. He’s very tame. We have new Gray Knob ?S...?, but it’s too dressy for every day.

Thursday, July 20, 1911.  Have cleaned up and are going down via Carroll’s Path at 10:15.  Goodbye.  [Later:] Dr. James B. Field and Winthrop B. Field (of Lowell, Mass); Lauriston Knowlton (Cambridge, Mass) arrived at 5 pm via Amphibrach, Spur Cabin, Spur Path & Carroll’s Path.  Made friends with the rabbit.  After a fine night, left at 6:30 am for Washington & Southern Peaks. Many thanks. J.B.F.

Sunday, July 23, 1911.  En route for Mt. Washington.  We, the undersigned, started up from “Lowes” at 7:25 pm to find his camp, but night soon came on and the climb through the black woods became a terror.  At 10:40 pm, after floundering among the rocks a short distance to the west of here, decided to crawl under the trees.  But, not being prepared for sleeping out, the experience was not to be forgotten.  We were unable to make a fire with the wet wood, so tried to huddle closely for warmth.  At 3:15 one of the members of the party succeeded in getting a fire started, which we kept up until daylight.  We then again started out to find the lost trail and stumbled on this Charming place, which we took the liberty of making use of to the extent of building a fire in the stove and preparing certain supplies for our breakfast.  We trust the interested parties will pardon our intrusion, as we endeavored to disturb as little as possible. Sincerely and gratefully.  [Signed:] Harry W. Trudell (Philadelphia), John Burgh (Lake Charles, Va), Anthony Rezzonico (Switzerland).

Friday, August 4, 1911.  J. H. Westcott, Jr and father [Prof. John Howell Westcott], from top of Mt. Adams, going to Randolph.  Also EMH (“Tibby”).  Via King’s Ravine.  The Travells arr. on Beautiful calm night, and the moon shone so brightly that EMH, Mr. Travell and Margaret decided to sleep out in the open.  Accordingly, blankets were taken out to White Cairn, & Mr. Travell & Elizabeth proceeded to lie awake most of the night.  They got up at four to see the sunrise.  He did so.  Then they dozed some more.

Saturday, August 5, 1911.  Elizabeth went home at 11:00 am.  The Travells stayed up.  Mr. Travell and Winthrop climbed Jefferson in the afternoon.  [Signed:] M. B. Travell, I. W. Travell, Winthrop Travell.  [Later:] “Farewell to thee, Gray Knob.  We’ll ne’er again find / A place half so fair / As we’re leaving behind.”  [Signed:] Margaret Travell.

Monday, August 14, 1911.  Stopped here on way from Spur Cabin to Washington.  [Signed:] Chas. Whitney Hawkes and Ella M. Clarke (Dorchester, Mass); Hildegard Fick, Ralph S. Clarke (Boston, Mass).  [Later:] Sarah, Dr. Dawson & EMH arrived at 12:45.  Had lunch on White Cairn & spent most of afternoon there.  Dr. Dawson went down about 4:30.  

Tuesday, August 15, 1911.  SH & EMH left cabin at 11:30 for Randolph via Howker’s Ridge.  (Perhaps; Sarah Hincks).

Tuesday, August 22, 1911.  “A gay “pilly”* party of five / Came up to Gray Knob from the Hive; / One came from the Perch, / Wasn’t left in the lurch. / In fact was the first to arrive.  // Sister Jones’ lantern aglow / Overhead it drooled down below / On the head of Miss Stevens / Who endured the mild grievance / Until she became quite a show.  // While two of the ladies played “Rum”, / The rest of the party were dumb. / Miss Simonds a scrambler / Was also a gambler / But as for her luck, it was bum.”  [Footnote:] *Pillies: unmanned women.

Wednesday, August 23, 1911.  “On Wednesday four came for a spree; / Some drank of good coffee, some tea. / But two had to go / To the regions below, / But the “pellet”** and Edith were free (to stay).”  [Footnote:] **Pellet: diminutive of pillly.

Thursday, August 24, 1911.  “And now as we shut up the door, / And start for a summit to soar, / We’re glad we’ve been here, / And our thanks are sincere, / And we’ll drink to Gray Knob evermore.”  [Signed:] Ellen Y. Stevens, May [Mary] E. Johnson, Gertrude E. Simonds, Elizabeth E. Jones, Sarah Johnson,

Monday, August 28, 1911. Margaret Travell, Minot Dole, Caroline Hincks & Sarah Hincks came from valley; last hour of the way, from Spur Cabin, in heavy downpour. Furious storm all evening. Children rather nervous, but happy. “I know the damage thunder & lightning can do,” said Margaret, “but I’m not afraid.” Mr. Travell came up next morning & took M. & Minot down, leaving Caroline & Sarah for a quiet evening of cards & sleep. [Later:] A set of pencil sketches of Minot Dole [looks to be fat], Sarah [Hincks; front and back views], Tottie [Caroline], Margaret [Hincks]. [Later:] Gray Knob’s drenched party of four. [more doggerel:] “I never shall forget dear Gray Knob, so sweet. / It is always kept so clean & neat. / The heat was so good / That as far as we could / We dried ourselves off, / From our head to our feet.” [Signed:] By Caroline Hincks [aged c. 9 years]. [Later: more doggerel:] I. “In a pouring rain / A party of four / Came up from the Valley / To Gray Knob’s front door.” II. “After changing their clothes / To a dryer array, / They had some hot cocoa / And then had some play.” [Signed:] Margaret Travell. [And yet more doggerel:] “The Young Nabob.” I. “There was a young man from Gray Knob / Who’s name was Carroll the Nabob. / He’s always a great trapper / When he’s with a great camper / And no one could call him a snobcob.” II. “There was a small party of four / Who arrived at dear Gray Knob’s front door / In a pitiful state / Which I can not relate / And we dripped little pools on the floor.” Author: Charles Minot Dole.

Wednesday, August 30, 1911. We went over Rockside to old Israel Ridge Path, down to Perch, & back by Lowe’s Path. Found Tib, Miss [Jean] Pond & the Jacks [Westcott and Gummere]. Had uproarious time, sunset, supper, fan-tan. Restless nights. Giggle box. [Later:] [Signatures:] John Westcott Gummere (Burlington, New Jersey), J. H. Westcott, Jr (Randolph, NH).

[Not clearly dated entry, but sometime around late August, 1911.] Mr. Peck, with a young relation of his, arrived at Mrs. Peck’s camp (Gray Knob) on Mt. Adams, in time to partake of a delicious one course dinner prepared by Mrs. Peck. It was a great success. After supper speeches and Domino Whist followed. Beds were made at nine. Lights out at 9:30. [The editor has no idea who the Pecks are or what their proprietary interest is in Gray Knob.]


Wednesday, September 13, 1911. Came from Randolph at 12:00 to get strap left August 30. [Signed: J. H. Westcott, Jr.]

Monday, September 18, 1911. Came from Randolph, arriving at 5:45. Watched a beautiful sunset: green-gold cloudlets above a fire of rose, while the sky grew pale green. Their ?? wisps of cloud floated in the n. while the lower world grew cold gray & the little lakes shone silver bright amid the dusk. After a sumptuous meal, including an entree of jam omelette & dessert of rice & maple sugar, the company drowsed by the fire while the wind howled outside. Morning brought soft clouds in the valley, & absolute stillness over the mountain world. By 11:00 am the cabin had been cleaned & put in order for the winter, leaving utensils & matches, but removing the blankets for the winter. Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks, Grace Herrishoff, Robert Abel. Auf Wiedersehen! “Sing au revoir but not goodbye, / For we are far too wise to die.” Good luck: SH, EMH. END OF 1911.

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Wednesday, June 26, 1912. Left the Uplook at 3:00; arrived at Gray Knob at 6:00. Found cabin in remarkably good condition. In fact, it almost seemed as though the cabin had been left but yesterday. Heaven’s blessing on the man who left the porch half buried in fine wood! Half-grown jack rabbit gave us a most affectionate welcome, though we suspect he was too hungry to be perfectly sincere. He ate from Elizabeth’s hand; inspected the interior of the cabin at our invitation, and even knocked at the door when we had closed for the night.

Thursday, June 27, 1912. Having aired out some must and washed out some dirt, we depart for Randolph via Kings Ravine at 1:00 pm. [Signed:] EM Hincks, CC Hincks.

Tuesday, July 9, 1912. R. Ammi Cutter & Alexander Dean visited this camp at 3:07 pm, hastening on account of rain.

Monday, July 15, 1912. Spent last night at Spur Cabin. On the way to Great Gulf and return to Mountain View House tomorrow evening. We appreciate the open door hospitality. [Signed:] M. L. Beard (New York City), M. C. Mooney, Jr. (Woodsfield, Ohio), C[lifton] A. Snell.

Monday, July 22, 1912. A. A. Sargent (Cambridge, Mass). In search of Madison Hut.


Wednesday, July 31, 1912. Marian W. Ford, James Ford via Lowes Path. [Also:] Prof. Chas. L. Bouton, AP Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks left at 11:00 for hut, to go into Great Gulf by Buttress Trail if weather proves favorable (which it did not). [Later:] Mr. & Mrs. James Ford came from Randolph via road, Randolph Path & Lowes Trail, & dined with Mr. & Mrs. EY Hincks.

Thursday, August 1, 1912. EYH, Mrs. EYH & Caroline H stayed in the cabin all the morning listening to the steady fall of the rain on the roof, & doing chores. Notwithstanding cloudy & threatening weather, started down by Lowe’s Path at 2:30 pm.

Monday-Thursday, August 5-8, 1912. The hospitality of Gray Knob Cabin was enjoyed August 5-8 by Mr. & Mrs. Winslow Upton, Misses Eleanor S. and Margaret F. Upton, Dr. [Augustus] H. Gill and Elizabeth M. Hincks.

Aug 5: Arrived in pm, having taken refuge during a shower at Spur Cabin.
Aug 7: Walked up Lowe’s Path to Gulfside Trail and climbed Mt. Sam Adams. Several climbed also Mt. John Quincy Adams. Clear but hazy sky.
Aug 8: Rain in early morning. Left cabin at about 11:00 am bound for Randolph via Spur Cabin. Light
rain at intervals. Grateful thanks for a most delightful excursion!

“The sun was shining in the sky/Shining with all his might/Doing his very best to bring/The landscape into sight. / And this was odd because, you see/No sunshine was in sight. // The doctor and the astronomer* / Were walking hand in hand. / They wept like anything to see / The clouds lie o’er the land. / “If this would only clear away,” / They said, “It would be grand. // Oh, ladies come and walk with us / The doctor did beseech. / A pleasant walk, a pleasant talk, / Along the Northern Peaks. // We cannot do with more than four / To give a bunk to each. // The doctor and his company / Walked on four miles or so, / And then they camped at Gray Knob camp / Quite near the path called Low(e)(?) / And all the little porkies came / And waited in a row. // “A loaf of bread,” the doctor said, / “Is what we chiefly need. / Raisins and chocolate beside / Are very good indeed. // Now, if you’re ready ladies dear, / We will begin to feed.” //“Now ladies,” said the astronomer, / “We’ve had a pleasant run; What trail shall we take home again?” / But answers came there none. / And this was scarcely odd, because / Each had a different one.” *[Winslow Upton is “the astronomer”; Director of the Ladd Observatory at Brown University.]

Tuesday, August 13, 1912. Sarah and Elizabeth Hincks came up with some canned food, and ate it before returning to the valley (via Lowe’s Trail and the Link) via Carroll’s Path in heavy rain.

Thursday, August 15, 1912. Sarah & Elizabeth H came. Mabel Shaw & Frances Chapman (of Chicago) & “Mrs. Pogg”. Rain at night was succeeded by a glorious Friday spent out in the rocks and over to Washington; night on the summit, and back to Gray Knob on Saturday via the Perch, with days of perfect weather. “We’re leaving Gray Knob with a sigh, / That fine little cabin on high. / We’ve been here of yore / We want to come more, / To that little Gray Knob in the sky.”

Monday, August 19, 1912. Sarah [Hincks] and Julia Lovejoy came up from Randolph, arriving at 4:30 after making several side trips along the way to Spur Cabin and Chandler Falls. Slept out on lower knob; beautiful clear night, half-moon, stars very bright, fresh west wind, very warm and comfortable.

Tuesday, August 20, 1912. Mary H. Moore, from the Mt. View House, and Elizabeth Mary Hincks, from her home, came up by the Cold Brook & Amphibrach Path & Spur Cabin, where they lunched & rested some hours; [then] from Spur Cabin, by Spur Brook Trail. Mary H. Moore returned to Spur Cabin by the Crags [at] 10:15 after having had a delightful visit, and having enjoyed all the good things & hospitality of Gray Knob, even to the “unexpected” & “unknown” visits of black flies & hedgepig. A Cambridge Cöop boot drove the piggy away, after he had left his visiting cards plentifully stuck in the boot. Auf Wiedersehen und danke vielmals. [Signed:] M. H. Moore. [Later:] Left Gray Knob at 10:30 for Kings Ravine via Lowes Path, Shelf Path, Randolph Path & Lowe’s Ravine Trail. Lunch at Mossy Falls 12:00, top of Ravine 3:30; home to Gray Knob along Gulf Side and Nowell’s Ridge, making a detour on Adams for view of Great Gulf and Washington. Found Mrs. Moore and Elizabeth at the cabin.

Wednesday, August 21, 1912. Warm, cloudy; may shower; starting with blankets, hoping to get to Great Gulf tonight, Washington tomorrow. Otherwise, home via Glen road. [Signed:] Julia Lovejoy, Elizabeth Hincks, Sarah Hincks. [Later note:] A perfect night in the Great Gulf camp. Out the next day to the Glen.


Monday, August 26, 1912. Came up in the pm, and were rather cold; not very, though. [Note:] Porcupine came twice: first time at 12:00, and driven away by Tibby’s squawk; second time at 3:40 [when] SH saw him, a big one, [and] beat fearful noises on dishpan.
Thursday, August 29, 1912. Sarah worked a lot and we a little. Went over to the Upper Crag for a little while in the afternoon. Very cold indeed. Rained before breakfast. [Signed:] Sarah Hincks, Eleanor U. Randolph Chapin, Elizabeth M. Hincks.

Friday, August 30, 1912. Barricaded piazza & fooled porky. Rain, cloud and snow. Sawed wood in morning. Breakfast at eleven. Carriers came just as luncheon pancakes were done. So, lunch with taste of pancakes at four. From five to seven our only “leisure”.

Saturday, August 31, 1912. Made ready to climb Adams and go into the Gulf, but cold cloud hanging at 4K.6, so returned to Cabin and hope to return to valley if the Cabin is ever clean enough to leave, which I doubt, as Tib and Randolph are cleaning up by taking pans off the stove and putting them on again. Meals to be noted: Supper August 29 by Tib & Randolph; took 2-1/2 hours to prepare & consisted of Burned Macaroni and Fried Roast Beef black as truffles. Breakfast Aug 31 by R. Chapin [with] raw oatmeal cooked 1 hour. Proposed meal: Bloomer Soup, Fried Sweater if we stay (but we didn’t).

Wednesday, September 4, 1912. Professor and Mrs. Hincks left the Uplook for the Cascade Camp in order to attend a picnic of the Randolph Mountain Club. Afterwards they came to Gray Knob. [Later:] The same morning Eleanor U. Randolph Chapin, Sarah and Elizabeth Mary Hincks took the Beechwood Way to Salmacis [Fall] and went up Watson’s Ridge to the top of Madison. Took the cutoff from the Gulfside to Spur Trail, down Spur Trail to Upper Crag & over to Gray Knob.

Thursday, September 5, 1912. Mr. & Mrs. Hincks left the cabin for Randolph via Nowell’s Ridge and the AMC Hut. In the afternoon Randolph & Elizabeth started up Adams. It began to rain when they got to Nowell’s Peak, so they sat in a convenient cave near the peak for an hour, and then came back to the cabin.

Friday, September 6, 1912. Sarah and Randolph and Elizabeth start for Washington (if weather permits) at 10:45; down by Boott Spur perhaps, but [actually] it was Tuckerman’s.


Monday, September 9, 1912. Elizabeth Mary Hincks at 2:45 pm, hoping to have overtaken the party from Sorgenfrei en route (polyglot), but was disappointed. As this was being inscribed the Misses Eleanor & Margaret Upton arrived. Have gone up Nowell’s Ridge. The author has a watch (But the watch stopped). [Later:] Half an hour after the arrival of Eleanor and Margaret, Mr. [Winslow] and Mrs. [Cornelia] Upton reached this friendly cabin. The three girls set off at once for Nowell’s Peak and actually reached the summit of Adams, which immediately retired into a cloud. Mr. Upton chopped wood, Mrs. Upton admired the view, and both later enjoyed to the full the glorious outlook from the White Cairn. A beautiful supper concluded a most delightful day. The three girls slept on the Knob. The stars were very bright. The “end-men” were slightly chilly by morning, but otherwise we all slept ‘most all night.

Tuesday, September 10, 1912. A cloudy morning surprises us, for yesterday and last night were beautifully clear. We are about to start for the Great Gulf, with plans subject to change according to the weather. This is our second visit to this cozy cabin, and we wish to record our most grateful appreciation of its
hospitality.
EMH is eighteen aujourd'hui.  [Signed:] C.A. Upton.

Friday, September 13, 1912.  EMH & SH came up by the Amphibrach without effort.  Found the big lumber bridge had fallen through the air and was dashed to bits.  We skirted and bloomered the debris.  Slept on upper Knob.  Night clear though dewy.  Morning gray and windy.  Have cleaned cabin pretty well, and put on a few shutters preparatory to closing next week.  [Signed:] Elizabeth Mary Hincks, Sarah Hincks

Tuesday, September 17, 1912.  “With curses loud / I greet each cloud / That rears his mildewed face / My howls evoke / An echoing croak: / “I want to go some place!”  We leave at 10:45 for nowhere in particular, Via Carroll’s Path.  Back at 11:00 for forgotten mileage and purse.  11:05: Adieu.  [Signed:] Frank W. Hall (Lowell, Mass). More recently from Mt. Adams, Sept 17, 1912; William Sage (Randolph Hill), Sept 17, 1912; Charles F. Judson, Sept 17, 1912.

[Later extended doggerel on a “found watch,” etc.:]  “Our little party (only three) / Arrived in time to brew some tea; / And while the pot refused to boil / In spite of most assiduous toil, / Three social trampers came to call; / ‘Twas Judson, Sage, and Mr. Hall. / We showed them into everywhere / (Except where Ma was combing hair / Behind the curtain, all alone). / Her screams revealed a chaperone. / They left.  The rice was put to stew / And all went out to see the view. / “See what I got!” cries Uncle Lick. / “I’ve wound it up and made it tick. / I picked it up on Adams’ Eye. / Some one had left it there to die. / It made itself a little bed / From whence it reared its plated head. / ‘T had lain for many moons I wot / Upon that lone and dreary spot. / I’ve brought it down to dear Gray Knob; / Accept the watch and eke the fob. / And high upon the cabin wall / To thoughtless mortals it will call / “Sic transit gloria mundi” / And also “Tempus fugit” -- see?/ (We know more Latin -- Also Greek / But this is all the watch could speak. / ‘T could not call itself a scholar / Because it cost only a dollar) / This solemn ceremony done, / Back to the cabin, on the run; / Nobody wanted to congeal, / And then ‘twas time for cooking meal. / The supper turned out awful nice / Beefsteak and cocoa, salted rice, / Which brought on such a dreadful thirst / The numbskull chef was thrice accurst. / Then, after several hours had fled / Each made himself a little bed / And slept the sleep of honest toil / Until the breakfast kettle’s boil / And smell of coffee and of toast / Found ev’ry laborer at his post. / ‘T were vain to tell the scene that followed-- / How Sarah moaned and Licky holloaed: / How flapping blankets raised the dust; / How vaseline kept off the rust; / How busy buzzed the chaperone / Regardless of the doctor’s groan; / How, when he thought his labours through, / She still found much for him to do; / How, when he sought repose to find, / She said, “Oh, Licky, would you mind? / Before we eat and start for home, / Do finish up our lovely pome.” / ‘Twas done.  They ate up all the scraps / And were about to pack their knaps, / When clouds that threatened all the morning / Came down in torrents, without warning! / The wind it howled, the rain it flew; / It grew as cold it almost snew. / Thus Gray Knob’s seventh summer ended, / Down to the valley we descended. / Goodbye, Gray Knob!  May you repose / Peaceful and still beneath thy snows, / Until, when summer sunshine falls, / We meet again within your walls.”  Sept 17-18, 1912 [Signed:] Elizabeth T. Hincks, Sarah H. Hincks, Albert H. Licklider.

Wednesday, June 18, 1913.  Charles C. Stearns, John Boothman took two blankets for camping.

Wednesday, July 9, 1913. CC Hincks, EM Hincks and Sarah Hincks arrived on July 8 at 3:00 pm. Cleaned house to a limited extent; supper; sunset on Cairn; porcupine vociferous & hungry. Up at 5:30; Off at 8:00 for Washington and camp in Gulf of Slides if we can reach it. Jack Westcott arrived here at 7:30 am to go with us. [Later:] 11:15 am. A.W. Jenks (NY City), H.S. Hiscocks (London, Ontario), F.C. Stone (NY City), A.R. Kelley (Quebec, P.Q.) arrived after spending night at Perch & coming over the Trail (which we saw C. Hincks cutting out in ’06!). First visit of AWJ & ARK since Sept 1906. Glad to revisit scene of many happy hours & warm hospitality. Spending day on Adams tonight at Perch, and back to back to Whitefield tomorrow. Ave atque vale to messers Hincks & Stearns! (For the present only we shall hope. [Signed:] A.R.K. [Still later:] EY Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth Hincks & J.H. Westcott, Jr & CC Hincks arrived in pm. [Later:] After a warm fly-besieged night and forenoon in which SH was attacked by a fit of uncomfortable cleanliness, having scrubbed the floor and all benches, dishes, and all the contents of the cabin, splashing everyone in range, we at length depart for Randolph via Perch and Cascade Camp at 11:45.


Monday, July 21, 1913. Prof. Winslow Upton, Mrs. [Cornelia] Upton, Miss Margaret Upton and little Miss Penelope Cutler, Mr. Irving B. Crosby and Eliz. Hincks arrived at the cabin in batches from five o’clock onward. The party was overtaken by a violent thunderstorm between Cold and Spur Brooks. The Professor produced a large sheet of balloon silk and hung it on a tree. The party crouched thereunder and kept dry.

Tuesday, July 22, 1913. Mrs. Upton, Mr. Crosby and EMH left at eight am for top of Adams. We went down the Adams Slide Trail to the Great Gulf, and down the Gulf to the Madison Bluff; thence up the Madison Ravine by Mr. Crosby’s new, unfinished path. It was very wild and beautiful, but long and difficult. Arrived at the Parapet at 6:45. Left the [Madison Spring] Hut at 7:00 and got here in time for signal at 8:10. Jupiter, shining huge and bright just to the right of the cone of Adams lighted us down the ridge: Jupiter behind and the summit in front. [Later:] Prof. Upton and Mrs. [Upton] and Pene went over to the Hut and to the top of Adams and down to the Crag by Spur Trail. Then back here at 5:30.

Wednesday, July 23, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Upton, Pene and Mr. Crosby left at eleven for Randolph via Perch and Cascade Camp and the “Link”. Margaret and Tib stay for another night. After cleaning up the cabin we ascended the Knob where Margaret slept peacefully & Tib read Shakespeare peacefully until Margaret woke up. After supper we amused ourselves by playing one game of double Canfield. We made several attempts between 8:00 & 8:30 to light the signal, burning out two wicks & using up several doz. matches. The wind blew quite hard and the mist was thick, so we could barely see the signal from Randolph. Here’s hoping they saw our feeble attempts. The night passed without incident, except we both slept the sleep of the righteous after having duly perused several fitting psalms. An elegant breakfast awaited us (after we’d made a fire & cooked it) of boullion, scrambled eggs, toast & rice & corn cakes. Thank you from the Uptons. We are leaving at 10:30 for home. [Signed:] MFU, EMH.

Tuesday, August 5, 1913. Irving B. Crosby, Philip W. Martin. Up the Spur to Crag Camp, and then to Jefferson and down the Castles.

Wednesday, August 6, 1913. Howard Morgan, Lelian V. Morgan. Many thanks to Mr. Hincks for a delightful “first campint” of an enthusiastic little boy [Howard M.]. [Later:] J.H. Westcott, Jr. On the way down from Adams the “HOWDA DOG” and his relatives hit this joint at about four. Although we had no food with us, we found more than enough in the cabin, which, through the kindness of Elithabiz [sic], we made use of. The HOWDA DOG showed no bad effect from his walk up Adams, but his
appetite was below par. The porcupine came in the night. We start down at 10:15.

**Monday, August 11, 1913.** Up from valley at 4:15. Beautiful clear sunset; moon and Jupiter brilliant. No porcupine, only Elizabeth and Elise going out to see the sunrise.


**Wednesday, August 13, 1913.** Miss Pond left about 11:00 for the valley. Showers soon after. The antique tobacco and some wax paper made very poor cigarettes. We left about 4:00 for Adams, returning via Spur Trail. On the path from Crag Cabin we spotted a porcupine in a tree, which we ruined with a stick (the porcupine, not the tree).


**Monday, August 18, 1913.** Elise Russell, Sarah & Eliz. Hincks arrived at sunset from Tuckerman’s Ravine and Mount Washington. No timepiece. Porcupine sang sweetly mournful moonlight sonata beneath the window all night.

**Tuesday, August 19, 1913.** After 6 years of absence in So. California, I am glad to write my deeper appreciation of the beauty of these mountains. Hurrah for old New England and her cloud-capped granite Hills. [Signed:] S.S. Stearns, Aug 19th.

**Wednesday, August 20, 1913.** Left; time unknown. [Later:] I lied; We stayed. EMH went to the [Madison] Hut for food. Mr. Ford brought up a supply on his way up to Sam Adams. Just at dark, as we were finishing supper, Mrs. [Sophia] Stearns [at age 61] came in, having come up Lowe’s Path after the RMC picnic at the Cascade Camp. She was pretty tired, but seemed rested the next day & went down by [Spur] Brook Trail & Randolph Path. [Later:] EMH, ERR & SH left for Randolph about the middle of the afternoon.

**Thursday, August 21, 1913.** After five years of absence. “Oh the west is low and level / Tho’ its plains are broad and fair. / If we must always stay at home / Perhaps we’d have it there. / But we’ve wallowed in its richness / And we’ve crawled about its plain / Until we longed for Hampshire’s heights / And, longing, came again. / For a cloud of happy memories / About old Gray Knob stay / And old Boreas stiffest breeze / Has not blown them away. / We climb thro’ balsam-laden air / Thro’ boary mossy trees, / Our spirits mount as up we fare / With weary wobbling knees. / Like pygmies climbing rubbed way / Up giant’s ruined stair / To that great doorstop of the hold / The lookout of the lair. / Where once in some old age gone by / With beetling brows and tousled mane / Some vast old Brobdig stood to spy / The cities of the plain. / Where he stood, we, when moon has come, / Stand gazing at the scene, / We see the light of little home, / See Berlin’s dancing gleam. / To touch on trifles: Porcupine / Did call, but did not stay; / We slept, how soundly did we sleep, / Far into the next day. / We breakfasted on flap jacks / Until there were no more. / And then “we” washed the dishes / And Ransome patched the floor. / We’re going on to Washington, / But how we’d like to stay. / We pay too high for joys we buy / By keeping on our way.” Smith Pieta nascitur. [Signers:] Stanley Coulter, Lucy P. Coulter, Mabel Coulter Smith, Albert Smith, J.H. Ransom.

**Thursday, August 28, 1913.** Called at the Knob in passing. Sorry not to find the proprietors here. Going back to Spur Cabin. [Signed:] Marian R. Torrey, Charles C. Torrey. [Later:] Reached Cabin at 5:30. Alice Lucinda Stearns, Seymou Putnam Stearns (after 7 years), Charles M. Stearns. We came by way of Spur Cabin, and met Dr. Torrey on Lowe’s Path below the White Cairn.
Friday, August 29, 1913. Arrived at 11:57 [at] night. [Left] from RR Station at 8:13, via Randolph Path & Lowe’s. Took an hour up Lowe’s Path! Found the above party all sleeping so soundly that I took a meal, went to bed up above, & woke them with a yodel at 7:30. [Signed:] Charles C. Stearns.

Saturday, August 30, 1913. Spent my day in clearing out and rejuvenating the spring; a hard day’s work. The others went to the top of Adams by Spalding [sic] Spring. [CC Stearns]

Sunday, August 31, 1913. 5:30 am. A glorious morning. Sunlight greets me as I say goodbye to Gray Knob Cabin. Today terminates my ownership of a half-interest in the pretty place, and tomorrow, Sept 1, it will belong to Mr. Hincks alone. We have been wonderfully peaceful partners, always the best of neighbors, mutually thinking as much of the other’s interest as your own. This is one of my most agreeable memories, this beautiful Sabbath morning; and it is not of the Cabin alone that we can say?To moenor sundis? In distant California I shall take great pleasure in knowing that the Cabin stands nearly as well preserved & as true in timber today as years ago, & be sure to greet me in any visits in many years to come. It will outlive any ordinary Cabin, as I hope also how the rejuvenated Spring will outlive many a year’s storms and varying experiences. If I come East to live, I shall lsurely seek again an interest in Gray Knob, if my old partner is willing to sell me a share. [Signed:] CCS. [Later:] C.M. Stearns leaves for Randolph via the Boulder Path to Spur Cabin.

[Still later:] After reading much of what has been written by one who styles himself “the Wit” in the pages of the Red Log Book [Volume 1], and after being subject to the vageries & changing moods of the Wit’s Brother, named [Charles Miner Stearns] at the top of this page, the undersigned wonders why kind providence has allowed all these to be thrust upon him. But “Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvat.” At least the dear Gray Knob Cabin has been appreciated & will live in the memory of Seymour Putnam Stearns. And I, the sister of all these witty brothers three do hereby testify to my happiness in sharing with them at this and other times the merry cameraderie of Gray Knob, and hope that singular joys will be ours in the future. For with dear Gray Knob: “The world is so full of a number of things / I’m sure we should all be as happy as kings” and we surely are. Leaving for Randolph via Lowe’s Path at 10:55 am. [Signed:] Alice Stearns.

Wednesday-Mondsy, September 3-8, 1913. Alice Stearns, Charles Stearns, Kenneth Durant.

Thursday, September 4, 1913. EMH & SH up from Ravine House in a hurry to make coffee for Randolph M. C. cutting party which never came. Found the Stearns party eating oatmeal.

Friday, September 5, 1913. Tib & I went over to the Sphinx Trail between Jefferson and Clay, down to Great Gulf, up the Headwall to Washington. Got to the head of the trail at 3:00 pm. Back to Gray Knob by 6:05 by Gulfside. The most beautiful day and trip combined we’ve ever had. Spent Saturday. Down Sat. pm.

Tuesday, September 9, 1913. S Hincks, EM & EY Hincks came to Gray Knob in pm. We left Ravine House at noon and came to Gray Knob via Amphibrach and Carroll’s Path. Took about four hours to come up. The loveliest trail in the mountains & a great day at Gray Knob. Eugenie Guillet & Flora Burton (Boston) thank you. Anne P. Hincks.

Wednesday, September 10, 1913. (EMH’s Birthday). E. Guillet & F. Burton descended Spur Trail. Margaret Upton came up to Cabin in pm. Prof. Judson, Mr. [John H.] Ingham & Mr. Consadi called.

Thursday, September 11, 1913. Heavy snow storm 9-11 am. In pm EYH & SH went home. At 6:00 Prof. Upton arrived.

Friday, September 12, 1913. Prof. Upton cleaned cabin for us, & we all left via Madison Hut at 10:30. Route down to be decided later. (Osgood Ridge) [Signed:] AP Hincks, EM Hincks, Winslow Upton, Margaret F. Upton.
Saturday, September 27, 1913. From Ravine House to return this pm. [Signed:] Lois Davenport, John Davenport, Jonathan W. Davenport, Carroll C. Hincks, 4:15 pm.

Sunday, September 28, 1913. Arrived at 5:30 pm from Glen via Osgood & Lowe’s. Left Monday am for Kings Ravine to return for night. [Signed:] R. D. French, CC Hincks.

Tuesday, September 30, 1913. Left cabin at 9:30 for Boott Spur. Perfect day -- Cold, still and clear. To return tonight. [Later:] Reached Boott Spur via Westside Trail at 1:00. Arrived Hermit L. at 1:45 and lunched. Left Hermit L. at 3:00 for Huntington’s. Reached foot of fan at 3:30. Reached top of headwall at 4:50. Arr. Gulfside at junction with Carriage Road at 5:10. Arrived Greenough Spring at 5:30, where we saw the sun set. Entirely dark by time we reached Rockside Trail, so we came rest of way by lantern light, arriving Gray Knob at 7:30. Most wonderful day ever pulled off in White Mts. Perfectly clear, cool & still. Foliage indescribable. And crags in Huntington’s magnificent.

Wednesday, October 1, 1913. Cloudy. Loafed all day. Cut big wood pile, which was fortunate since ...

Thursday, October 2, 1913. [continued] Thursday very stormy: high winds but moderately warm. RD French left at 10:45 for Appalachia & Jackson, leaving CCH for a lonely but comfortable day.


Saturday, October 11, 1913. Called Oct. 11/13 on way from Spur Cabin, and going back to spend night. [Signed:] Katherine N. M. Smith (Lewiston, Me), Wallace N. Green (Bridgeport, Conn), [and, from Randolph:] Harold Boothman, Marion L. Boothman, Mrs. John H. Boothman.

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Monday, June 22, 1914. Marguerite Hanford, Trude Möbas, and Elizabeth Hincks opened the cabin on June 22, 1914. It was in very good condition. Went up Sam Adams in the afternoon. Sat out on the Cairn watching sunset & stars come out until ten. Very warm and still. Quiet night. No porkies or mice.

Tuesday, June 23, 1914. Cleaned cabin driven by myriads of black flies. A swarm of huge black flies descended like a plague of Egypt or like the story of the little girl who wouldn’t say please, upon our breakfast. Cleaned & cleaned. Found 100 lbs of ice in the refrigerator and some more in the cave. [Signed:] Marguirete Hanford (Carbondale, Illinois), Trude Möbus (Berlin, Germany. “Es war famos. Herzlichen Dank.”) [Later:] Left for Randolph by way of Adams & Madison at 1:15. [Signed:] EMH

Thursday, July 2, 1914. Arrived at 4:15 in thick fog. Chopped wood till supper time, when we entertained at the door step a confiding but rather damp jack rabbit. Spent the night at chasing porcupines that insisted on intermittent serenade. Left at 8:00 am July 3 for Washington; probably down through Tuckerman’s, Raymond Path & home. Still cloudy but no rain. [Signed:] Carroll C. Hincks, Earl L. Carter.

Wednesday, July 8, 1914. Left Ravine House at 11:30 am, reaching Gray Knob at 1:30 after having interviewed a porcupine en route. Day fairly cool & more or less cloudy. On our way to the Great Unknown. [Signed:] Ralph A. Croswell, Carroll C. Hincks.
Monday, July 13, 1914. From Randolph hill via Spur Cabin and Crag Camp to summit of Adams.


Tuesday, July 14, 1914. 12:30 pm. Just arrived. [Signed:] Archibald L. Bouton (N.Y. City), A. R. Kelley (Quebec, P.O.), Elton Scott (Quebec, P.O.). Gone to Summit of Adams. Will return for supper. [Later:] Signaled 8:30 pm to Randolph & Whitefield.


Wednesday, July 22, 1914. Brought up basket of canned goods in pm. Down again for night. [Signed:] CC Hincks.

Friday, July 24, 1914. Prof., Mrs., Elizabeth, Carroll and Caroline Hincks arrived Friday in batches.

Saturday, July 25, 1914. Elizabeth and Carroll went up R[andolph] Path & down Great Gulf to Buttress, and Prof., Mrs., and Caroline lay around on the Knob all morning, then went up Adams and struck for Spur Trail, stopped at the Crag, and came home by the Path of Bridges, and wondered who killed the porky whose quills were reposing on the path. Prof. and Carroll went respectfully down to church on Sunday.

Monday, July 26, 1914. Elizabeth and Caroline went up Adams and Madison. Then E and C go home while Carroll cut new entrance to wood yard.

Thursday, July 30, 1914. Arrived at 5:45 with basket of provisions and blankets. On leaving cabin found the eternal and infernal porcupine 2 yards from front door, and consequently was able to kill it before it escaped. Owing to the fact that its death was so unexpected, the funeral services were poorly attended, but were oppressive notwithstanding. Query: Which is more disagreeable; to kill or to bury? [Signed:] CC Hincks.

Thursday, August 6, 1914. John Molinar and C. A. Snell left Spur Cabin at 8:00 am for Gray Knob and Crag Camp. Arrived here at 8:50. Leaving at 9:15. [Signed:] Clifton A. Snell, J. C. Molinar (both of Malden, Mass).


Friday, August 7, 1914. Prof. Hincks went down to Randolph. Ladies ate, loafed, and laughed all day. Slept in. Rip Van Winkle was quite busy during the night. It rained a basin of water.

Saturday, August 8, 1914. Left at 12:00 August 8th as soon as breakfast was over. We are taking nothing that does not by right belong to us, except black fly bites which we would gladly return if possible. [Later:] The night we slept on The Knob we relearned the constellations from Margaret [Upton] and father before the moon rose over the ridge. During scattered moments of wakefulness I was astonished at the undignified gymnastic gyrations of “That starr’d Ethiope Queen” Cassiopeia, which smacked of the circus. By the time the first rosy finger of the dawn appeared she had turned a complete somersault. The Misses Kirkbride, Branch and Upton left for Randolph by King’s Ravine & EMH for direct. [Later:] Nota Bene: “Oh have party of the Rev. Richards Austin*, / May you not find the trips too exhaustin’ / But have a nice time / And heed this lame rhyme / Take care lest these wilds you are lost in.” *[Note:] Pardon the juxtaposition of these two words, but the author could find no appropriate rhyme for “Richards”.

[Still later:] August 8th. Mrs. Mary O. Ely, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Coulter arrived at Gray Knob at 5:30 -- 3 hours from the Smith-Coulter camp on Mt. Crescent. Trip without incident, except that Mrs. Ely attempted to paint the scenery red, by hitting her head against a stone & spreading gore over the trail. A good bloody cut, but fortunately nothing serious. First time we have found
it warm at Gray Knob. Heavy haze in valley, so no sunset. Attempted the signal, but doubt if it penetrated the haze.

**Sunday, August 9, 1914.** The [Albert] Smiths & their “pup” started at 9:45 on a “hike”: Hincks Cutoff to Randolph Path, thence to Gulfside Trail, thence to Sphinx; Sphinx to Great Gulf, “Six Husbands”, Adams Slide & Lowe’s Path to Gray Knob, which was reached in good conditions about 5:45. All, even the “dog”, in good form. In the afternoon the Coulters took Lowe’s Path to Adams; wandered about upper meadows picking cranberries, explored the Spur Trail for a short distance, then across the open to Lowe’s. Mrs. Ely “quiet”. The sleep of the just was the reward. Signalled at 8:00 and thought we recognized answer, tho haze made it doubtful.

**Monday, August 10, 1914.** The Coulters, by the Hincks “Cutoff” and Israel Ridge Path to Cascade Camp, hence by link home. The remainder, Lowe’s to Link home. Thanks & more thanks.

[Later:] Arrived at 10:05 am from Spur Cabin, too hot for comfort, and too bitten by black flies for our disposition, but otherwise in good health. On route to Crag Camp. [Signed:] Carolyn S. Burdett, Margaret Allen, Dana S. Burdett.

[Still later:] Mr. & Mrs. James Austin Richards (Boston), their sister Miss Read (New York), & their friend Mr. Louis S. Leavitt (Nevada & Boston) arrived 4:00 pm and found the cabin even better than their happy dream. Their thoughts were never far from the good lord who made their visit here a possibility, and their wonder at the beauty and completeness of Gray Knob is boundless. The day was not clear and our signal at eight brought no response. The bed did, and the flies.

**Tuesday, August 11, 1914.** We took Lowe’s Path to Nowell Peak and to the summit of Adams. Not very clear. Thence to Madison Hut, meaning to climb Madison and return via Gulfside and Spur Trail. But after dinner rain set in and held us at the Hut all night. Morpheus was the only Hebrew absent! Then, how we appreciated the kind note we had found offering us Gray Knob for a third night.

**Wednesday, August 12, 1914.** We went to the Parapet & climbed Madison before returning over the path planned for the day before. The day was wonderful and the experience never can be forgotten. A hearty dinner was followed by naps and chores, especially in the hope of leaving as much wood cut as we found. Supper was interrupted by a very wonderful sunset and at eight our signal brought an answer from two points. Tomorrow we mean to go by the Carroll Path to Jefferson, over it and Clay to Washington, and the next day down over the Southern Peaks to Crawford’s & home. [Doggerel time:] “Here’s to our host who built the Camp, / Here’s to his heart so kind. / Here’s to each dish, each pot, / To the hedgehog we didn’t find. / Here’s to the stove which cooked our food. / Here’s to each bunk with spruce. / Here’s to the blankets which kept us warm. / Our toast to the Echo rings.”

**Thursday, August 13, 1914.** Morpheus was here all night. Flies all gone too. The green tree on the wood pile was found blown down & brought in in the hope it may soon dry enough to serve later visitors. The day promises fine and we start off as planned at 9:00 am. [Signed:] James Austin Richards (or Richards Austin), Hazel Temple Richards, Elizabeth Bingham Read, Louis S. Leavitt.

**Monday, August 17, 1914.** Mrs. T[heodore] C. Pease, Miss Jean Pond and E. Y. Hincks came from the Cascade Camp (where we had participated in the annual picnic of the R.M.C.) by the recently opened Montevideo Trail. Followed this trail to the Randolph Path, passing thro’ the cave and beside the fine cliffs. Then took the supplementary trail leaving from a point about 1/4 of a mile west of the Randolph Path to ?cairns? (shingle on upper side of Randolph Path marked Montevideo) Lowe’s [Path] to Cabin. Reached Gray Knob at about 5:00. Black flies galore. Fine thunder showers in evening.

**Tuesday, August 18, 1914.** 9:10 am. For Randolph via [Madison] Hut. [Doggerel:] “Leave giddy youth its pleasures mad, / Its frolics and its dances wild. / With riper years comes richer fun, / The temperate joys, the raptures mild.”
Sunday-Monday, August 23-24, 1914. [Extended poesy:] I. Two nights we spent among the fir trees’ shade, / Two nights within this cozy, snug retreat. / Five mountain maidens climbing from the glade / To look for views, and higher places great. // II. “‘Twas Wendy’s house among the trees,” we said / As we crept slowly down from Look-Off’s height / And saw the twinkling of our fairy light / Gleam brightly thro’ the shadows of the night. // III. No Tinker Bell came near to flash her light, / No hooded pirate did our climbers blight. / But fairy stars sent forth their friendly gleams / And changed our mundane thoughts into sweet dreams. // IV. And now we feel that grateful thanks are due / To Mrs. Hincks, and other people too, / Who built this nest so warm, snug & tight / That sheltered five neat maidens thro’ the night.

*Dr. Alice Gray washed the dishes. [Signed:] Jean S. Pond, Gertrude L. Morgan, Selden Rugour, Alice M. Gray, MD, Jennie M. Henderson.

Tuesday, August 25, 1914. William R. Arnold, up from Tuckerman’s, arriving at 7:30 pm -- A brand plucked from the freezing. [Later:] Frank W. Cushman with Professor and Mrs. Hincks on August 24; On August 25 to Washington, returning to Randolph by Tuckerman’s.

Tuesday-Wednesday, September 1-2, 1914. [Doggerel:] “A gay little bunch from the valley / Hiked up via Amphibrach’s alley. / Some were blue Bloods / And the rest of them dub / But they all had an elegant rally.” [In another hand:] “In this gray nobby cabin of Hincks / We slept in oblivious winks. / We forgot about war as we handled the saw / And left all our cares to the Sphinx.” [Signed:] Mr. & Mrs. Percy W. Bridgman (the “Dubs”), The Blood girls, E[ldredge] H. Blood. (U.W.B)

Thursday, September 3, 1914. Alfred Pray, Bertram F. Willcox, B.L. Stowell, W[alter] F. Willcox, Hester Bancroft, Mary Willcox, Grace Herreshoff (B.O.S.S.). [Doggerel:] “Our purview told the knell of starting day, / The blowing cloud winds lowly to the lee; / The sunshine elseward sends its cheery way / And leaves the world to wetness and to we.” At this point a kindly hand put the agonized poet out of his misery. Chorus: Thank you kind host, for the night’s hospitality.

Friday-Saturday, September 4-5, 1914. Mr. & Mrs. Geo. A. Campbell, Eunice Chandler (Wellesley Hills, Mass). Off for Jefferson and the Castles. Fine vews yesterday at 4:00 when the clouds blew away from the summit of Adams. [Signed:] Helen Chandler (Wellesley Hills, Mass).

Saturday, September 5, 1914. 10:45 am. Arthur Stanley Pease (Urbana, Ill), John Faxon Otis (Boston, Mass).

Saturday-Sunday, September 5-6, 1914. Long experience of the Hincks hospitality led us inevitably to Gray Knob after the finest day of the season had tempted us to the top of Jefferson via Israel Ridge. Finding the house swept & garnished, we entered in & feasted. Puff balls & 3 oranges were the only provisions we had brought with us, so we are grateful for both bed & board, & especially to the considerate campers who left fresh butter in the refrigerator. After seeing a beautiful sunrise from the Nob we may reach the valley in time for church. [Signed:] Elizabeth Butler Kirkbride (Philadelphia), Mary B. Kirkbride (Albany, NY), E. Stanley Abbot, MD (Belmont, Mass). I was a stranger to the hut, but was taken in so comfortably and so hospitably that I felt quite at home. A.


Tuesday, September 15, 1914. Ada H. Arnold, up from Randolph with host and hostess. W.R. Arnold, Isabel H. Arnold, Alice Arnold, up Tuckerman’s to the Summit House, and over the Gulfside Trail, Randolph and Hincks paths to Gray Knob. All happy and grateful.

Saturday-Monday, September 19-21, 1914. “Tired, hungry, sleepy, each when fully fed / Has been securely covered in his little bed. Thanks for kindly shelter and luxurious care, / For the glorious sunlight and the bracing air.” [Signed:] Henry M. Hurd (Hewer & drawer of water), Eleanor H. Hurd, Anna G.
Tuesday-Monday, October 6-12, 1914.

Oct. 6: Arrived from Ravine House at 3:30 accompanied by sturdy yokel with provisions. Sparkling October day, with brilliant sunset followed by a clear, warm moonlight evening.

Oct. 7-11: Warm and sunny on the Range, though the valleys were filled with haze and a stray cloud here and there. Randolph valley and the surrounding hills a mass of red and gold.

Oct. 7: Morning: Enjoyed the sunshine along the trail of the Woman in White. Afternoon: Up Lowe’s to 4K8.

Oct. 8: To the Upper Crag over the Trail of the Bridges.

Oct. 9: Up Lowe’s to the Gulfside and over to the Adams-Jefferson Col, returning over the Randolph Path and Carroll’s Trail of the Woman in White.

Oct. 10: To the [Madison] Hut by Lowe’s and the Gulfside and back over the Spur Path and the Bridges. The new Hut closed for the season, but the old Hut (and the stove) still doing business.

Oct. 11: Clouds hanging over Gray Knob, though the sun appears at intervals. M. S. F. busy with mop and distaff while R. D. F. hews water and draws wood.

Oct. 12: Left for Randolph at 10:00 am. Profoundest thanks for the rare hospitality of our distant host and hostess. [Signed:] Margaret Stewart French, Robert Dudley French.

Tuesday-Thursday, July 13-15, 1915. Miss Teresa Howell, Dr. Janet T. Howell (232 W. Lanvale St., Baltimore, Md); Dr. Edward O. Hulburt (Physics Dept, Johns Hopkins Univ); Dr. Admont H. Clark (Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md). [The traditional doggerel:] “Three doctors, one “plain person” we. / Two physicians and one M.D. / We come from Casco Bay in summer; / In winter, Baltimore, Md. / We’ve camped among the mountains. / We’ve slept by many streams. / We’ve eaten porcupines & things / Of which one seldom dreams. / We’ve blessed the skies above us. / We’ve sworn at fingers burned. / We’ve drunk the bugs in pitcher plants / Which ne’er our stomachs turned. // But now perchance our poetry’s vague. / ’Tis this we’re trying to say: / Of all the camps both far & near / We’ve seen in many a day / We like this best, & we would add / That if o’er bold we’ve been / In camping thus on unknown friends / They will perhaps forgive our sin / And accept in token of return / Our deepest gratitude.” (A.H.C.) [And yet more doggerel:] To Prof. Hincks & Family. “We trust too bold we have not been / When we ensconced ourselves herein / And used your store to stew our game / And made ourselves so much at “hame”. // Within your log book we have found / That we in mutual friends abound. / Therefore we hope that we someday / May meet you too & then repay / The hospitality that we’ve / Taken without a by your leave / And shelter your heads from the showers / As you today have sheltered ours.” (J.T.H.) [Note: A.H.C. and J.T.H. later married.]

Thursday, July 15, 1915. “Sarah, Elizabeth and Mildred Cook / Arrived at Gray Knob and took one look, / Within this log to find that, covered / By the fog, four learned guests / Had just left their mark. // On Friday the 16th said graces three / Were joined by four boys with spirits of Glee.” The boys were Daniel Bliss, 2nd (Beirut, Syria), C[harles] H[ammond] Blatchford, E. Lawrence Blatchford and CHB, Jr. All remaining until Sunday morn July 18, 1915, [who] left at 10:00 for home by way of Madison (except Sarah, who returned Sat. pm, just before the shower).

Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, 1915. Echo Cabin to Monahan Camp - 1 hour; Monahan C. to Spur Cabin - 1 hour; Spur Cabin to Gray Knob - 1 hour, 10 minutes. The party: Hostess: ETH and Caroline H; Guests: Mr. & Mrs. C.H. [Carita Clark] Blatchford, Susan Buckland & Dan Bliss, 2nd, and Huntington Blatchford. An experience of a lifetime! Carita C.B.

July 24: Saturday. Blatchfords left for Randolph at 11:00 am. The rest of the party went up Mt. Adams to return to Gray Knob that afternoon. Dan Bliss went up Mt. Washington & returned to Gray Knob at 41
4:00 pm.

Sunday, July 25, 1915. Left Gray Knob for Randolph at 9:40 am. Susan L. Buckland enjoyed the cabin greatly; the first time she has climbed.

Wednesday-Thursday, July 28-29, 1915. “We came from Castle Notch. / We’re going home to wash. / We passed 6 Husbands on the way, / But a better one we’ll see today. [Signed:] Anne P. Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth Hincks.

Thursday, August 5, 1915. Arrived at 3:30. Rain began at 3:45 & continued steadily into the night. On Friday, August 6: Worked around cabin till 11:30, when we left in a cloud. I go up King’s Ravine & thence back to Gray Knob or to the valley according to the weather. [Signed:] Wm A. McAfee, Carroll C. Hincks.

Friday, August 6, 1915. Back again at 3:45. Down at 4:30 since still cloudy.

Saturday-Monday, August 7-9, 1915. Left Mt. Crescent House 10:35 am. Arrived Gray Knob 4:00 pm. Some luxury! Cloudy & windy, but no rain. Located spring & signal station. Signaled at 8:00 pm. It was just spooky enough so it was very pleasant to get an answer. Slept as well and comfortably as at home, to the music of a big wind singing in the pines.

Aug 8: Went up Mt. Adams by Lowe’s Path, leaving Cabin 11:20. Cloudy, no views, but the very top of Mt. Washington peeked out a moment. Down by Air Line to head of King Ravine, down the headwall, lost the trail, got mixed up in trees. Came up again with some good rock climbing at western end of headwall, got into Gulfside Trail, and returned via Spur Trail & Crag Camp. Back in cabin about 6:40. Signaled and received answer at 8:00. Weather cleared pretty well about 5:30, & we had views down King Ravine. Another comfortable night.

Aug 9: Left Cabin at 10:00 am to go up Spur Trail, down Gulfside, Knife Edge, Air Line & back to Mt. Crescent House. A memorable trip, and we are very much indebted to the Hincks family. [Signed:] William S. Creevey, B. Livingston.

Monday, August 9, 1915. Up from Spur Cabin by way of the Crags. Dull weather. Gray Knob at 4:45. Found the camp occupied by very hospitable friends. 5 o’clock tea! [Signed:] CC Torrey, Marian R. Torrey, Mabel Torrey. [Later:] Arrived at 3:30 from valley. Thunder storm in evening and rain on Tues at intervals all day. At o’clock were joined by the Clarke’s from Ravine Ho. via Crag Cabin. More rain. Wednesday, August 11. Left at about 8:00 for Washington and other way stations. [Signed:] Lawrence Blatchford, Charles H. Blatchford, Jr, Frances C. Clarke, Julia N. Brooks, Sarah Hincks, Barbara Clarke, Prescott O. Clarke, Anne P. Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks.

Friday, August 13, 1915. Arrived at 6:40 pm from valley. Evening hazy and Sat. Morning, the 14th, cloudy. Clouds raised & we leave at 1:45 for home via Ravine of the Cascades. Last visit of season for CCH. [Signed:] Sarah, Elizabeth, Carroll Hincks.

Tuesday, August 17, 1915. [Doggerel:] I. The rain it rainèd every day. / But up the Spur Trail woun’d their way / Five stout souls whose feet were limber / To ford the brooks and climb the Timber. / The two #1 Gazelles leaped light ahead. / Behind, with lowly bending head / Plodded the #2 ancient dames and slow, / Remembering tramps of long ago, / While in the rear with many prances #3 / And shining eyes came little Frances, / Sometimes with sweater, sometimes not, / Skipping along from grot to grot. // II. Up at the top before night fell / The mother, Nature, worked her spell; / Shining and still, ’neath sunset skies, / The valley, shadow-dented, lies, / Smiling against the mountains frown. / Before the grey wet fog shut down / Are we who toiled along the height / Gathered beauty Tu-hearts delight. // III. Then ho! for fire and food, and fun. / Jean starts the blaze, I for water run. / And up the path with cheery grace / Cometh our hostess #4 at rapid pace; / And tea and toast and soup and meats, / Cookies and jam and all good eats / Follow each other down our throats / In such succession, that no one notes / Who eats what or when or how. / But at long last, when hope had fled, / Even Selden was “fully fed”.

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/ And then the dishes she neatly washed, / And over the poet the water splashed. / And so the poem must come to end, / As toward our beds our ways we wend. // IV -- Next morning. The fog still shut around our way. / No Washington for us this day! / Domestic duties fill our hours. / The while the sun doth chase the showers. / The coffee pot, the toasting rack, / The bacon pan we did not lack. / And after we had emptied all / We scrubbed ‘em well, both short and tall. / And so our housework all well done / Homeward we start, down hill we run, / Leaving behind our thanks to bless / Those who built in this wilderness / A bit of home to shelter and feed / All who come to it in need. // [Notes:] #1 The gazelles: Gertrude L. Morgan, Selden Ruger. #2 The ancient dames: Jean S. Pond, Mary Chase (maker of the rhyme). #3 The prancer: Frances P. Chapman. #4 The hostess: Sarah Hincks.

Wednesday, August 18, 1915. From Spur Cabin via Spur Trail & Path of Bridges on way to top of Adams. Cold & wind & sight of frost on summit make us change our minds & take refuge here for lunch. [Signed:] Mabel I. Snell & C.A. Snell (Malden, Mass); Arthur F. Allen & Margaret Allen (Cambridge, Mass).

Saturday, August 21, 1915. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith (all of Lafayette, Ind); Perley Smith (Chicago, Ill) and Ellen G. Smith (Walla Walla, Wash). [Yesterday, S.C., Mrs. A.S. and P.S. up Lowe’s Path direct; Mrs. S.C., E.G.S. and A.S. up King Ravine to top of Adams and down. Today,] To Washington and down Jefferson Castles. Found Gray Knob as delightful as ever. The half hour on the rock in the evening worth coming much farther for, even if one did not have to eat and sleep. Porky wandered about in the night but did not enter. Thanks to the Hincks for the hospitality of the cabin. [Later:] “You weren’t nice / About my rice, / So I refuse / To work my muse.” [Signed:] H. McAfee. [Also:] Isabel M. Kearny, Gertrude J. Kearney. [Still later:] “You praised my toast / Thought I did boast. / That’s how I come / To write this pome.” [Signed:] M. . [And still later:] In haste. Otherwise there would be a rhyme correspondeable only to the wonderful time we’ve had. [Signed:] Adele McKinnie.

Friday, August 27, 1915. Margaret Hincks Morse. [Doggerel:] “Fifteen years ago / With little me in tow / We climbed the height / To spend a night / Which can never be forgot, oh! / In that respect, / Last night’s the same, / And so herewith I sign my name.” And record it was -10°!

Thursday-Saturday, September 2-4, 1915. “Two youths without an aim / Down the Lowe Trail came / To the right they did turn / And were surprised to learn / That not far off there stood / A Cabin built of wood. / To Prof. Hincks they are bound / For the kind of shelter found.” [Signed:] Gerhard L. Schmeisser, AB (Homewood Hts., Baltimore, Md), Harry C. Schmeisser, MD (Johns-Hopkins Univ. & Hospital, Baltimore, Md).

Tuesday, September 7, 1915. Mrs. Mary Ely, Richard D. Ely, Mrs. A. D. Morse and Katherine D. Morse (formerly of Lafayette, Ind, Waterbury, Ct and Pelham, Mass, but more lately of Randolph Hill) arrived at 3:30 pm; departing herefrom Sept. 8 bound for Mt. Washington, wind, weather and the soles of our feet permitting. [Doggerel:] “There was a man of Randolph Town, / And he was wondrous good; / He built a little cabin / In the shelter of the wood. // And many a greenhorn tramper, / And seasoned mountaineer / Have sought this cozy cabin / And have shared its kindly cheer. // They have set forth on the morrow, / And just as you and I! / They have bid farewell with sorrow / To that cabin next the sky. // And to the land’s four corners, / From east to western coast / They have borne a grateful feeling / For our kindly mountain host. // Oh, all ye weary wayfarers / A-trudging up and down / The mountains, join with me to bless / That man of Randolph Town!

Thursday, September 9, 1915. Once more have I enjoyed the delightful hospitality of Gray Knob and its hosts. The joy of the climb, the companionship have been greater because I had not thought it possible to see the eyrie again. It is the anniversary of another happy visit. [Signed:] Cornelia A. Upton (Providence, RI). [Later:] I heartily appreciate the kindness & hospitality which have enabled me to enjoy a stay in this charming spot. [Signed:] Lily Wells (Randolph, NH)
Friday, September 10, 1915. Prof. & Mrs. Hincks, Miss Lily Wells and Mrs. Upton departed at 11:00 am for Randolph via the Castles (probably) accompanied by MFU [Margaret F. Upton] almost as far as Randolph. She returned in time for lunch with Tib on the nob, where the above mentioned pair snoozed till 5:30. Signals at 7:30 reassured them of the safe arrival of the pilgrims.

Saturday, September 11, 1915. EMH & MFU left about 9:00 to go down via Great Gulf (we hope).

Tuesday, September 14, 1915. Arrived at dusk. En route for Jackson via Lakes of the Clouds camp. Closed up camp for winter on morning of September 15, leaving shortly after 11:00 am. [Signed:] James Ford.

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Thursday, May 25, 1916. Up via Lowe’s Trail, which was almost entirely covered with snow & ice; in some places a couple of feet deep. [Signed:] Anne P. Hincks, Helen L. Marston (Beverly, Mass).

Thursday, June 8, 1916. Came via Randolph & Carroll’s paths. Inspected Spur Cabin and found ice in crevices all along brook. Gray Knob & a wonderful sunset the greatest surprises of all. [Signed:] Esther Conant. [Later:] I had the greatest adventure of my life. Mice danced under my mattress in the loft at night & porcupines or bears danced on the roof, gnawed on the chimney & played ball with tin cans on the porch. It rained today & it was cosier than ever inside, especially when the fire was going. We are now about to start down to earth again. [Signed:] Alice Holdship Smith, Katharine Ware Smith, G. Milton Smith. [Still later:] Our most important articles were rubbers. Advice for all old maids. [Signed:] Margaret Vanderbilt, Anne P. Hincks.

Tuesday, July 4, 1916. Arrived at 4:00 pm soaked (clear through after traipsing through mist and rain from Lakes of the Clouds camp. [Signed:] Milton E. MacGregor (Hutmaster, L. of C. Hut). [Later:] Same as above only one more “thru” after soaked. Picked up some second hand clothes here. Finally got fixed up with blankets and pants on some of the women. [Signed:] G. Milton Smith. [Still later:] Second visit to “Gray Knob”. Came over Gulfside & Randolph Path from Lakes-of-the-Clouds Hut, Mt. Washington. It rained all the way, but we had a great time. We ate our lunch at Montecello Lawns, Mt. Jefferson. Mr. MacGregor, Hutmaster. We left AMC party there. They were going down to Crawford to take the train. Ed [Smith] shot the cone of Washington full of pistol holes in honor of Fourth of July. Got to go to bunk. [Signed:] Alice Smith. [And yet later, the required doggerel:] “Tripping over Jefferson / We hopped up Lowe’s Trail one by one. / We walked six miles o’er rocks & roots / To extreme discomfort of sneakered boots. / At last we arrive at the Hincks domain. / And Mr. MacGregor decides to remain. / So, now I have come to the end of my poem, / And surely must to my bed be goin’. ” [Signed:] Ed Smith. P.S. Passed by the National Board of censorship. [Would you believe more?] Mr. & Mrs. George M. Smith. We are very grateful for this refuge from wind & rain, and hope that our dear landlords & host and hostess will find our gratitude here.

Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7, 1916. Margaret Judson is not feeling bright or political, & so inscribes herself. S. Elizabeth Judson, Courtney Carroll. Came up Carroll’s Path, which was a brook. Spent the night (two of them) with a porcupine & mice. Went over the knee of Jeff, & are now going home, content & grateful to hospitable and good-looking Hincks’s.

Wednesday-Friday, July 5-7, 1916. Elizabeth Dube & SH arrived in the middle of the afternoon. Chopped and brought in wood from Boneyard. Found porcupine on the roof; tried to get up courage to kill it; finally did hit at on the nose with the shovel as he descended, but he hopped up & waddled away. Just as supper was ready, the Judsons & Courtney Carroll arrived. All watched the sunset from the “White Cairn” & ate heartily of the good supper. To bed at 11:00. Porcupine began on climbing up the wall
and along the roof, & moaning & groaning on the piazza. Next day all went over the Knee of Jefferson; back same way. Tib arrived just in time for supper, which was enlivened by various visits from the friendly porc; ditto the entire night. He climbed up one side of the house, looking into all the windows; crooning plaintive serenades over the roof; and down the other side. Repeated ad. inf. July 7 spent house cleaning, cooking, watching haze fill the valleys. Big thunderstorm at night. Left an immaculate cabin at 11:30 in the clouds for the valley.

Monday-Tuesday, July 10-11, 1916. Donald ?Limpton?, Junior ?Temple?, & W.S. Creevey arrived 4:50, 2 hours & 50 min from Ravine house by Air Line, Short Line, Randolph Path and Lowe’s. Found mattresses & supplies sent up by M. Coulter. Stowed & put mattresses upstairs. Spent rest of afternoon gathering wood. Cloudy in evening [so] could not signal. No porc[upine] before bedtime, somewhat to our disappointment. To bed by 9:00. About 1 o’clock we were waked by the porcupine. He climbed over the roof & down on the porch. [We] went a-hunting. By the light of a pocket flash we saw him in the corner of the porch. Junior went after him right merrily with the heaviest of our walking sticks, & after a few good cracks on the nose porky turned up his toes. Left him till morning. July 11: Arose at 7:00, having intended to be up by 6:00. The first duty after breakfast was the burial of our victim. Finding rock just under the soil everywhere, we located a hole in the rock about 100 yards down C[arroll]’s Path, & a few yards off it entombed porky & sealed the mouth of the cave deep with moss & humus. Cleaned up and started about 9:15 for Ravine of the Cascades & Ravine House via Link. Incidentally, we only saw one mouse & heard none, & after killing the porcupine there wasn’t a sound. Hope he was the only offender. Before leaving we killed and chased out a large number of big, buzzing flies.

Wednesday, July 12, 1916. Looked in on Gray Knob at noon after coming up from our camp at Mossy Falls over Spur Path and the Bridges. Returning via Lowe’s. Best regards to the Hincks’s from two of Carroll’s friends. [Signed:] Edward E. Curtis, Robert D. French (both of New Haven, Conn).

Wednesday-Tuesday, July 12-18, 1916. Helen M. Crothers (Cambridge, Mass), Katrina M. Brewster (Portland, Me), Edith B. Jackson (Colorado Springs, Colo). Started up Wednesday. Stopped at Spur Cabin en route during a thunder storm. Arrived here just previous to a second series of thunder rain storms, and were welcomed by the “two of Carroll’s friends”, who were brewing tea on alcohol [stove] while waiting for the storm to pass. The wood was damp, but fortunately they had cut and carried in some extra logs before the second soaking rain. Our first meal was cozy & laughing, as all others were. Friend Porc appeared at 12:00 m and 1:00 am to soothe our slumbers, but was frightened away by Tibby’s thumping a stool. After a late breakfast, we climbed the old Lowe’s (Spur) Trail up Adams, where it was cold in the clouds and breezes. We descended to Madison Hut, and made an ever memorable acquaintance: Mr. Dukette. John and Mary Campbell, with whom we had a pleasant chat on the Parapet, gave us a friendly warning not to start off home in the clouds, which were enveloping us. But we assured them that, although in the log we had signed ourselves as inhabitants of Kansas, Texas, Arizona and Oregon, we knew the way perfectly, and besides, “Uncle Charles” would be waiting for us. The clouds let loose on us, and we hastened over the rocks in drenching silence, except when Katrina optimistically called our attention to the Lightening of the clouds, which some of didn’t see, but as optimistically answered. Thunder rolling near quieted us again. On the old (Spur) Lowe’s Trail once more, we came out of the raining clouds and saw a beautiful sight, indescribably, in the clearing valleys and ridges below us, like “the creation of the world out of chaos” (Tibby). We slept sound this second night, and Porcy didn’t come. Friday found us started late again, down through the woods via a Hincks-blazed trail to the Ravine of the Cataracts. The flies were “----able” (Katrina). At the Cascade [Camp] hut, by the side of the falls, we met a man with spectacles on, who wished us “good day”. At the Perch, we met another man sitting in a smudge, who later overtook us, and, on EMH’s request, showed us the short cut from Randolph Path to Carroll’s [path]. We scrambled away from him in in fear as he blew his whistle, for his ?passage? we thought. Later we learned he was a kindly guide, and not a villain of the woods. Porcy called again this night, and got a blow on the back, and left some quills on the club wielded by EMH. Saturday was a domestic day. We washed our clothes, and scrubbed the house, and cut wood, enough for the rest of our stay. In the afternoon we received callers, Mr. &
Mrs. O’Brien, who brought mail and food and news from the world below. We had beef steak and macaroni for supper, and a game with Porcy afterwards, in which Dorothy O’B nearly slew him, but hit the tree instead. In place of our usual eight o’clock green fire signal from the Signal Place, we held a glowing red rocket from the Cairn, to herald the safe arrival of the O’Bs. (Recess in the days’ account) [Followed by doggerel:] “One Night - July 12” A porcy would a-gnawing come, In the evening dark. / The ladies sure were sleeping some, / But in the silence - hark! / A banging noise. We woke with fear / And bad tastes in the mouth. / “Oh Tibby, there’s a man ‘round here, / Or something more uncouth!” / “Oh, have no fear, the noise is mine; / I’m banging on a stool. / The porcy’s chosen his usual time / To pay a call -- The fool!” Sunday, July 16. The O’B’s, Katrina and Helen went to Washington and back, in clouds most of the way. Monday. Katrina, Edith and EMH went to Upper Crag and then, leaving Edith Weltere near the Gulfside, Katrina & EMH went on to the Hut at Madison. Came back about 7:30 to find the loafers had supper ready for us, and had themselves been supped off of by the flies all day. Swell games in the evening. Tuesday. The O’B’s and Katrina & Helen went down the Six Husbands, through the Great Gulf for Glen and Randolph. Edith and EMH worked on cleaning the cabin, and left for Randolph about three. We hate to go. P.S. Had better explain that Mrs. O’Brien was neé Dorothy [Cutter] Dole.

**Saturday-Tuesday, July 15-18, 1916.** A delightful visit to Gray Knob. A trip to Mt. Washington from here the 16th. We heartily recommend Gray Knob to honeymooners as well as to others. Many, many thanks to the Hincks for their kindness and hospitality. [Signed:] Mr. & Mrs. Frank O’Brien (Andover, Mass).

**Thursday, August 10, 1916.** Suzanne B. Colton (Bryn Mawr, Penn) & Elizabeth Hincks came up from Randolph and arrived at seven. Met Mr. [John H.] Boothman & son [Harold], & Mr. [Eldredge] Blood outside the cabin. Very clear, cold, blustery night.

**Friday, August 11, 1916.** Worked. Left for Carroll’s Path, & Randolph Path to climb Jeff, perhaps. Maybe will come back by Nowell’s Ridge. [Later unsigned doggerel:] “Tibby is a maiden of credit and renown. / She brought me to the cabin way up from Randolph town. / It was a horrid job I’m sure, for I did pant & blow, / And she did have to push with zeal to make me upward go. / But when at last we got here, my heart was filled with glee. / For by the saints above us, a fair sight did I see. / I saw the little cabin, all gray without & in, / And all the mountains round about, & I did shout & grin. / Under eighteen pairs of blankets we snored that night with east. / For the winds were very blust’ry , & ice-like was the breeze. / Next day, however, in the sun, we walked with eager joy, / Along a rooty pathway made by a rooty boy. / We passed by aging gentlemen, & cherry pies & such. / We walked & drank & ate & sat & laughed we very much. / We wandered over boulders, & lay on meadows steep. We met a boy on Adams whose face looked like a sheep. / Perhaps his soul is pure & sweet, but never shall we know, / For off he went with faltering step, into the mists below. / He had a parcel with him, composed of just 4 things: / a nightshirt & a toothbrush & two small diamond rings. / “Poor thing,” we said, “poor silly thing,” & onward we did tramp, / Until along by sunset time we finally reached our camp. / And there, by gum, was Sarah, who with supper, lo, did wait. / It was the tastiest bit of food that ever Have I ate. / But then, of course, you know this lass, her beauty & her grace. / But now I swear her cooking is as handsome as her face! / O, Tibby, now I thank you, you’ve been a saint to me. / And if I work like Sarah’s friends, is there a chance maybe /That you may ask me up again, to climb these rugged rocks, / To slide down cliffs & drink from springs & kill black flies in flocks? / For I have had the bestest time that ever human had. / And now I say with tears & sobs, “I’ve known you and I’m glad!!!” [Later:] SH up from the valley. A lovely day. Brought in wood & combatted flies in the Boneyard. EMH & SBC [Suzanne Colton] went down to the Tip of the Knee, back via Gulfside, summit of Adams and Lowe’s Path at 6:45. A lovely moon from the Cairn, with many clouds that turned to rain so soon as we got to bed.
Sunday, August 13, 1916.  Up at 6:30 to go down.  Temperature only 36°, and a cold, cold rain to go down in.  A joke on us, for we waited over yesterday so as to go down on a pleasant day.  Left about 9:30.  Caught 4 mice at same time.  We’ve also washed the dishes.

Wednesday, August 16, 1916.  3:00 pm.  From RMC picnic at Cascade Camp.  [Signed:] Arthur Stanley Pease (Urbana, Ill), William Faxon Otis (Boston).


Sunday, September 10, 1916.  Jean S. Pond & Olga Halsey from the Ravine House called.  Found the cabin very tidy and lonesome, ate their luncheon at the White Cairn, and so to the woods again.  [Later:] L.I. Wood (Boston) looked in and admired the completeness.  Proceeded to Spur Trail.

Wednesday, September 13, 1916.  “My positive is an untamed Quadruped, / My comparative an untamed Biped.”  Guess Who.  [Later:] The undersigned arrived yesterday about 3:30 from Randolph, paying a formal call on Mrs. Torrey at Spur Cabin en route.  The night was warm & comfortable, as the black flies did not discover our presence until this morning.  We found new stove reposing on the dinner table & we set it up, all but the stove pipe.  [Note:] “The old stove sang its swan song thru the tea kettle’s nose, / while our supper on top did quietly repose.”  [Signed:] Mrs. Cornelia A. Upton, Mrs. Stanley Coulter, Miss M. Frances Babcock, Margaret F. Upton, Bertram Willcox, Alan Willcox.  [Doggerel:] To Stove.  “Friends, look with awe upon this revered pile; / It was a stove!  But now ‘tis mouldering fast.  / A sheet-iron thing has come, by none surpassed / In artless crudity, but this can ne’er beguile // With heated tin of which we’ll not make trial.  / Our faith in this old relic of the past, / Of an ancient, noble order we’re the last, / Who know to coax Its fire for endless while.  // Here’s to thee, stove of olden time.  What bliss / Can equal that of balancing thy lid / And kicking shut thy door, which opes again / Or tips the potage up! What frightful hiss! // Old memories flock, these things we did when kids / So weep for him, whom others all disdain.”  [Later.  Signed:] Elizabeth T. Hincks, Jean S. Pond, Alice Arnold, Isabel H. Arnold, Margaret H. Arnold, Caroline T. Hincks, Ada H. Arnold.  [Followed by:] Gray Knob’s Soliloquy.  “Oh, how well do I remember / Thirteenth day of fine September / After Upton’s farewell tender.  / When up came the yearly mender / With Miss Jean Pond, Cheer Expender.  / But alas, none with suspender.  / Were they discouraged, those two trampers? / As they are the old style campers, / Out they boosted stove & dampers, / Tender pot or seasoned stampers.  / Then they mixed a soda biscuit / Wondering if they dared to risk it / Upon rolls & browned hike triscuit.  / Then came *Smith, with *Brady, his kit / Hung the stove pipe, still a mis-fit.  / September fourteenth by the brook dell / The
Arnolds came with porters swell / With birthday child, sweet Isabel. / Everything was mixed pell mell. / T’was baked & eaten ere it fell / A birthday cake with cranberry jell’. *[Note: Nelson Smith and Hugh Brady from Crag Camp.]


Monday-Tuesday, September 18-19, 1916. [Extended doggerel:] “Verses must I, the Muse deserted, write / Wherewith Gray Knob’s kind shelter to requite? / Easier much to hew the trees and split the wood, / To fetch the water and cook the food, / To milk the canned cow and bring the butter, / With saw, or nail and hammer, putter, / to tend the hungry stove and sweep the floor, Or put my ready hands to any other chore. // Yet had I been born with the poet’s quill, / Not with this prosy fountain pen been cursed, / I would gladly use my little skill / Singing Gray Knob’s praises among the first. // The valleys many comforts left behind, / Through drizzling rain and chilling wind, / We struggled slowly up the rugged trail / From the world shut out by misty veil. // Drenched with showers from shaken bough and brush / And springs that underfoot from moss did gush. // Welcome, the, was the cheering sight / Of this cozy cabin of the Hincks’, / Snuggling warm beneath its Gray Knob light, / A friendly place that by its memory links / Us to our kindly host, / Whose friendship we long would boast. // And now, restored by food and warmth and sleep, / Ere we start a-down the slippery steep, / Feeling cautious way through enshrouding fog, / We leave this record in your famous log. // Long shall wife and 1 remember / The eighteenth day of this September.” [Signed:] Charles J. O’Connor, Julia Haines O’Connor (Washington).


Monday, September 25, 1916. First and final visit of the season. Arrived at 10:30 via Spur Cabin, and spent day in adjusting stove pipe and putting on the winter shutters. Down at 4:00 pm via Crag Cabin. [Signed:] CC Hincks.

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Thursday, June 21, 1917. Cabin opened by S. Howe, Mary Fox, Madelline Hunt and EM Hincks, all recent A.B.’s, 1917. Large patch of snow back of the cabin; thermometer down to 39°. Mice had spent a pleasant winter in Mrs. Hincks’ super mattresses. Hence, what appeared to be a fall of snow (cotton batting) in the “front yard”. The new Tin Lizzie [is] everything that Mr. Baxter claims for her -- after a little coaxing & constant feeding. E. Hincks & the one real tourist in the party went snow-sliding on Mt. Jefferson on the way home from Washington. The “backsliders” were kept from Jefferson’s Knee by more snow; therefore returned to the cabin to keep Lizzie from feeling neglected. June 23. Came down at 7:30 am, E. Hincks having cleaned the yard of cotton batting.


Wednesday, July 11, 1917. “A Logey Logarithm” (with apologies to Miss Amy Lowell). “My wife / Of ten days / Is washing the dishes / After breakfast. / (Should a wife of ten days / Wash dishes?) / And I, poet by your leave, / Munching whole wheat crackers / For inspiration / And delectation / Indite. // 4½ / (is that right?) / Attained by Randolph Path / And Lowe’s Path / And the White Cairn. / Tired? / No! // Supper / And dinner, / Simultaneously! / Gladsome sensation / Of victualling up / On bacon / And other things. // 8:00 pm. / But the red fire was / Wet. / And wouldn’t burn. // Night / And the log to read / By
yellow candle light. // Bed. / A companionable mouse, / Brown with white splotches / And a wiry tail / Nibbles chocolate / Intermittently. // Omelet / ! / For breakfast. / Surely the soul of the Tin Lizzy / Went into the ethereal texture / Of that omelet. // One disappointment -- / No porcy / Called. // How it is good / To be married / And alone on the top of the world -- / We two!” [Signed:] Sharon O. Brown, Elizabeth E. Brown.

Wednesday-Friday, July 18-20, 1917. Dr. EY Hincks, Mrs. Hincks, Tottalline [Caroline] Hincks, Misses “Essy” and M. Judson came up the Amphibrach. Next day T, E and M went over to the side of Washington. July 20. The wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Hincks. Tottie left us early for a Red Cross lesson in the valley, and we go down King’s Ravine. MJ to SH: “To the absent, fair and dear, / Greetings from those who are here.”

Sunday, July 29, 1917. “Me and my wife, / Him and his wife / We four, no more, Amen.” [Unsigned, by calligraphy looks the same as that in the Brown’s entry of July 11.] [Later:] Up from Spur Cabin for after breakfast exercise. Back to Spur via Crag Camp. [Signed:] Mr. [Clifton] & Mrs. [Mabel] Snell.

Friday, August 3, 1917. From Spur Cabin by Lowe’s Path, arriving at about 12:30. Should have been delighted to find any of our Hincks friends at home [but] failing in that we enjoyed the hospitality of the porch, and spring water for our lunch. After a rest shall leave by the White Cairn, and Lowe’s Path, upward, then return to Spur Cabin for the night. Your old friends and neighbors. [Signed:] Mary H. Moore, George F. Moore.

Saturday, August 4, 1917. “Two honeymooners” & a guide and a fellow traveller enjoyed a splendid day at Gray Knob. [Signed:] Mr. [Robert E.] and Mrs. [Isabel] R. E. Blood (Lynn, Mass), Ralph E. Hunt (guide), Daniel Underhill “FT” (Jericho, L.I.).


Tuesday, August 7, 1917. [Signed:] S[arah] E[лизabeth] (“Essy”) Judson, Emil J. Baumann. [Later:] Miss Essy Judson, Dr. Baumann, Margaret and Marjorie Hanna, Caroline Hincks and Margaret Judson came up the Amphibrach at various rates of speed on Monday. Tuesday. Miss Essy & Dr. B. over to Washington, aiming for the Lakes of the Clouds; the rest of us in the cabin for the day, and on the Knob for the night. Much scratched leg and moonlight coming back at three in the morning. Down on August 9th, very leisurely on account of aforementioned legs. Witness my hand and seal: M.J. [also] Hanna Hincks (Pete, Peg, Poodles) at 9:30 am. [Usual doggerel:] “Margaret, Margaret, do you hear. / Do give me the shawl neath your right ear! / I’m shaking as if I had the plague, / And I do feel like a soft boiled egg.” [Signed:] Poodles.

Thursday-Saturday, August 16-18, 1917. Prof., Capt [Carroll]., Mother, Sarah, Elizabeth & Caroline Hincks arrived via Montevideo Path from [RMC] Cascade [Camp] picnic. August 17: Cloudy & rainy. August 18: Cloudy & rainy. Down to valley again in the pm. We had hoped to accomplish grand things on the peaks, but the weather caused our achievements to be only of the household [variety]. Friday afternoon the family was aroused by father’s voice calling ecstatically from the signal place. “Oh Tibby. Quick. Come here! Well, well, what a spectacle.” We all ran from different directions and squeezed ourselves onto the little pinnacle, and craned our necks to see – a blank wall of fog. “See that radiant cloud,” pointing to one as big as a blueberry. “How the dickens did it get that radiance?”

Wednesday, August 22, 1917. Up with a load of food and a scrub brush. Anticipating the arrival of Miss Florence Potter! Down again same afternoon. [Signed:] Tibby.

Friday, August 31, 1917. “Mrs. Pogg and Helen Gray / Came to GK this same day. / Sarah & Ann Arbor guest (see above) / Later ‘chieved the lofty nest.

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Monday, September 3, 1917. Three hours from the Summit House via Westside, Gulfside, Randolph and “Carroll’s” trails. Regret not seeing our hostess, but many thanks for rest and lunch table. 2:30, leaving for Randolph. [Signed:] Charles H. Blatchford, Daniel Bliss.

Friday, September 7, 1917. Margaret S. Winslow, Flora E. Burton. [Doggerel:] “I sing the praises of the Pool / In summer heat ‘tis smart and cool. / But when degrees are 28 (Fahrenheit), / O, then the Pool is simply great!” (How sorry I am for all the people there must be in the world who never spent a week at Gray Knob!) [Signed:] Florence B. Potter, Sarah Hincks: Aug 31-Sept 8, 1917.


1918

Wednesday, May 15, 1918. Guy B. Weeks (Ellsworth, NH), Geo. F. Stillings (Meadows, NH).

Sunday-Monday, June 16-17, 1918. Arrived 7:15 pm. Opened cabin, which was found in excellent condition. Then a long, long sleep. The 17th proving showery, we puttered around till afternoon, then home by Lowe’s Path. [Signed:] Carroll C & Sarah Hincks.

Saturday-Tuesday, August 3-5, 1918. Three bully-boys (SE Judson, Courtney Carroll, Caroline Hincks) and a flower of the languishing smelling-salts early 18th century, G. I. Carroll arrived about 5 pm taking only 5 hours for the trip, the flower having shown a disposition to take root in her native forests every few steps of the way. One further proof that she really is the fragile, feminine creature loved of our grandfathers is that she consumed for dinner only 5 lbs. of butter, 4 doz. eggs, 3 hogsheads of ale, 18 sausages, 1-1/2 cheeses. Nil nisi bonum mortuis. On Sunday Adams was climbed. At another time a group resembling 4 Capt. Hooks played quartet canfield by a guttering candle in the dead of night, while the very mountains roared with their nautical oaths (“Odds blood, that’s my ace,” and “By the Aingo Jingo, you can’t put a queen on a ten!!”) [Signed:] G. I Carroll (Chicago, Illinois).

Thursday-Friday, August 15-16, 1918. Arrive around 4:30 pm, a party of five: Dr. EY Hincks, Mrs. EY Hincks, Elizabeth (she got here quite awhile before the rest and went on up to the top of Adams) Hincks, Caroline Hincks, Mrs. J.H. Westcott, Mary D. Westcott. The next day we went by the Gulfside Path over to Washington and had cocoa at the stage office. We were in a cloud all the time on Washington, but as soon as we got near Clay we were out and it cleared off beautifully, having started a cloudy day. Dr. Hincks stayed home and chopped wood. A party of ten came up from the valley to call by way of Crag Cabin. P.S.: Mrs. Westcott went down at 8:30, Elizabeth at 9:15. Mary W. and Caroline H. left for home at 11:30 via Nowell Ridge & the Hut. Mr. & Mrs. H. [stayed] and cleaned & scrubbed & scoured & swept & smoked until about 3 pm. Then they began to amble home. Note: The sunset of the 16th was one of surpassing beauty. The western mountains & ponds were “apparelled in celestial light, the glory & the freshness of a dream”. Scarlet Clouds.

Monday, August 19, 1918. 4:00 pm, Down Adams by Lowe’s Path. [Signed: Isabel H. Arnold, Hazel deBerard, Mary Peabody Williamson (Cleveland, Ohio), W.R. Arnold. [Later:] Sarah & Caroline Hincks came up by way of the Six Husbands Trail, having walked all the way from Randolph.
Darkness was about to overtake us, so we came to Gray Knob. Down to Randolph Mt. Club picnic next morning. Question: Can we make it?!

**Wednesday, August 21, 1918.** 5:10 pm. The Torreys, via the Crags, returning to Spur Cabin by Lowe’s Path. Sorry not to find the family at home.

**Wednesday, August 28, 1918.** Courtney & Godwin Carroll, Mary Hurlbutt, Elizabeth & Margaret Judson came up yesterday by the Randolph Path. We go back today by King’s Ravine. (In the refrigerator is bacon fat.)

**Friday, August 30, 1918.** Elithabizz Hinx & Jill Westcott came up at noon, went down too soon.

**Monday, September 2, 1918.** [Signed in:] R. Wood (Randolph, NH), Ray Chapman (Boston), R.C. Wolcott (Nutley, NJ) with many thanks!

**Friday-Sunday, September 6-8, 1918.** Flora Burton, Helen Masters, Miss Potter; Annie, Sarah, Elizabeth, Caroline Hincks. Miss Potter and Sarah came the day before, not arriving until 10:10 pm!!!, but lived to tell the tale. Hung around amidst the clouds the next day. Miss Potter & Sarah going down in the afternoon. A baby owl was much interested in the signalling. Next day, Sunday, off towards Washington (?) (Will we get there?) Planning to go down Tuckerman’s Ravine. **Bacon on shelf on Piazza.**

**Sunday, September 8, 1918.** Effie Wood ‘18, A. Frances Wood, Leona Hanchelt, Katherine A. Wood, R. Wood.

**Saturday, September 14, 1918.** C. F. Jehlen (Randolph) came up at 12:30 pm. Stayed about an hour. Intended to go to “The Perch”, then down the “Ravine of the Cascades” to Bowman Station. Left here at 1:35 pm. Many thanks for use of facilities. [Signed:] C.F. Jehlen.

**Wednesday, September 25, 1918.** EMH and Katrina M. Brewster came up from Randolph, arriving at about 3:00 pm. Ate our lunch out on the White Cairn, and sat there watching the clouds till supper time. Lovely, clear evening, though rather cool. In the middle of the night we were awakened by a howling wind, and heard snow pattering down on the roof. Before morning we realized that it was a tremendous blizzard.

**Thursday, September 26, 1918.** Slept until 9:30 and awoke to find the blizzard continuing, and everything covered with snow. The trees were beautiful laden down with snow, and we felt as if we were in Norway in the middle of winter. The snow was about a foot deep. After breakfast we worked until 3:00 pm getting wood for the fire. The rest of the day we sat around the stove. In the evening we read Emerson’s essays: “Oversoul,” and “Compensation”. The thermometer registered about 25°. Rain during the night.

**Friday, September 27, 1918.** Awoke with the temperature 18°. Rain had stopped and the sun was trying to shine. Spent the morning cleaning up the cabin, putting away blankets and putting on the shutters. Headed down Lowe’s Path, and if weather is favorable will go down Ravine of the Cascades; otherwise directly home to Randolph. Snowing slightly.

**Tuesday, December 24, 1918.** Down from summit of Adams. [Signed:] R. Wood [Harvard] ‘22 (Randolph, NH), A.E. Bent ‘22 (Boston, Mass).

**Friday, December 27, 1918.** Staying at Crag Camp. [Signed:] R. Wood ‘22 (Randolph, NH), Arthur Bent (Boston, Mass).
Monday-Wednesday, July 21-23, 1919. Porkies chewed their way in during the winter and ate up most of the cabin and its contents. Housing conditions were extremely bad when we first arrived. Messers Lowe and Milner put chicken wire around the foundations and mended the floor. [Signed:] Elizabeth McShane (Phila. Pa.) Susan L. Buckland (New Haven, Conn), Caroline T. Hincks & EMH came up and house-cleaned the wreck. On the 22nd it rained off and on all day and the party scrubbed and chopped. Had a visit from an infant porcupine at night. EMH spanked him smartly with an axe head and he went home. Left at 12:45 July 23rd for the Castles and Bowman.

Tuesday, August 5, 1919. “Ted” & “Micky” & W.S. Creevey arrived at 4:00 pm very wet. It stopped raining just as we arrived at the Cabin. Everybody’s boots leaked, even one of the packs was a little wet inside. Drying operations set in & continued till bed time, five minutes after which Mr. Porc arrived on the porch. Attacked him, but the first crack hit on his neck, & he waddled away. No sign of mice, except we carelessly left a package of raisins out, & it was bitten through next morning. Couldn’t signal -- too hazy.

Wednesday, August 6, 1919. Woke up to the cheerful patter of rain on the roof. Everything dry, & lots of wood burned. Between showers we went for wood. Didn’t burn so much. Only needed fire for cooking; no more drying to do. Rained off & on all day. The teapot & one stew pot leak. Cleaned up fire in evening. Signaled at 8:45. Didn’t see any answer. Beautiful moonlight night.

Thursday, August 7, 1919. Cloudy; a little drizzle by 9 o’clock. Going down to Randolph.

Thursday-Friday, August 7-8, 1919. “Gray Knob.” “Though the path is rough and ready, / And the climbing rather steep, / The cabin’s mighty homelike / And a dandy place to sleep. // The cliff is great for snoozing, / And the trails are extra good, / And the water’s nearly freezing, / And you have the best of food. // You may climb the side of Adams, / Or to Madison may go. / And if you’re here in winter / There’s sure to be some snow. // Then here’s to you old Gray Knob, / And the best of luck to you. / May you be happy and contented / All the coming years through.” [Signed:] Edith Clark. [Also:] Hubert Lyman Clark, Frances L. S. Clark, William Smith Clark, Janet Stirrat Clark, Carroll C. Hincks, Elizabeth T. Hincks.

Saturday, August 9, 1919. Florence G. Sears, Charles B. Sears (both of Buffalo, NY); Ada H. Arnold, Margaret H. Arnold, William R. Arnold (all of Cambridge, Mass).

Saturday-Monday, August 9-11, 1919. Tibby, Annie Thorp, Carroll Hincks & Helen Crothers came up late Sat. pm. Had supper near top of Adams. After meal came back to Gray Knob & Carroll H left us and went down. A band of porcupines came, but after banging against wire, departed. August 10: Tibby & Annie T. went over to Madison, leaving H.M.C. in sole possession. In pm we all read David Copperfield out on cairn. PM very smoky and red. Talked till 1:00 pm on the universe. Peaceful non-porcupine night. August 11: Just finished breakfast when Carroll H arrived. He left us for Jefferson. The rest of us spend the day near the cairn. Many visitors came by [including] one gentleman whom we believed to be THE “John Abbot”. Later, about supper, Caroline came, & Carroll H came back. An hour or two was spent in coaxing the “fool proof” stove to burn. Finally we cooked a fine meal over a brazier. Carroll H, Tibby & H.M.C. slept outside on the gray knob. A full moon, & all very beautiful. Berlin never went to sleep. After an hour Carroll H retired to loft, & later destroyed a young porcupine. Tibby & H.M.C. stayed out & saw the sun come up. Breakfast again a 2-hour process on the Barter arrangement. Carroll H & Caroline went home by ?Lion/Twin? Boulder Trail. The others down to Randolph.

Saturday, August 22, 1919. Lunch at Gray Knob! Margaret M. Link, Margaret S. French, Edward E. Curtis, Thomas Means, Robert D. French.

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Thursday, August 28, 1919. Arrived at Gray Knob eight thirty in evening: Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth Hincks, Carroll Hincks, Margaret and Robert French. Ate hugely, and eventually these slept. Showery morning. Loafed and ate. In afternoon Carroll, Bob & M. went up Adams. After supper, while all except SH were watching sunset, Helen Morton & Marcus Morton, Jr. arrived, bringing mail, which caused much profanity on C’s part. Great night. Early start [next morning] at ten o’clock. The Mortons to summit and down Bridle Path. The rest down Six Husbands and out Great Gulf to Glen House, where Mrs. Hincks & Ford are expected at five o’clock.

Friday, September 19, 1919. Caroline Hincks & Elisabeth Judson came up to close Gray Knob. Some job! 10:45: Off to Sphinx (maybe) to meet mother with Dimples at Glen House.

Saturday, October 4, 1919. William Northrop Morse. Through the fog, found the haven. Oct. 5: 8:25 am. Missed rooming with the porcupine which I read such fascinating accounts of in prose (and poetry) last night by light of candle. I thank you deeply for the night here; fell asleep to the thrumming of the rain on the roof. Morning foggy but enchanting, as about 6:30 the veil lifted a few minutes and the lovely outline of the mountains came forth. Starting for Randolph Path by Carroll’s Cut-off. Trying for Washington if fog permits. Au revoir.

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Tuesday, July 13, 1920. Mr. ?Creevey? Mickey, accompanied by Miss McDonald and Miss Gibbs, from Ravine House came up to inspect and report. Found the cabin in good condition, no porkies had got in. Left a little food, and returned to Randolph in the afternoon.


Sunday, July 18, 1920. Warmed by the sun and wet by the rain, we arrived for the feast true at Gray Knob. Hope it may not be the last! Sarah insists that we start home now, so that she may carry out private plans of her own, so my “poem” is, perchance, cut short. [Signed:] Frances T. Bernard, E[mil] J. Baumann, E[lisabeth] J[udson] Baumann. Left for home around 11:00 am. [Signed:] Caroline T. Hincks, Sarah Hincks.


Tuesday, August 17, 1920. Elizabeth McShane, Eleanor Upton, Ruth Morgan spent the night. Left at 8:00 am [next morning]. Crazy about the cabin.

Thursday, August 19, 1920. Lina Ware, Isabel H. Arnold, EMH & Katrina M. Brewster. Came up last night and have gone over to the Great Gulf for the day. Will be back by supper time.
Friday, August 20, 1920. Supper time was elastic, and we returned by moonlight after many adventures. We were greeted on the Gulf Side by many collegiate friends. Tibbe’s [sic] was a gentleman friend from China. Cleaned up Greenough Spring & left poetic reminder. Down Head Wall of Great Gulf, where Tibbie collected a flower garden on her back. (This path is traversable only by sitting in the brook & letting it push you down.) Considered swimming in Spalding Lake, but found it too shallow for nymphs. Some passers by had taken 2 hrs to come down Sphinx & said trail was very obscure, but advised following the brook. We did, & found a blaze here & there to guide us through underbrush & blow-downs. Reached top in 1 hr & a quarter from Great Gulf Trail. Feasted on what was left of lunch. Walked home by an orange sun on the bright red side of Jefferson. Discussed supper menu & state of our feet, & water falls on the Sphinx Trail. Stumbled over Hincks Path by new moon. Supper was perfect, & so was bed.

This morning we are indulging in what might be called an “orgy” of cleaning. Consequently the cabin & ourselves, all but the clothes we are in, are in immaculate state. Will return by Castle Ravine Head Wall to see why the valley didn’t signal last night, & whether the Wares & the Arnolds got our 3 messages sent from the Gulf Side, to the effect that we spent last night safe in Gray Knob. Amen.

Monday, August 23, 1920. Arrived via Randolph Path, Spur Cabin, Crag Camp, & Carroll’s Cut-off. [Signed:] C.C. Stearns. [Later:] Percy and Olive Ware Bridgman were with CCS in the arrival that C recorded above. They left at 8 o’clock today (24th Aug) via the Cutoff & Randolph Path, etc. to Adams, en route home by the Hut. On Spur Trail, nearing the Lower Crag, I slipped & fell heavily, trying to smash a rib or two. As a result, I go out today instead of remaining a second night. [Signed:] C.C. Stearns.

Tuesday, August 24, 1920. Willa Roberts and *Adele McKinnie arrived at 5:30 from Wash[ington] by the Lowe’s Path, which we found strenuous at the end of a populous day on Adams & Jefferson. All of *V.C. was there. *[Note: Adele McKinnie was Vassar College, 1909]

Friday, August 27, 1920. “Bess and Tib and the Mortons three / Have had an uncommonly grand old spree. / Ate vegetable soup and chard by the yard / And in spite of it all they thrived and grew hard. / (But it takes a deal more to inspire a bard! / Sing “Muffins and mountains and afternoon tee(hee)). // Now Friday’s a notably unlucky day, / For we all must go when we all would stay. //Alas! Alack! // But although the guests will be far, far away, / They’ll live in hopes for the Hinckses to say / They may some day come back.” [Signed:] R. Wood (Randolph, NH), R. Simonds (Randolph, NH).

Saturday, August 28, 1920. “A party of five / At last did arrive / At Gray Knob cabin. / The next day three hurried / But were almost buried / By the rain and the fog and the wind.” [Signed:] Eleanor Harrison (New Haven, Conn), Ross Harrison (New Haven, Conn), Ross G. Harrison, Frances F. Bernard (Minneapolis, Minn), M.M. Bernard.

Monday-Friday, August 30-September 3, 1920. S. Hincks and F. B. Potter arrived about 4:00 pm coming on the Amphibrach & the Cut-off. Clouds settled down after sunset so that no signal could be sent. Rain intermittently the two following days. Cleared finally on Sept. 2. Beautiful northern lights the evening of Sept. 3rd. Went down Sept 3rd at 11:00 am.

Thursday, September 2, 1920. Henry A. Perkins and Henry A. Perkins, Jr (Hartford, Conn). Two bedraggled tramps -- Witness the wood pile!

Friday, September 3, 1920. Richard Wood brought a mattress Tuesday, Professor Perkins and Henry [Perkins, Jr] had lunch with us Thursday, and Mr. Pray and his party called on us at 9:15 am Friday. Pine warblers in a flock, juncos, rabbit and mice were intermittent callers. Thank you, kind Professor and Mrs. Hincks, say we, for the happiest possible week. Down for a thankful Sunday.


Tuesday, September 14, 1920. [It's doggerel time.] “Gray Knob.” “The Cabin’s nice on rainy days. / It keeps you dry and warm. / It gives you time for indoor plays / And shelter from the storm. / The Cabin’s fine on drizzly days. / It keeps you warm and dry. / It lets you sit around and laze / And watch the stove fire’s sizzling blaze / And feed up Ellen’s fantan craze / And wait for more blue sky. // The Knob for mine in sunny weather / When every sky is blue / And every foot feels like a feather / And yanks against its indoor tether / And yearns for mountain pastures new, / Fresh fields of blueberries, cranberries too, / On Adam’s sides that grew. / Then cease to scorch shoe leather / Around the stove and “rabbit” stew. / We’ll climb the Knob together, / You and me and I and you, / We’ll climb this Handsome Hill together, / For to admire the view. / ‘For to admire and for to see’. / It’s done a pile of good to me. / I hope the same to you.”

“One Fine Week - Sept 7-15, 1920” “We’ve hit the trail to Gray Knob / And rushed the cabin door. / We’ve smeared Miss Tibbie’s muffins / And clamored loud for more. / We’ve hiked the hills with Carroll, / Up King’s and down the Slide, / And hugged the Knee of Jefferson / And our brown knees beside. / Beside the stove we hugged ‘em, / On comfy rainy days, / While we hobnobbed with Emerson / And watched the bacon blaze, / And smelt those precious muffins, / Blueberry or cornmeal, / And whittled dish mop handles, / And beamed the fantan deal. // We’ve pulled the festive cranberry / We’ve chased the sweet black fly, / We’ve swam in pools of icebergs / (And wished that we could die). / We’ve seen the sights of Adams, / John and Maude and Sam, / And brought high hunger homeward / For Carroll’s Cudahy ham. // We’ve done the mountains proper. / And if it’s proper to, / Just as we love the mountains, / So, Hinckses, we love you!” [Signed:] G.

Wednesday, September 15, 1920. We have all had a very nice time at Gray Knob. Mother [Elizabeth Gallaudet], father [Herbert Gallaudet] and I thank you Uncle Carroll. [Signed:] Ellen Gallaudet. [Later:] Improvement Society formed: Mended saw horse; back step & rickety bench; put up hooks; carved dish mop handle and made candle stick from Castles path sign. Played cards with Ellen. Were too busy to record trip in Log. [Later.] Mr. & Mrs. Gallaudet & Ellen G. & Carroll C. left at 10:00 am for Six Husbands, Glen, and Charlie Buick.

Sunday-Monday, September 19-20, 1920. M. French, H. Means, Carroll Hincks, R.D. French, Douglas Smith. Little Willie arrived in rain. Tuesday awoke to find Mt. covered with snow. C. Hincks left before dinner, much to our regret. Monday: climbed Adams in snow. Remarkable sight. The only blot on the whole trip is the fact that the Hincks family was not represented for a sufficient length of time. The [drawing, not included] opposite is a futurist’s impressions of said scene. [Later:] H. Means armored for the great battle of the mice: 11:00 pm to 11:00 am, a long and fierce struggle.

Thursday, September 23, 1920. Elizabeth [Hincks], mother & daughter, left the Watsons at 2:30 [and] arrived at GK at 5:45 with a huge roll of zinc for covering chimney hole. Closed cabin & took down stove funnel, which had rusted thro’. Finis season 1920 on Sept. 24 in a very warm, sunny climate. Brilliant sunshine and clear skies. Slight haze over valley. Intensely warm and still not much color in foliage. Birch leaves withered by last week’s storm. A few crimson bushes up over Knob. It’s so balmy & soft we hate to leave the little cabin to be buried in snow.

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Saturday, July 2, 1921. Tibby & Caroline Hincks, Trixie Jones (Cambridge, Mass) arrived hungry, hot & tired, hoping to find a beautiful supply of food left from last year. Instead -- Ah, beautiful sight -- the cupboard was filled with salt, salt, salt! Dear little black flies enjoyed us immensely, and the stove lacked its stove pipe. As it is already getting dark, & we are starving, we are going to grope our way down the trail to HOME.

Thursday, July 21, 1921. We both hope that we have been true disciples of the Etheopian Doctrine, “Clear In, Clear Up, and Clear Out”. [Signed:] John E. Kerr, Jr, Hawthorne Denning.

Monday, July 25, 1921. Elizabeth Judson Baumann; Alice Kean Stockwell (Cleveland), Caroline T. Hincks (all Vassar College, 1924), came up from Randolph on July 23. They made muffins and deadly 100% cocoa moistened with a little Klim, which was poisonous enough to break any Volstead Act. It was diluted 50% each time. It somewhat affected the stomachs, spirits, & legs of the party. After a warm, quiet night, which was distended at the AM end by the children, whilst the elders beat the flies upon their brows, the party took its way over to Jefferson’s Knee. It sat for long on the perpendicular meadow and coasted down its green & glassy lengths. After another quiet night & flyey morn, the party left for Randolph at about eleven. [Signed:] Tibby. P.S. That nasty brown stuff in the bottle on the shelf over the washstand in the Hinck room is fly dope, and is quite successful.

Wednesday-Monday, August 3-8, 1921. S. Hincks & F.B. Potter arrived at 7:45. Stayed until August 8. Had beautiful weather, food, time. Fresh mayonnaise in the icebox. Most of our adventures were with the stove, and of a thrilling nature, including 2 batches of chocolate cake, muffins ad lib., Creole rice (baked with cheese and tomato sauce), tuna sufflé and cheese sufflé. (Note: the riffled egg beater is a dream.)

Tuesday, August 9, 1921. Arrived: Mrs. Coulter, Herbert Hill, Caroline & Mother Hincks, having a night of perfect peace.

Tuesday, August 16, 1921. Albert & Mabel Smith, Anne Smith, Catherine Smith, Frederick Smith.

Wednesday-Thursday, August 17-18, 1921. What is it? A moon. Oh, no!!! “A moon there was, a moon there be. / Why won’t that moon come shine for me? / How could I tell so far ahead / The damn old moon would go so dead?” [Signatures radiating around a small circle:] Caroline T. Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks, Margaret H. Arnold, Isabel H. Arnold, Effie May Wood, Herbert W. Hill, Irving B. Crosby, Art Bent, Richard C. Poole. “We’re going to start for Snake Boulder / Before we get an hour older. / “This trip,” says Poole, “It might have been worse, / If each one of us had gone home / In a pink satin hearse.”


Wednesday, August 24, 1921. EY Hincks, Mrs. Hincks and Carroll started up the Amphibrach at about 12:30. Carroll turned off at the Link. Found Miss J. S. Pond at the Cascade Camp, & they came to the cabin via Israel Ridge & the Cut-off. EYH & ETH came up the Amphibrach to the Spur. Remarkable sunset.

Friday, August 26, 1921. Still and warm. Mist veiling the Androscoggin valley. We leave for Randolph via Lowe’s Path & the Randolph Path. Everlasting beauty & peace at Gray Knob!

Thursday-Saturday, September 1-3, 1921. Up Amphibrach 1:20. Arrived in installments, last about 5:30. Sept 2: Over to Washington by Gulfside and Carroll’s Path. Caroline, Ed & the King home by Head Wall, Great Gulf & Jefferson’s Knee. Aunt Sarah, the chaperone, is a most wonderful cook, and we thank her very much, as well as all the Hincks family, for a great good time. [Signed:] Betty Skeele, Caroline T. Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth Walker Marshall, William Farish, Jr, Edward W. Marshall, “King” Alphin Gould, Hammond Blatchford. The first mountain trip for EWM, BF & BS.

Monday-Wednesday, September 5-7, 1921. “There hides a little cabin in the woods. / Glad are its walls and happy all its moods. / The sheltering trees lift up their boughs in loving care / And fairy incense wafts on fragrant air. // Above it loom the mountains great and strong / And echo answers to the happy throng / Who find a welcome ’round its glowing fire / As grateful hearts their tuneful songs inspire. // Oh, Gray Knob. We greet thee / And with regret we leave thee.” [Later:] “WE ARE SEVEN” [Signed:] Ellen Yale Stevens, Anna Fellows Chase, Paul Dudley Chase, Anna Fellows Chase, Jr, Elizabeth Dudley Chase, Henry Gordon Sweet, Richard Clement Poole. [Later:] Sept. 7: Ada H. Arnold, Elizabeth C. Carter: by Spur & Lowes, visiting the camps.

Wednesday-Friday, September 7-9, 1921. Knowing the high cost of paper, the very thrifty occupants of the Cabin on September 7, 8, 9, 1921 return to this half page for their log! Arrived 4:15 on Wednesday, Sept. 7, under fair skies and a fresh wind ablowing. Fought the stove, accomplished fire and tea by 5:15, and were joined at 5:30 by Isobel Arnold and Katharine Fowler, escorted by F. H. Chase up the west wall of King Ravine. F.H.C. descended to the alley, and 5 of us spent a glorious night in and out of Gray Knob, entertained outside by starlight and Northern Lights, inside by most vivacious mice! Sept 8: A second perfect day sent the 2 youngest members of the party across to Great Gulf & up headwall to Washington for the night, while we 3 spent a day of sheer blessedness in the beauty of the upper world. [Signed:] Jean S. Pond, Mary Chase, Sarah Dean, Alice Corey.

Friday, September 9, 1921. “Hear, in parting, our advice / For the treatment of these mice! / Would you catch a longed-for nap, / Put them all within a trap!” [Signed:] S.M.D., M.C., J.S.P., A.C. [Sarah Dean, Mary Chase, Jean Pond, Alice Corey].

Friday-Saturday, September 16-17, 1921. Betty Noyes, Margaret H. Arnold, Isabel H. Arnold, Ada H. Arnold, Mary B. Harris. “To a Stove.” “Smoke, smoke, smoke, smoke! / And hardly any flame, / And all the time our Izzie [Isabel] worked / To make more of the same. // Smoke, smoke, smoke, smoke / And not an eye was dry, / And Miggy [Margaret] sought a porch refuge / Whence she might view the sky. // For we were merry and glad then. / For we were merry and gay, / Until we wrestled with that stove / The mirth was far away.” [Signed:] B. Noyes.

Note: given the date, this entry appears out of sequence. Either the date is wrong, the note was entered retrospectively, or there is some influence of a malignant fairy at work. ABH Eleanor Weld & EMH alighted from the Boston Train at Bretton Woods at 5:00 pm, & were given a lift a couple of miles toward the base of Mt. Washington by a kindly choir master. Thence they proceeded up the Ammonoosuc Ravine Trail. It grew dark immediately, and the trail was kept by the aid of a candle (no lantern). They did very well until tree line was reached, but there was a breeze up there which kept extinguishing the candle. After lighting many matches and feeling of trees for ?thres? and patting the ground for a trail and cairns, the stalwart 2 gave up the candle, and walked the last quarter mile by the light of stars and Aurora Borealis. The Lakes of the Clouds was reached at 10:30 pm. After a sunrise from Monroe and a large breakfast, the 2 started up Washington and travelled
thence to Gray Knob. At Greenough Spring Uncle Charles Blatchford & Lawrence were encountered, and at Spaulding Spring, Margaret Upton. The 2 remained quietly at Gray Knob until the following afternoon, and then went down to the County Fair (Randolph).

Thursday, September 22, 1921. Tibby and Totty Hincks arrived at 12:00 noon, shut up the cabin, hurled spoilable food over cliffs, wrestled with obstinate shutters, and gorged on food that needed to be eaten. Off at 3:40 pm to valley via Knife Edge. END OF 1921 SEASON.

Saturday, October 1, 1921. Elizabeth T. Haskell (Berlin, NH), Eleanor F. Watson (Berlin, NH), Frances F. Hauson (Quincy, Mass), Fern B. Cook (Berlin, NH), Stanwood S. Hauson (Quincy, Mass) Arthur L. Watson (Berlin, NH), William O. Haskell, (Berlin, NH), W. L. Bennett (Berlin, NH), Ernest P. Cook (Berlin, NH), Walter G. Foss (Portland, Me), Dorothy L. Gooding (Hanover, NH), Willard M. Gooding (Hanover, NH). Very many thanks.


[There follows a mathematical derivation that won't be reproduced here.] That ghostly quantity per order “Velaef Joe” Berry. “We are happy, Tech is Hell. / T - E - C - N - O - L / O - G - Y /. Technology, Technology, Technology / ‘22 - ‘22 - ‘22.

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Saturday, May 27, 1922. On recommendation of Mr. John Boothman we have enjoyed the hospitality of this cabin three nights. Many thanks to Prof. Hincks for making it possible for Mrs. W. to enjoy crags and peaks otherwise unavailable without undue exertion. [Signed:] Mary Hartley Whiting, William J. Whiting (New Haven, Conn).

Monday, June 5, 1922. Revisited. Mr. and Mrs. N[elson], H. Smith (Crag Camp).

Monday, June 12, 1922. To the owner of this cabin, whoever he may be, and to a kindly Providence that directed new footsteps over an unknown trail through a June hailstorm to where we now are, three Dartmouth men pay their respect and tribute with the hope that somewhere, sometime, somehow, we may in some manner return the hospitality that has been ours. [Signed:] George E. Brooks (East Lynn, Mass), Douglas F. Weymouth (Orange, Mass), Edward C. Aitken (Groton, Mass).

Sunday, June 25, 1922. Allow a Harvard man to repeat the sentiments expressed on the preceding page by his contemporaries of Dartmouth, and add a long cheer for the unknown, absent host. Also to admire the planning of this cabin, which I hereby adopt as a model for the one I shall someday have to build myself. I leave with one regret, besides this ineffective way of giving thanks, that I broke the end of your broom handle on the head of a porcupine. [Signed:] Howard V. Bloomfield (Plainfield, NJ).

Monday, July 3, 1922. The E. J. Baumanns thank their “absent host” for 2 drinks of water.

Thursday, July 6, 1922. Miss Caroline Hincks brought three greenhorns [interjection:] (Speak for yourself) up for their first taste of mountain camping. She did most of the work, but ignorance did not prevent the greenhorns from having their full share and more of the pleasure. Three days on the Presidential range with two nights at the cabin form the bare record, which was illustrated by much photography by the scientist of the expedition. For details, consult the undersigned: T. M. Raysor, Ellen Devereaux Koopman, Bernard Osgood Koopman (Tottie’s photographer sc[ientist]), Caroline T. Hincks, the Fore
Woman.

Saturday, July 22, 1922.  CC Stearns, with Carroll C. Hincks, came in by Randolph Path (stopping to look over the new improvements at the Log Cabin) & Lowe’s.  Finding everything O.K., out by Cutoff to upper Randolph Path, Gulfside & back by Lowe’s, reaching Gray Knob at 7:00.  Signaled at 8:00.

Sunday, July 23, 1922.  We left in the fog at ten o’clock; straight out.  [Signed:] Charles C. Stearns.

[Later:] After renewing a friendship interrupted by an interposing continent, an intervening war, etc., for over fifteen years.  [Signed:] Carroll C. Hincks.

Monday, July 24, 1922.  APH, EMH, ETH.  Over two nights, making basis for hot water heater & porcupine discourager on piazza.

Thursday, July 27, 1922.  Great men are dying; I don’t feel well myself.  [Signed:] Duane J. Genre.

Wednesday-Thursday, July 26-27, 1922.  On July 26, five Jolly Jackrabbits arrived at Gray Knob cabin at 2:55.  The party was accompanied by the late [arriving] Mrs. A. S. Pease and a U. of Indiana soph, D. J. Genre.  The Jolly Jackrabbits are, namely: Miss Caroline Hincks, Mgr., Douglas Crary, Robert Hatch, Henrietta Pease, Catherine Smith, Frederick Smith.  [Later:] The night was spent in absorbing the sonorous snores of Mr. R. Hatch and applauding the giggles of Henrietta Pease.  Mrs. Pease spent a very comfortable night, watching for mice and listening to the noises made by her daughter, whom she mistook for Doug Crary.  It rained 45 minutes.  Nobody drowned.  Last call for breakfast.  Off for Madison Huts at 8:45.

Thursday, July 27, 1922.  Signals at eight.  Three Boutons arrived from the Hincks’s house at Randolph via Crag Camp, having missed the “mythical” Carroll’s Path.  After a pleasant night, we departed for the summit of Mt. Washington.  Sun glimmering through clouds makes us hope for a pleasant end to our walking trip (lifts!) from Intervale.  [Signed:] Elizabeth S. Bouton, May Innes Bouton, Mary S. Bouton.

Saturday-Monday, August 5-7, 1922.  Ellen Gallaudet here two days at dear old Gray Knob.  Leaving here today at 1:30 to go to the Ravine House in the fog and rain and doesn’t want to leave.  [Later:] The three Gallaudets arrived 6:00 pm from the Ravine House, Saturday, after a two years absence, were given a warm welcome by the new stove & a big wood pile.  Supper was the principal event of the evening followed by a lot of sleep.  Sunday morning we are headed for Washington, but clear skies tempted us to delay a day to climb all the Adamses & Madison.  Rain caught us on the way home & stayed with us all Sunday night & Monday morning, & promises to follow us down to the Ravine House after lunch.  Many, many thanks, Hinckses all, for these excellent two days.  [Signed:] Herbert D. Gallaudet.


Saturday, August 12, 1922.  We arrived at Gray Knob Camp from Randolph at six o’clock.  Our party was as follows: Rev. J. H. Quint, Mrs. Quint, and daughter (Chelsea, Mass), and Miss Annie L. Lane (Manchester, Mass).  After a gorgeous sunset from the lookout point, we had a good supper and retired for the night.  Sunday morning we climbed the peak of Adams by way of Lowe’s Path.  As it was windy on the summit, we descended a half-mile, and ate our lunch on a knoll below Sam Adams.  We departed Monday morning early, reaching Randolph via the Airline and Madison Huts, after having had a most glorious and memorable experience at Gray Knob.  [Signed:] Elizabeth Quint, Anne Leighton Lane, John H. Quint, Grace Lane Quint.  P.S.  Many thanks for the kind hospitality extended us in the perfect mountain camp.  E.Q.

Sunday, August 20, 1922. “T. & B. went up to play / All upon an August day. / When they landed at old G.K. / There were beaucoup knobs & the sky was gray.” [Later:] From Cascade Camp to GK in a cold, cold gray fog. Arrived soaking wet and stayed long enough to dry out. Heaven’s blessings on the Hinckses. [Signed:] Betty Means.


Tuesday-Wednesday, August 27-28, 1922. Mrs. Ingersoll, the Misses Ingersoll, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Hodge, Mr. [Alfred Eugene] Mudge, & Mast. Eugene Mudge left the foot of the mt. at 1:30. 8/27, and reached Gray Knob at 6:00 pm, a 3-1/2 hour climb. It was a glowering day, but did not rain until 8:00 pm, just as we set off the signal. We got an answer from the valley, the Trowbridges & Mudges. We had a great time getting supper in spite of an Ingersoll shoe setting sail in the pail drinking water. No matter! That’s a mere drop in the bucket. Had a bully time in the morning trying to keep dry. It rained all night and continued so to do. We left Gray Knob with much appreciation for the hospitality which the Hinckses cabin afford us. Thank you muchly!

Monday-Wednesday, August 28-30, 1922. Frederic T. Lewis, Ethel S. Lewis, Tom Lewis, Edward P. Boyden, all enthusiastic admirers of Gray Knob’s snug and trim cabin, a woodman’s masterpiece. A “good piece of work,” says Tom (aged 8). [They] reached its welcoming shelter in a drenching rain in which they had climbed from Leighton Cottage on Monday afternoon. All night Gray Knob was in a dripping cloud, but Tuesday dawned fair, and all off to summits of Adams, Washington and Jefferson, with the two younger members of the expedition taking in Sam Adams and Tom Thumb Clay. Too appreciative of these heights, all trailed back to the Randolph Path at dusk, which was cloudy, failed to find the way to Gray Knob, and so, in the darkness entered The Perch, routing out a porcupine therein and found all matches waterlogged. After a fireless night on the balsam beds, listening to the mice, who likewise slept no more than was needful, all were off for sunrise on the ridge, reaching Gray Knob at 8:30 by that rough and rugged path known as Lowe’s, and then, amply refreshed, leaving for Randolph under cloudy skies. On cursory examination of this log we find no record suggestive of greater pleasure radiating from this cabin than we have enjoyed, and our several and incorporate thanks to Professor and Mrs. Hincks.

Wednesday-Friday, August 30-September 1, 1922. Mrs. S. S. Rafter (Washington, DC), Eleanor Reilly (Boston), Bernard Osgood Koopman (Cambridge, Mass), Ellen Devereux Koopman, R. R. Osgood (Cambridge, Mass), Julia Bryant Collier (Cohasset, Mass). (With apologies to “There was a woman who lived alone”). “There were six campers started out / From Randolph Hill or thereabout. // And when they’d gone about two mile, / They’d thought they’d rest a little while. // And when they came to Spur Brook Pool / They took a dip to make them cool. // And when they came to the Hincks’s camp / Oh, they were hot and they were damp. // The signal given o’er Montevideo, / They had an uproarious vaudeville show. // Next day they took the Gulfside Trail / On Washington to post their mail. // On coming back across the peaks / They each wore out a pair of sneakers. // Before they reached the camp that night / They used both moon and candle light. // And long awake they could not keep, / But once in their bunks they sure did sleep. // Next day to Adams some did leap / While others stayed behind to sleep. // We’ve had a glorious three days / And now we go our several ways.” Thank you. Thank you.
Friday-Saturday, September 1-2, 1922. End of the book. End of the summer. End of our vacation. End of our stay, ah. Gray Knob. 7:30. “Me’s Here”. Stanley Coulter, Lucy Coulter (Lafayette, Ind); Catherine Smith, Frederick Smith (Winnetka, Ill).

Wednesday, September 6, 1922. [This entry appeared out of sequence on the last page of Vol. 1, right after 1911.] To our gracious hosts, Dr. & Mrs. Hincks. We offer many thanks. We had a wonderful evening with a glorious sunset & moonrise. [Signed:] Janet Murphy, Florence Hilliard Murphy, Mary C. Dickerman, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. R. Davis, Opal Francis, C.C. Naramore, Arthur Ranum.

Thursday-Sunday, September 7-10, 1922. Arrived Thursday afternoon. Went over to Washington Friday, taking loops over Adams, Jefferson and Clay. Spent Friday night at the Summit House. The party divided Saturday, some going down into the Great Gulf and up the six Husbands Trail, the others going direct to Gray Knob. Sunday the party left for Randolph, some taking the loop over Mount Madison. From the girls: “Perfectly marvelous.” From the boys: “Just great.” [Signed:] Charles Blatchford, Philip S. Evans, Jr, Elizabeth Marshall, Elizabeth Randall, Elizabeth Skeele, Mariel Evans, Suzanne Thompson, P. S. Evans, III, J. L. Evans, Huntington Bliss, Hammond Blatchford.


Thursday-Friday, September 14-15, 1922. Same party arr. via Lowe’s Path from Adams at 4:45 pm. Sept. 15: Roused at 6:00 am by two boys who lost way & spent night on Adams [in] heavy rain and sleet. Gave them breakfast & left cabin for Randolph at 9:15 am in rain. Thanks for kind hospitality.

[The above entry was the last one in the bound pages of Volume 2 of the Gray Knob register. However, several more entries were made on a couple of loose pages that were folded into the register. A transcription of these entries follows. ABH]

Wednesday, September 13, 1922. Two professors, four children, one housewife, all up from Randolph Hill via Amphibrach, Spur Trail & Crag Camp in three hours; the youngest boy, aged 6-3/4 gaily leading the way. “The Fords & the Bridgmans came up. / The first thing they did was to sup. / They then washed the dishes / And took off their breeches / And went to bed tired as a pup.” [Signed: P[ercy] & O[live] Bridgman, Jane B[ridgman], Robert W. B[ridgman], Margaret Ford, Caroline Ford.

Sunday, September 24, 1922. After spending last night at Madison Huts and yesterday taking the following trails: Down Buttress Trail; up Six Husbands Trail to Carriage Road; down Huntington Ravine Trail; up Tuckerman Ravine Path to top of Washington; back along Gulfside, over Jefferson & to Madison Huts to get my pack; then back along Gulfside Trail to Lowe’s Path, & down here just as the sun was disappearing in a red ball in the west. Hungry & tired was I, & this hut seemed a perfect haven of rest. Gray Knob is ALLRIGHT. [Signed:] Pauline Heizer.


1923

Monday, June 18, 1923. Little suspecting on our memorable visit of Aug. 28, 1922 that, except for Professor Boyden now at the University of California, we should have the privilege of opening camp for 1923. We find ourselves here and the camp in perfect order. We watched the sun set in dense smoke from fires in Maine, and as it disappears, Tom, on friendly terms with the universe, calls out, “Bye-bye sunny, see you tomorrow.” Which we did on leaving for Madison. [Signed:] F. T. Lewis.
Monday-Tuesday, June 25-26, 1923. Only the smoky atmosphere occluding distant views and appearances promising much needed rain can account for Gray Knob being empty for a week. We are here again, having come via Randolph, Short Line, Lowe’s King Ravine, Gulf Side, & Lowe’s paths, watching showers travel along the Androscoggin Valley and patches of sunlight sweep the sides of the ravine’s magnificent cloud effect! Labrador tea (Ledum) in fullest bloom and mountain cranberries coming into blossom. The mountain rose bay, at its best last week, almost all gone, and the Diapensia now on the wane, its fallen blossoms blown all about the paths. These, and the winter wren singing at the very door, the notable features of another delightful visit. F.T. Lewis, Ethel S. Lewis, Tom L. Lewis.

Saturday-Sunday, June 30-July 1, 1923. A brief overnight visit in the clearest moonlight weather, enhanced by the visits of porcupines, very loquacious with sound perplexingly intermediate between barks, grunts, whines and squeals. Many thanks for such suggestions of wildness (chiefly irretrievably of the past). In the morning a chestnut-headed Hudsonian chickadee in the spruces by the wood pile was as much at home as in the far north. FTL, ESL,TLL.


Monday-Tuesday, July 9-10, 1923. July 9th a fine morning, and the chance to visit Gray Knob and Jefferson too good to lose! In pm the larger and darker cumulus clouds accentuate the blueness of the sky. To pass the time Professor Moore’s cabin suggestive of Augean Stables, swept and repaired. Arrived at Gray Knob, 8:00 pm. On retiring a few stars of the first magnitude could be detected. July 10: am. Looks as if neither sun nor moon will appear for many days, but off for Jefferson. FTL[ewis], ESL[ewis] (only).

Tuesday, July 10, 1923. Left Randolph (Amphibrach) at 4:20 pm; arrived at Gray Knob at 7:15. The sun was just just sinking in the west in a sea of salmon pink, while overhead large dark clouds hastened by, forced by a high wind. Enjoyed a delicious supper and fire. The sky being full of stars, a wonderful night! Breaking camp in a glorious day for the top of Mt. Jefferson; then down the ridge of the Caps, to the Jefferson Notch Road to be met by Mrs. Hincks. Leaving at 10:30 am. Reluctant to leave this most delightful little camp, and carrying away a pleasing memory of my first mountain climb in the Switzerland of America. [Signed:] Elizabeth Hincks, Caroline T. Hincks, Jeremy A. Coulter.

Wednesday, August 8, 1923. Elizabeth & Carroll C. Hincks arrived 7:00 pm via Amphibrach. Caroline T. Hincks & Bernard O. Koopman arrived 8:00 pm via Great Gulf & headwall. Left Aug. 9 for Madison, & down by the Howks.

Sunday, August 12, 1923. Arrived in a terrific thunderstorm at 6:00 pm. All happy and cheerful. Isabel and George came via Snake Boulder, Adams summit & Lowe’s Path. Others direct from the valley. Time spent drying clothes, but don’t pity us; we were happy!!! George and Isabel left at 11:00. The rest of us followed at 1:00. [Signed:] Ada H. Arnold, Elizabeth E. Jones, Marion B. Jones, Margaret H. Arnold, Isabel H. Arnold, George R. Blodgett.

Thursday-Saturday, August 16-18, 1923. Arrived 5:00 pm, Aug. 16, after a delightful walk up the Amphibrach - Spur Trail - Carroll’s Path. Beautiful, quiet night with new Moon [NB: the new moon was on 12 Aug in 1923.] Our only visitor a lovely brown hawk. Aug 18: Leaving for the valley this noon. [Signed:] S. Hincks, F. B. Potter.

Thursday, August 23, 1923. Tibby, Carroll, & Bernard Koopman & Helen Crothers came up for the night, Tibby & HC going over to Washington & the other two going down via Jefferson Ravine.

Monday, August 27, 1923. Arrived at 5:00 pm from the Mt. Crescent [House]. Two of us being from D.C. glad to find so many familiar names. Found one of Tibby’s letters, which we trust means that she is still
in these parts, since it’s 5 yrs since last we saw her, flitting about the Psychopathetic. If we’d known such a fascinating place as Gray Knob existed, we’d have stayed right by her side. All this from me; the rest can speak for themselves. [Signed:] Frances Hartshorne (V.C. ‘17; Phoenixville, Pa), Adelia R. Stevens (V.C. ‘21; Wilkes-Barre, Pa); [other] “Plain People”: Jessie M Stevens (Englewood, NJ), Morgan Foshay, L. B. Cochran (Hartford). For the third time I am grateful to the kind Hincks’s for the loan of delightful Gray Knob for myself and my party. [Signed:] Ellen Yale Stevens (Randolph Hill).

Wednesday, September 5, 1923. Harriet Mundy, Elizabeth Skeele, Huntington Bliss, Floyd Mundy, H. B. Skeele, led and entertained by Mrs. Edward Hincks, arrived at Gray Knob 5:00 pm. Thursday: Fine weather, but hazy in the distance. The young people went to Washington, the elders to Adams. Friday: Mrs. Hincks went home. HBS stayed in camp; the others to Adams & Madison Huts. Summits cloudy. Saturday: Fine weather. Closed camp & left for Randolph about ten am. Excellent cooking, heavy eating, and infinite contentment characterized the occasion.

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**Sunday-Tuesday, September 9-11, 1923.** Tib, Frances Hartshorne and I came up Sept. 9, sawed and chopped wood over the rainy 10th, and are starting for the knee of Jefferson this morning. [Signed:] Margaret Judson. [Later:] At 9:00 pm, B. Koopman & Edmund Collier knocked at the door, having come from Carter Dome and Notch, and then up Huntington’s, and over Gulf Side & Carroll’s Path in total darkness. Next morning got breakfast and chopped much wood.

**Wednesday, September 12, 1923.** EMH & FH started up Adams at 1:15. EMH planning to go to Hut for candles via King’s Ravine. Back at evening.

**Thursday, September 13, 1923.** F. Hartshorne down Lowe’s at 4:15. EMH started to overtake her at 4:50.

**Tuesday-Thursday, September 18-20, 1923.** Edmund Collier, Bernard Osgood Koopman, Elizabeth Mary Hincks. “Mountains asleep in the sunlight, / Air as clear as a bell. / Could living man resist thought? / Nay, we three promptly fell, / And threw our packs upon our backs / And settled to our job. / We climbed the hill and made no tacks / Until we reached Gray Knob. // Springy turf in the pine gloom, / Crackling leaves in the sun. / In canyon depths the rivers boom, / A sounding passage run, / While all the air is full of life / And the hill winds blowing free, And pungent incense soothes our strife / From the heart of each sturdy tree. // A cabin hid in a spruce grove / Perched on the steadfast rocks. / A shelter snug in a mountain cove, / A door that never locks, / A spring that beauty secrets holds / Far from the madding mob. / A sweet enduring rest it holds / That aerie on old Gray Knob. // What did we see from the ledges? / A darkened world in the dusk, / War clouds with bloody edges, / The earth but a Stygian husk. / The ranges were robed in a dreadful black, / The valley was steeped in gloom. / The hills complained, and the sky talked back / And threatened an awful doom. // Our hostess cooked the supper. / Ambrosia, leave the room. / Nectar, fly on your winged horse / Ere I sweep you out with a broom. / Then we sat and talked, while the wind bewailed. / Twas the voice of a big wild night. / We railed till the very cosmos quailed / At such intellectual light. // We slept the sleep of the ages, / Till the sun became too hot. / Three young & worldly sages / Content with our earthly lot. / Then my kind pals did bestir themselves / And make the fire to burn. / I lay like one who in opium delves, / Nor did my breakfast earn. // Perched way up on the world rim / In the early afternoon. / We stuffed with lunch to our very brim, / Withal with out a spoon. / Then we drew a circle round the earth, / And another round the sun, / As we delved in the lure of the cosmic urge / With Ralph Waldo Emerson. // Later we climbed Mt. Adams, / Oer rocks jewel flocked by the West., / And glory emerged from the fathoms / As tho at our behest, / For the artist sun was painting well / And the sky was all aflare, / The edge of the hills was the edge of hell, / More colors than I can name. // Mountains asleep in the morn-mist, / As we capped Mt. Adams head. / The morn and the peaks at their nightly tryst, / Since the sun’s last gleam has fled, / The world was one vast silver sheet, / With a twinkling town below / Filled with human hearts that beat / At natures all soothing show. // We are the last of the season. / Our trip is the last of the year. / We leave you sweet hills with reason / To your winter so cold and drear. / We go to the warmth of the valley / To the surge of the city street. / But if spring comes, once more will we rally / And worship again at your feet.” **End of 1923.**

1924

**Monday, June 9, 1924.** Beginning of 1924. Arrived at 3:30 after an unexpectedly snowy climb. We were delighted to find plenty of dry wood, and to hear numerous trickles of water beside a gentle drizzle,
also to discover that no porkies had called. After starting the fire, we dug in vain in 3 ft. of snow for an elusive spring, and afterward chopped ice under a nearby cataract to enable us to fill the buckets. At 8:00, after a golofishus supper, it was almost too light for the signal.

**Tuesday, June 10, 1924.** Clouds and shadows, with intermittent sunlight. Finished housecleaning, then went up Adams, circling over Sam to avoid a large snow field. No flowers were out, but everywhere the spring colors were vivid. We were astonished by the *fleet of dandelion seeds* (*Cotton poplar seeds*) that came sailing past us. Against the sunset they looked like tiny fire-balloons.

**Wednesday, June 11, 1924.** Warm and steady sunlight. Broke camp at 8:15. [Signed:] Sarah Hincks, Helen Mc. G. Noyes.

[No date.] “The thieves came up to Gray Knob / Hoping to have some fun. / The thing they did was awful. / They ought to be shot with a gun.” Wool blankets and large knives gone. [Signed:] Tom L. Lewis.

**Tuesday, June 17, 1924.** Sorry not to find you in. [Signed:] Alice F. Blood, Ula M. Dow, Corelli Alger.

**Wednesday-Friday, June 18-20, 1924.** Warm weather arrived with a morning thunder storm on the 18th. The wet trail to Gray Knob was bordered with painted trillium in fullest bloom. In this late season, birches at Gray Knob still with unopened buds. Diapensia in bud and blossom up to Adams 4, but not higher! Rhododendron lapponicum in bud and here and there in blossom. Still plenty of snow, melting rapidly, with lively underground streams on the slopes of Adams, which was climbed with Madison on the 19th. Crag Cabin found with shutters wrenched from hinges and window broken. It had been entered also by porcupines. At Gray Knob the wood pile we replenished -- emphasis on “plenish”. On the 20th: Leaving for Jefferson. The feature of our visit was the singing of Bicknell’s thrushes (?We are no ornithologists!) evidently nesting near the cabin. [Signed:] F.T. Lewis, E.S. Lewis, T.L. Lewis.

**Friday, June 27, 1924.** “Came the Herr Professor and the witless cockatoo, / One talked of Holmes and Wyman, / T’other ’sumed the yolk of Hymen. / ’Nough said, ‘Tis the end of the book!” [Signed:] E.A. Boyden, F. T. Lewis.

**Monday-Wednesday, July 7-9, 1924.** We left the Watson farm at 3:00 pm, and, after a comfortable climb up the Amphibrach, Spur and Carroll’s path, arrived at 7:30. At least the older members arrived at 7:30. The two younger ones made better time, so that the hot supper of soup & baked beans was soon ready. It was sad to awake to the sound of rain the next day. Between the showers, nevertheless, the brave young people made an excursion towards Jefferson, returning at 5:30 thoroughly drenched, but not unhappy. After supper, while clothes were drying and sneakers burning, we played “Stop” with cards and beans. Wednesday morning: it is cloudy but not raining. We leave with regrets, not for the weather, but because we can’t remain here longer. We are leaving a fine wood pile. [Signed:] Ethel S. Lewis, Elizabeth E. Jones, Caroline T. Hincks, Bernard O. Koopman.

**Saturday, July 12, 1924.** The Bridgman family, and two Saywards came up here on the 12th of July. [Signed:] Jane Bridgman, Mary Sayward, John M. Sayward, Robert W. Bridgman, Olive Ware Bridgman, P. W. Bridgman.

**Sunday, July 20, 1924.** Dr. [Frederick], Mrs. [Ethel], & Tom Lewis, & ETH arrived at 7:20.


Monday, August 4, 1924. Four of us had a fine night here with Miss Caroline Hincks. “We who came unprovided with either money or wine, were jolly well contented to eat steak & honey so fine.” Off to Washington. [Signed:] Ellen S. Gallaudet, Clare C. Smith, Elizabeth Y. Gallaudet, Herbert D. Gallaudet, Caroline T. Hincks.

Tuesday, August 5, 1924. Second attempt up Everest failed. Driven back to Gray Knob on account of storm. Returning to Randolph. Same crowd as above. [Signed:] Elizabeth Gallaudet.

Thursday, August 7, 1924. Walked over Dolly Copp Road [in] pm, and arrived at Randolph P.O. in such a state that, considering the climb ahead, the long walk to Hincksville and back did not seem wise. So struggled up many mountainous miles with muscles moaning, fully expecting to find Gallaudets and Hinckses at Gray Knob. Great disappointment. Initiated new expedition on Everest yesterday, but were turned back at Spaulding Col by driving rain. We’ll never forget the anticipation of that snug cabin waiting, nor the warm hospitable reality. Still foggy and lowering today, so down to our camp just off the road (1/2 mile south of AMC Pinkham Notch) via Madison and Osgood Ridge. We leave a bit of strawberry jam and some “Quick Quaker” (Cooks in three minutes in boiling water. Improvement over old all-night oatmeal.) Nothing else left because we made a day’s supplies stretch over two. No way to express our deep gratitude. No hackses on the axes. [N.B.: No names provided.]


Thursday, August 28, 1924. Paul H. Gill and Richard L. Spofford arrived at this place of delight and comfort to depart on the morrow in the direction of Mt. Washington.

Friday, August 29, 1924. William James, Jr. With many thanks to the Hinckses, whose generosity has given us one of the best camping trips ever. [Signed:] George Milton Smith, Jr., John James.

Saturday, August 30, 1924. Paul Gill and R. L. Spofford departed for the Glen House via Mt. Washington, and wish to thank the owners for the use of this cozy cabin.


Thursday, September 4, 1924. Night of Sept 4. “Fish”, known to the uninitiated as Frederick Dennis Gayes, and “Wadjikami”, known to the uninitiated as Alphin Twitchell Gould, wish to thank Mrs. Hincks for her hospitality and CHB [Charles Hammond Blatchford] for his beans.

Saturday, September 6, 1924. Caroline Cutter, Margaret H. Arnold, Herbert P. White dropped in to see Gray Knob. Bound from Crag to Glen House via “Six Hubbies”. Little snow last night. Trail wet and fine.

1925

Monday, June 15, 1925. Came up over Randolph Path, Spur Trail and then short cut from there to Gray
Knob. Darwin was right!! Man is descended from monkeys, for otherwise we would never have been able to get over the windfalls on the short cut. Had to guess at the trail in several places. Raining a little to add to the interest of the trip. [Later:] Arrived 4:00 pm, raining, so cleaned up cabin and tried to fix bedding cage. Caught two mice in same; boiled them!! [Signed:] Fred P. Gurney (Dartmouth ‘26; Brockton, Mass), Alphin T. Gould (Dartmouth ‘26; Portland, Me).


Thursday-Friday, July 9-10, 1925. Another of those unsurpassable Gray Knob visits, each one more enjoyable than any of its predecessors. [Signed:] Hammond Blatchford, Alexander Holdship Ware.

Thursday-Friday, July 23-24, 1925. Gray Knob rather untidy as compared with previous years. It had not been visited by porcupines, for whom I once entered here, an unappreciated defense, but by those skunks who steal blankets (and here I regret to malign the quadrupeds). We took down shutters, unpacked bedding, made the back door and kitchen windows openable, etc. Noted many more trees about the cabin blown down than in previous years, and cleared away a few at the door. A red breasted nuthatch on the roof, and Hudsonian chickadee at the window. But the event of this visit was finding a junco’s nest rather deeply placed in the moss beside a rock close to the summit of John Quincy Adams. It contained three well-fledged young. A comely mother was duly solicitous, but by no means lost her presence of mind when her nest seemed in danger. [Signed:] F.T. Lewis, Ethel S. Lewis.

Wednesday, July 29, 1925. From Coulter’s Cabin, Mt. Crescent. Mrs. Albert Smith, Catherine Smith, Fred Smith (Winnetka, Ill); Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Coulter (Fayette, Ind). By Link, Amphibrach, Randolph and Lowe’s [paths]. The first named arrived at Gray Knob about 3:00 in good order. The last came up puffing & panting at four, but still in ?ring?. Temperature just right for climbing. Wonderful clouds at sunset. Casino in evening. To bed at 9:00 to 6:00, when awakened by long legged Fred, who found bed too short to stretch himself in & the covers too narrow to wrap himself in them. [Next] Morning cool. Haze over the peaks which promises to lift, so downward trip will be as pleasant as that up. Camp in fair shape. Thanks to Mrs. Lewis, but several “down trees” right about cabin.

Monday, August 17, 1925. One of the few fair days this summer, tho’ hazy & rather hot in the Valley. Made the trip via Air Line & Randolph Path & Spur Trail to Crag Camp & over to Gray Knob, which last trail is in bad condition. P.W. Bridgman, Jane & Robert [Bridgman] & Henry Ware were kind to the lumbering, puffing O.W.B. [Olive Ware Bridgman]. We arrived at 5:00, taking 3-1/2 hours, and found the Cabin in perfect order. Supper cooked with ease on the marvelous stove. A mild but lovely sunset. Dark early & bed early. [Signed:] P.W. & O.W. Bridgman. [A note:] A very beautiful sunset dying in the west, a red ball reflected in a lake near Cherry Mt. [Signed:] Henry H. Ware (Montclair, NJ).

Wednesday, August 19, 1925. Sheltered from a heavy hail storm at Spur Cabin. The rest of the trip over two inches of hail storm arriving just before dark & rain. A great one night stand. [Signed:] Elizabeth Skeele, Caroline T. Hincks.

Sunday-Tuesday, August 23-25, 1925. Dr. F.T. Lewis, Ethel Lewis, Gertrude Anson, Barry Anson. Delightful Gray Knob. Aug. 23: by Spur Trail. Aug. 24: to top of Washington over summit of Jefferson, and return. Aug. 25: Home (Randolph) by Loew’s [sic] Path. The Anson’s first visit to the White Mountains, through the courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis. Fresh oxygen, fresh vistas, new enthusiasms! [Signed:] Barry Anson, Gertrude Anson. P.S.: On the way up the usual woody smell was replaced by that of wilted leaves fallen everywhere in upper region of the trail and gathered in eddies in the brooks. And mountain maples, viburnum and all sorts of leaves on the trees were perforated or irregularly formed and shattered, all due to the hail storm mentioned on Aug. 19. Mr. Anson reports his first night here (with Mrs. Anson) as one long series of “What’s that? What’s that.” And the courtesy &
kindness is all that of Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Hincks. [Signed:] F.T.L.


Saturday, September 19, 1925. Post Season. Inasmuch as Fred and I had opened the cabin this season, we thought we ought to come back this fall and say good-bye to for the winter. Therefore, we paraded up to here by auto and foot, and spent one night here. Cold and clear, but cozy in the cabin. Everything in perfect order, and we have left it the same way. We regret to all that the blankets have been stolen since our last visit. Somebody said something about skunks; they were right. Off in the morning for Washington and elsewhere. [Signed:] Alphin T. Gould, Fred P. Gurney, Malcolm Merrill (Dartmouth ‘26).

1926

Thursday, June 24, 1926. We are two campers who certainly did enjoy the hospitality of Gray Knob camp on the 8th day out. Our largest regret is that we are unable to thank Mr. Hincks personally for the use of this cozy cabin. Down to civilization and work tomorrow. [Signed:] Richard R. Frame (Dartmouth ‘18), Warren E. Montsie (AMC).

Monday, June 28, 1926. Bobbie Hatch and Arthur Foote brought blankets up from Randolph & Spent the night of June 28.


Sunday, July 25, 1926. R.G. Wood (Randolph, NH), Effie Mae Wood (Native).

Tuesday, August 10, 1926. “It was an August P.M. / When two Pecks and a Pond / With just one Moore / Espied the door / Of Gray Knob. As no blonde / Was present, gentlemen were scarce. / The beds were made, / The fire was laid / Without a manly arm. // But fate smiled on her darlings. / They suffered no alarm. / For down the side of Adams / There strolled a charming pair. / A bride and groom in khaki, / Who thought it only fair / To chaperone the party / In exchange for welcome hearty. // And so on August ten / Of nineteen twenty six, / The birch and hemlock sticks / Of Adams’ pigmy forest / Set the jolly blaze aglow. / For those whose names / And habitats / Are written down below.” Jean S. Pond (Bradford, Mass), Rebecca D. Moore (New York City), Ellen R. Peck (East Orange, NJ), Edith W. Peck (East Orange, NJ). Thank you Mr. Hincks. [Signed:] Mr. William Clark & Mrs. [Gladys] Clark (Amherst, Mass).

Thursday, August 12, 1926. Dr. F.T. Lewis, Mrs. F.T. [Ethel] Lewis, Thomas Lathrop Lewis, and Mr. B[arry] Anson came up to Gray Knob on a sunny day, planning to stay one night. But the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft agley. Between the clouds we went to Jefferson’s Knee and I, Tom Lewis, went to the top. We had a thunder shower in the night, which cleared rainy. We are the people who like porcupines, and we were all up in the night to stroke the paw of one which was on a pole of the porch. But his teeth chattered because he was afraid. The camp is in excellent condition and the wood pile is high. We all thank Mr. and Mrs. Hincks for the use of Gray Knob and its equipment. [Later:] Mrs. [Gertrude] Anson has repeatedly mentioned in letters that she would greatly enjoy another trip to Gray Knob. I would correct Tom’s entry in adding that these days were somber in the
meteorological sense only. Their content of varied, but always pleasant and informative experiences will carry me through certain others in the West, the latter more than topographically flat. My hearty thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, and Tom, and to the Hincks. [Signed:] Barry J. Anson.

Monday-Wednesday, August 23-25, 1926. Charles H. Blatchford (Portland, Me), Philip S. Evans, Jr. (Tsinan, China), P.S. Evans, 3rd (New York City), J. Florence Eldredge (New York City), B.S. Winchester & Pearl Winchester (Southport, Conn), Margaret Winchester (Manchester, NH), Pauline Winchester (Rye, NY), Alice Winchester (Southport, Conn), John H. Winchester (Southport, Conn), W. Jessop (Portland, Me), Isabel O. Evans (Baltimore, Md). [Sketch of following page, “We recognize our cook by her smile,” signed “PV”.

Monday-Tuesday, August 30-31, 1926. Left valley at 10:00 am. Cleared Brookside Cut-off, which is now clear for the agile. Lunched, spent afternoon, night, and next morning at Cabin. Heavy cloud, clearing at noon on Aug. 31. First visit of party in three years. Leaving about noon, Aug. 31. [Signed:] Sarah Hincks, Elizabeth M. Hincks, A.H. Licklider.


1927

Saturday, May 14, 1927. Noon. Stopped off for lunch. Things in good order. [No names.]

Sunday, June 12, 1927. R.G. Wood, Effie Mae Wood, Marion L. Boothman (Randolph, NH); Elsa R. Berner (Portland, Ore); etc., but illiterate.

Tuesday, July 19, 1927. Stopped in on day climb over Adams. [Signed:] Huntington Blatchford.

Friday-Sunday, July 22-24, 1927. I always have a great time when I come to Gray Knob. A great time yesterday going down the Six Husbands Trail. [Signed:] Bert Ney (Cheshire, Conn). [Later:] Left for Washington & Tuckerman’s. [Signed:] EW & CC Hincks and Tib Hincks.

Sunday, July 24, 1927. Having two days of fun up at Gray Knob. Here is a slight remembrance. P[aul] S. ----Ney. [Later:] I am leaving Gray Knob with a happier disposition than when I arrived. [Signed:] Tim Pitts, Jr (Baltimore, Md).

Wednesday-Friday, July 27-29, 1927. Anne, Caroline & Elizabeth Hincks; & Helen Crothers came up the Amphibrach having left Anne’s car on the Cutter’s field at 3:30. It rained a little on the Randolph Path, & was warm and lowery all the way. We arrived at 6:30. The woods are full of linnaea [twinflower] and oxalis [wood sorrel] & a few star flowers. [July 28:] Chopped wood. In pm strolled over to the Quay and watched cloud shadows in the ravine. APH went down. [July 29:] Arose at 6:30 and left at 8:30 for the valley so Helen could get noon train. [Signed:] Helen Crothers, Caroline Hincks.
Monday, August 1, 1927. Ada H. Arnold, Margaret H. Arnold. 10:00 am from Crag Camp *en route* for the Six Husbands.

Tuesday, August 2, 1927. Arthur C Seelye, Huntington Blatchford (Coldbrook Camp).

Tuesday-Friday, August 9-12, 1927. After a stiff climb up Spur thru mist and rain, from Coldbrook Camp, I stopped to dry off a bit before continuing up Washington. Your cabin came in mighty nice for an hour and, although I thank you for the use of it from the bottom of my heart, I suppose "U" wish I were never born --- But never mind Prof., you shall be rewarded in Heaven. [Signed:] D. Russell Kerry (Buffalo, NY). ‘GOD BLESS THE PROF.” RK. [Later:] Marjorie F. Murray, Dorothy W. Douglas. Up by Amphibrach. Were left by Elizabeth Hincks at the beginning of the trail at 3:45. Arrived at 6:30. Found cabin in perfect order. Located spring, ice-box, ate easily with aid of Tibby’s map. Watched beautiful sunset before cooking supper. Were more than grateful to the kind Hincks and Huntington for the food which they had provided here against our arrival. Aug. 10: MFM & DWD left at 10:20. Walked over Adams (which was in cloud) to Madison Huts, & up Madison. Very windy & cold on top, but beautiful, clear view therefrom. Met a lady who knew the Hincks (name unknown), a lady from the Cold River Camp, & mobs of people, relative to the isolated days in the Cold River Camp country. Returned by the Gulf Side Trail. Reached the cabin at 4:30. Started supper for four. Tibby Hincks & Edie Jackson arrived at 5:45 by Amphibrach Trail. Supper before sunset, which we watched wrapped in comforters. Signalled with red fire to the valley & were answered by Mrs. Hincks. The weather was fine all day: cool, clear with fluffy clouds. Aug. 11: Another beautiful day after some clouding in early AM. DWD & MFM left cabin at 9:45. Went by Carroll’s Trail to Gulf Side & on top of Mt. Washington which was reached at 1:40. Lunched there. Left at 3:00. Went to the top of Clay before returning via the Gulf Side Trail. Reached cabin at 6:30. Watched the sunset before supper. Tibby & Edie stayed around the cabin, in the woodyard before lunch, picking wild cranberries after lunch. Tibby left at 4:30 for supper with her family via Carroll’s Trail. After supper MFM & EBJ continued reading “The Laughing Man” avidly, until a squeaking porcupine disturbed them. Aug. 12: Cleaned Cabin, with regrets at having to leave, & much gratitude for the privilege of our happy days here. [Later doggerel:] “The winds blew bleak, / The clouds hung low, / The sun refused to set, / As four sad girls did downward go, / Four miles from Carter Notch, ah slow! / And slithering in the wet. // But as next morn they oped their eyes. / “A Hincks, A Hincks,” cried they. / As lo, our Tibby’s mother rolled / To rescue us that day. // A Buick in that mossy Glen / Half hidden from the eye. / Fair as the sun when only one. / Is shining in the sky. // And round we rolled by Gorham’s Towers / And food we did lay by. / And suddenly away were showers / The sun was shining high. // So Up we clumb and climbed some more / Until did meet the eye. / A welcome sight, oh happy thought / A smoke stack in the sky. // Could anything delight our souls / As did that cabin gray / When at the setting of the sun / We found it tucked away. // Our Edie’s chopping meets the ear, / Our Marjorie’s broom the foot. / No doubt this cabin will be clean / When we have took our route. But, ah, what means of egress / Can leave this spot un tarnished. / The chimney pot alone is safe. / I’ll leap through it & vanish.” [Signed:] DWD [And further:] “While Dorothy writes poetry / And Edie chops the wood / I’ll Make an effort to express / Our depths of gratitood. / The night’s we’ve spent at Gray Knob, / The days on Jeff and Mad / Are certainly the best va - ca - / Ci - on I ever had! / And many thanks to one & all / And most especiallee / To the kind & unseen gentleman / Who carried food for me.” [Signed:] MFM.

Tuesday, August 13, 1927. Stopped for brief worship at my favorite shrine on way up Adams. 10:00 am. [Signed:] Alphin Gould.

Friday, August 16, 1927. What a walk over the tops, Lavengo, camels, a sharp ax, Palgrave, and a Gray Knob sunset at its very best we have thoroughly enjoyed our two days here. [Signed:] Tenney Frank, Grace Frank (Baltimore, Md).

Thursday-Friday, August 25-26, 1927. Mabel Coulter Smith, Alice C. Brickmaier, Margaret C. Mackintosh, Edith M. Loeffler, Catherine Smith. We came up the Air Line from Randolph to the
Randolph Path, & up the Randolph Path to Lowe’s & on up to Gray Knob, arriving at 2:25. The cabin was in good shape. We went out on the rocks and signalled as best we could (without any “red fire”) at 7:30, but nobody saw it I don’t believe. We’re all very happy playing 500 & double Canfield.

Sunday-Monday, August 28-29, 1927. Dick Ayer and Ed Bartlett spending a few days at Crag Camp. Dropped by at Gray Knob to see what we could see. Since no one was here we copied a recipe for pie and hied us back to our mountain palace. Aug. 29: Queer cloud effects this morning, followed by much sunshine. Now (4:00 pm) it is raw & overcast again. We are stealing more recipes, & plan to live high during the remainder of our stay at Crag. Thank you Hincks one and all for the use of your cook book. [Signed:] Ed Bartlett, Dick Ayer.

Wednesday, August 31, 1927. Very rainy; otherwise good time. Forest Ranger dropped in for a few minutes on his way to Madison Huts. Little other news except for piles of fun! [Signed:] Robert M. Hatch, George N. Bartlett.

Friday, September 9, 1927. On reaching the cabin from the “Bridges Trail”, we were invited by a voice from an invisible presence to enter and register. Obeying the voice of AUTHORITY, we inscribe our names: T. C. Smith, James B. Pratt. [Later:] S. Hincks up via Crag (Spur Trail) shortly before Professors Pratt & Smith. After their call, made selves useful putting on shutters, chinking with moss, making all prepared for winter. Lovely sunshine & mild sunset, rose colored in the front yard. Bunch berries were redder on the west side. Very, very quiet: a little wind, a few flies, a silent thrush in the wood yard. Goodbye for 1927. Down via Lowes at 4:45.

[Last entry for 1927. No entries for 1928.]

1929

For two winters Gray Knob stood on its ear as a result of wind, snow & floods. In July 1929 Eugene Hunt and son [probably Ralph], with the aid of a 50-lb jack, let it down on new foundations about 4 feet south-east of its original site. The only substantial piece of repair in 24 years of its life.

Thursday, July 18, 1929. Party of 6, including 3 packers, came up via Lowe’s, opened the camp, and spent the night. Then the packers skipped down and packed up mattresses, bread box, etc., [and] spending another night. Trail to Crag Camp was opened. The camp had just been fixed, and everything was fine except the stove! Drafted on this 18th day of July, 1929. [Signed:] Packers: T[hornton] L. Page (Secy), Robert W. Bridgman, T[homas] L. Lewis; Cooks: L. L. Lewis [sic], Ethel S. Lewis; Sewer (of names on blankets): Jane Bridgman. P.S.: The flys [sic] were bad!!


Sunday, August 18, 1929. Came up on Carroll’s reconstructed Cut-off. Down Sunday am for Sunday dinner. Peaceful night with no porkies & no mice; ergo, 12 hours of sleep. [Signed:] Sarah Hincks, Caroline Hincks.

Monday, August 26, 1929. Caroline Ford, Catherine Smith, Robert McConnell Hatch, J. A. Ford (is a nut), T. Lewis (is [also] a nut).

Tuesday, September 3, 1929. Virginia Blatchford, Hammond Blatchford, William Klein, Elizabeth Klein. The B’s stayed only over night. We [the Kleins] have had 3 fine days.

Sunday, September 15, 1929. Mr. & Mrs. William Hunt & Mlle. Alice started up the Amphibrach Sept. 7 after a God-speed from Mrs. Hincks the day before. It was hot and we were ‘soft’, but we made Gray Knob in 4-1/2 hours via Spur Trail & Carroll Path. Wilfred [Bilodeau] packed up most of our provisions for a stay of several days. Sept 10: Ransom Hunt arrived in the rain, and the next day Lewis Ward came, also in the rain, both via Crag. Enthusiastically and with appreciation for Gray Knob they cleared away some of the fallen timber, taking it to the wood yard, built steps to the lower level, and made a “porcupine gate”. They spent one entire day clearing the overgrown Hincks Path to Edmand’s Col, but could not finish it. (It will take two men a day to finish it, and clippers will be a very great help.) On Sept. 15, the boys started with heavy packs and in the cloud for a week’s trip to and thru the Franconias. We others have tramped about on Adams and Jefferson, having enjoyed especially the Gulf-Side Trail on a clear day, and sun rise and sun set from Gray Knob. We have revelled in the quiet and comfort and attitude of the cabin -- “the peace of the silent hills” -- and will go back to the city renewed in body and spirit, and with deep appreciation to Mrs. Hincks. [Later:] A high wind on Sept. 17 gave wonderful opportunity to air all of the bedding preparatory to closing camp. We leave an ample supply of wood, both inside and on the porch. The shelves have all been washed down and all food, candles, matches, books, etc. are left in tightly covered tins. We are leaving some dried vegetables, soups, etc., which we hope our hostess will enjoy as we have. Also, dried beef in jars, klim, condensed oatmeal, beans, new broom, etc. Sept. 18: Wilfred Bilodeau came up early to help close camp. Everything left in order, tools oiled & in good shape, windows all on & all details attended to as requested by Mrs. Hincks. Many thanks and Adieu.


1930


Tuesday, July 8, 1930. John C. Molinar (Darien, Ct), Wm. Ulrich (Brooklyn, NY), Chester W. Greening (Bridgeport, Ct). Bunked on night of the 6th from Ravine House via Madison Spring Huts, then to Mt. Washington & Lake of the Clouds. Stopped in for lunch on return on the 8th. Made a small contribution of wood & almost a pork[je]. Hope to do better next year, and to find a way to return the self appointed hospitality. [Signed:] C.W.G.

Saturday, July 12, 1930. About to close the cabin after two nights here. The party consists of Miss Elizabeth Jones, Jane and Robert Bridgman, Tom Lewis and Mrs. [Ethel S.] Lewis. We leave everything as we found it, except that we have taken off the shutters. We brought up our own blankets.
and are carrying them home, also a family of mice (mother and six children). Many thanks for the use of the cabin.


Tuesday, August 12, 1930. Came up for the night. Very cold. Made jam from cranberries. Mice-less, pork-less night. Spent a bit of domesticity around cabin. Back via Mad-Huts. [Signed:] Helen Crothers, Elizabeth Hincks.

Thursday, August 14, 1930. Gray Knob was a great surprise to us. A delightful spot. We rested an hour & made tea, cut some wood, & left everything OK. Thanks for the hospitality, even if self-appointed. [Signed:] Dr. & Mrs. C. H. Babbitt (AMC), Miss Nellie McNair (Dorchester).


Saturday-Sunday, July 11-12, 1931. Left car at Watsons at 10:30. Went up the Air Line, walking through brook paths. Edie & Carroll Hincks, Bertie [née Bert Ney] & Tommie Bennett and Paul Ney. Last but not least. We all had lunch just above tree line. After lunch Bertie, Paul & Tommie left Edie & Carroll at Lowe’s Trail, and went up over Adams and then down back to on to the little old cabin, where we all took ice cold baths. Then fell to a grand meal and slept. July 12: Made our lunch for today and started on our way up over Jefferson to Washington. Then down Tuckerman’s Ravine.

Saturday-Tuesday, July 18-21, 1931. Expedition of “Bill” [William Smith] Clark & 2 wives. Wife #1 = Gladys Louise Hathaway Clark; Wife #2 = Caroline Hincks. Wife #2, the best of “pals” in a not easy harem! Did most of the heavy cooking, guiding, etc., the first two days & then retired gracefully to Randolph on Mon. pm of the 20th to give wife #1 the privilege! July 18: Arrived Gray Knob 6:00 pm. July 19: Gray Knob to Great Gulf Shelter via Gulfside Trail to Gt. Gulf tank. Spent lovely night at Gt. Gulf Shelter. July 20: Gt. Gulf Shelter to Gray Knob via Six Husbands. Fine, warm weather. Arrived Gray Knob 3:00 pm (Wife #1) & 3:30 pm (Wife #2). Q: Where was “Hubby”? July 21: Gray Knob to Randolph. Fine warm weather after stormy night and heavy rain. Our warmest thanks to old Gray Knob which sheltered us so delightfully in the honeymoon period 5 yrs ago. We love to repeat the experience. W.S.C. & Wife #1.

Sunday, July 26, 1931. Thornton Page, Tom Lewis & R. Bridgman toted & applied copper screen. [Later:] S. Hincks from Cold Brook Lodge at 6:30. EM Hincks & CT Hincks at 8:30 (starting at 6:10 pm). Sunset, Moonrise (invisible from cabin) behind the ridge. Cool wind. Quiet night; warm, hazy morning. Down by ways uncertain. “C.T. Hincks last trip on her vacation. / The three Misses Hinx / Are off like a lynx / To march on their homeward way.” [Signed:] Elizabeth M. Hincks.


Monday, August 24, 1931. Sarah Hincks, conducted & assisted & provided nourishment for her skittish mama. She set cabin in fine order whilst Mother read the log & put a string hanger about mop & tea strainer. Sunned all the bedding for many hours. All the sugar on which we depended & canned goods, as well, had disappeared. In afternoon, Robt B[ridgman] called. In evening Mrs. [Mary] Page came with sugar & delicious fudge. Around six Susan Clark, Jane B[ridgman] & Henry Ware arrived via Adams & the M[adison] Huts. After chicken macaroni supper, trio went to Crag to visit Page party.

Wednesday, August 26, 1931. Best time ever. [Signed:] Susan Clark, Henry H. Ware, Jane Bridgman. [Later:] Theodore Silliker (77 Main St, Berlin, NH), Robert Doherty (490 Goebels St, Berlin, NH), Horace Van Schnare (319 Hillsboro St, Berlin, NH) Daniel Sguelloni (629 Burgess St, Berlin, NY), Shelton Locke (480 Champlain St, Berlin, NH; Ex N.W.M.P). Santi Sguelloni (629 Burgess St, Berlin, NH). We thank you for our shelter from the cold and darkness.

Thursday, August 27, 1931. Mother & Uncle Carroll came up by Carroll’s Path in 2 hours, with packs. Cleaned up cabin & grounds. Meanwhile, I was lost very thoroughly. Got here after five hours. I was on no trail at all, over by Jefferson. Weather growing cooler with prospects of rain. [Signed:] E.W. Wilkins.

Friday, August 28, 1931. I came up with 110 lbs in 1 hr 58 minutes via Carroll’s trail from the Spur Brook Path. [Signed:] Robert W. Bridgman. [Later:] Left Cheshire at 6:00, arrived in Randolph at 1:00. Stopped at Grandma Hincks [Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks]. After, on Spur Brook Trail, then on to Pater’s [Carroll Hincks’s; i.e. Gray Knob]. Started at 1:45 and arrived at 4:00. [This latter entry is unsigned, but may be Paul Ney who, along with his 2 sisters, Gail and Bert [now Bertie Bennett], seems to have been “adopted” by Carroll and Edith Hincks.]

Saturday, August 29, 1931. Hincks [Carroll & Edith] - Bennett [Bertie & Tommie] left at 8:50 for 6-Husbands Trail if it doesn’t rain. Back tonight if not sooner. [Unsigned entry]. [Later:] Took Six Husbands Trail and came back by Buttress Trail in the pouring rain, hail, etc. I found Tex Newell and family at cabin. My father and Uncle Carroll have not entered time of arriving. [Signed:] E. W. Wilkins. [Later:] They have arrived wet & frozen, but oh boy! What a time all of us are having. No one can ever take this away from any of us. [Signed:] Nalda Newell. [Later:] This trip has certainly given us something that no millions could ever give us. [Signed:] Tex Newell. [Still later in another entry:] Arrived 6:20. Went to bone yard. Watched beautiful sunset over Green Mountains. Nearly froze, but good supper plus fire warmed our bones sufficiently to go out to see the moon and big lights of Berlin. Leaving 10:00 am Aug. 30 for Mt. Washington. We’ve had a marvelous time so far. [Signed:] E. Ward, S. Hincks.

Sunday, August 30, 1931. Hincks - Bennets - Wilkins checked out for Tuckerman’s Ravine at 9:00 am. Newell & Formans up to Adams & back for lunch. Checked out for Ravine House at 12:20 pm. [Signed:] Tex. N. [Later entry:] We arrived at 6 o’clock, hurrying before a foreboding rainstorm. Imagine our joy upon finding this cozy little cabin with the comforts of civilization. Do sincerely thank you. [Signed:] S. H. Locke (Scotland), Robert Doherty (USA), Paul A. Thompson (USA), B. C. Stallord (England).

Wednesday, September 2-9, 1931. We had only two good days, but we enjoyed our holiday immensely as a complete change from both summer & winter. We had one tea party here, & a supper at Crag with Robert Bridgman & Thornton Page. During some of the rainy weather we read Emerson & chopped wood. We have had a marvelous time & thank our hosts very much. Thornton helped us close up. We hope everything will be O.K. We left 2 blankets & some food which we hope will be of use. Leaving at 2:30 by Lowe’s on a gorgeous, sunny day, at peace with the world, but reluctant to leave the Mt. top. [Some doggerel:] “The Mountain.” “We withstood the blast / Wrapped in your fragrance / Until it had passed. // We have pierced the mist. // Vision new wakened / Thru glad patient tryst. // Peaks rough we have scaled / Over your greatness. // In sky wonder trailed. // Your might is now ours. // Paths all are joyful / Aware of our prowess.” [Signed:] Sally Goodell. Sept. 9: Closed the cabin for the season.
of 1931. Past 9 years from the date of our first visit recorded on the first page of this log [Vol. 2, 11 Sep 1923]. A more glorious visit than ever. [Signed:] Frances Hartshorn.

Friday, September 4, 1931. Came up with some supplies for Miss Hartshorne & Miss Goodell. Cut some wood. Left around 3:00 for the valley. [Signed:] Avery E. Bodwell (Starr King, NH) [Later entry:] Arrived evening of 2nd. Chopped wood & cleaned house in rain next day. Leaving today for Jefferson’s Knee. Back tonight to stay until Wednesday [Sept 9]. [Signed:] Sally Goodell, Frances Hartshorne. [Later entry:] Tea, Toast in trade for wood chopped, water and good hospitality. [Signed:] Brad Saunders, Mr. John Nolen, Jr., Eleanor W. Nolen.


Tuesday, September 8, 1931. Off for Washington. Back for supper. [Same two folks as above.]


Monday, September 28, 1931. Stopped by to make wire around blankets more mouseproof with load of wire brought up for the purpose as suggested by my daughter. Also took away some Klim left by my daughter, as we are running low at Crag after 3 days of rain. [Signed:] M[argurite] C. Hartshorne.

Monday, October 5, 1931. Dear Mrs. Hincks and Caroline. Thank you very much for shelter. [Unsigned.]


Wednesday, December 16, 1931. Stopped here and made some coffee. Swept out the camp. Everything OK. Some signs of porcupines work. Will try & locate them next trip. Howard E. Merrill (trapper; RMC; Laconia, NH).

Thursday, December 17, 1931. Here again. Very cold wind. Came in to eat my lunch and get warm, for which I am very thankful, and will try to pay for my selter by catching a few porcupines in this vicinity. [Signed:] Howard E. Merrill; RMC; Laconia, NH).


1932


Sunday, July 31, 1932. For Mr. Carroll Hincks. You didn’t expect a ?walkage? to see my name here, did you? [Signed:] S. Ellsworth Grumman; also Helen Barr Grumman, Sterling Grumman, Howard Seitz Wilson (Newport, RI).

Tuesday-Thursday, August 2-4, 1932. Sarah Hincks, Margaret H. Arnold, Edwin M. Gile?, Charles R. Atwell, Caroline T. Hincks. [Doggerel follows in several hands:] “There was a young DOC named Eddie, / Who hoped his tum would be feddy. / He ate and he ate / While the hour grew late. / After hours at last he was ready.” [Signed:] CTH. “There was a young lady named ‘Carrie’, / Who comes
here to raise the ‘old Harry’!! / She wriggles and screams / In between all her dreams / And is never too
hurried to tarry.” “There was a young man from the Psycho, / Who thought he would go for a hiko. / He
labeled us “skitz” / Which put us in fits. / So the manics all gave him a biko.” “There is a young lady
from Cambridge, / Who answers when she is called Midge. / Her knees have a point, / Her ankles no
joint, / But still she gets up on this ridge.” “Sarah came up to the Knob, / And let out not even a sob, /
Although she was shocked / She never once balked. / As a “chap” she did a swell job.”

Thursday-Sunday, August 11-14, 1932. Had wet trip up and spent second day drying out and cutting wood
between showers. Third day started for Wash, but clouds too thick & wet, so returned and cut more
wood. Have enjoyed the snug hospitality of the Hincks more than ever before. [Signed:] Virginia and
Hammond Blatchford. [Later:] Aug. 13: We were joined last night by the following, who arrived just
at dark: Huntington Blatchford, Bree Micoleau, Virginia Chapman, Mary Coggeshall, Elizabeth Keith.
“Out of the dark came voices / And smell of smoke. / Out of the spruces a cabin. / Somebody spoke.”

Tuesday, August 16, 1932. Mrs. Hincks & Caroline after RMC picnic. Started from Mr. Watson’s [Cold
Brook Lodge] at 1:15 pm. By 8:30 it was dark in the woods, but by Caroline’s good trail sense &,
last, by flashes of lightning & hand flashlight, we made our way up Carroll’s Path. At last thunders
rolling around the peaks suggested to ETH to hurry as much as possible, so we arrived (dry so far
as rain was concerned) at 9:15. Same rate for ETH as in years passed. We had a restful day, but
porcupined night. Back at 9:30 am Aug 18.

Monday-Wednesday, August 22-24, 1932. Three perfect days spent at Gray Knob: cooking, sleeping,
climbing Mt. Adams (returning by Randolph Path and Nowell Ridge), not to mention some good
innings on the wood pile and entertaining an acrobatic porcupine as big as a Scotch terrier. Many
thanks to Mrs. Hincks. [Signed:] Hortense Alexander, James S. Alexander, Jr., Sarah Clapp Alexander,
Sebastian Helmberg.

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 30-31, 1932. Pearson Hunt, Coleman Nichols, Arthur Ward. Came up to
have a good view of the eclipse, but clouds here prevent, while sunlight in the valley leads us down in
haste. Hence the cabin remains unswept. However, we repaired the gate and rebuilt a portion of the
porch rail that needed it. A pleasant time despite the clouds.

Friday, September 2, 1932. Intended staying at Crag Camp last night, but turned same over to girls from
Crag Farm. Stayed here at Gray Knob. We move over to Crag this A.M., but were grateful for the use
of this camp in interim. Stormy late last evening and this A.M., but cleared up about 12:00. Cleaned up
camp, chopped wood, etc. [Signed:] E. J. Jeffrey, Jr., Elsom Eldridge, John Timlin, Jr.

Bogg (Ayer, Mass.), Roger Tory Peterson (Brookline, Mass), Thomas L. Lewis. Everything in fine
condition. Please leave it as you found it.

Wednesday, September 21, 1932. As it was growing late, decided to stop at Gray Knob instead of going
to Randolph. Supper of corned beef, rice & raisins & maple syrup. Used blankets, which we put back
as mouse proof as possible. Replaced kindling wood, and will pack up food & candles. Had glorious
time, and thank owners. Perfect weather, warm summer. [Signed:] Dorothy Brewer (Weston, Mass),
Janet Woodworth Bent (Weston, Mass).

Thursday, September 29, 1932. 2:00 pm, via Spur Trail & Crag. [Signed:] Ada H. Arnold, Margaret L.
Schirmer, Margaret H. Arnold (2 very smart old ladies).

Thursday, December 29, 1932. Came up to see how everything was. Have been staying down at Watson’s
Farm. Went up to Jefferson this morning. Snow pretty deep above tree line; about 4 inches below it.
Everything seems fine. [Signed:] R.W. Bridgman (alone).
1933

Sunday, July 2, 1933. Good condition. Carroll, Tib & Paul [Ney] arrived & cut paths out till July 3, when CCH met his mother & Sarah near the Moore’s part of Spur.

Tuesday, July 4, 1933. Sarah, Tib & Paul went down via Castles. CCH chinked floor of upper story. Paul returned with food & cut out view to north from Eagle Nest. ETH made poncho out of mouse-bitten blanket; finally left.

Saturday-Tuesday, July 22-25, 1933. Roger S. Sperry (Waterbury, Conn), C.C. Hincks (Cheshire, Conn).

Tuesday-Thursday, July 25-27, 1933. “For two day at Gray Knob we, / Friends, three plus three / Have a-camping been. / There were Mother, Daddy, Dolly / (That’s three), / Mary, Judith, and me. // Thursday callers came / (Rose and Sebastian by name), / Bringing griddle cake batter. / Our tummies feel funny. / Oh! What is the matter? // Judy cooked a luscious steak. / It tasted good, and no mistake. / The milk and syrup sought / The floor. / At spilling, Mother and Sally score. // We have had a glorious time, / With lots of fun and weather fine. / It seemed to have passed like / Forty winks, / And we are much indebted to Mrs. Hincks. [Signed:] Hortense Alexander, J. S. Alexander, Sallie Clapp Alexander, Dolly Ogilby, Judith Galt, Mary Louise Galt.

Wednesday, August 2, 1933. Cynthia Griffin (Haverford, Pa).

Wednesday-Sunday, August 2-6, 1933. Caroline Hincks, Eddie Cole & John Balet. More fun! Something to dream of next winter. Hope we can all come again. [Later:] Wed. [2 Aug.] Sunny morning. Cole, Balet & CTH over to Wash. Will return to cabin Sat. or Sun. Aug. 2-6: Who would ever think that the words White Mountains could cover so much ground or mean so many good times in pleasant company! [Signed:] John Balet. Aug. 2-3,4-6: Try commuting to Gray Knob; it’s great for the wind. Had another grand time up here, with good luck in weather. [Signed:] Edwin M. Cole. [Later:] “Our dear little Johnny. / His face is so bonny. / He chops & he cooks. // He reads all the guide books. / He’s never too tired. / Our hearts are all fired.” Spent 3 nights at Gray Knob, 1 night in Great Gulf, via Headwall. Found 22 boys in Great Gulf Camp. Returned via Six Husbands on Aug. 6. [Signed:] CTH.

Thursday, August 3, 1933. S. Hincks up from valley in rain & cloud at 6:30. Down to valley on Sat., Aug. 5 at 3:00 pm in light shower.

Thursday-Saturday, August 10-12, 1933. Janet Woodworth Bent, Chas. Atwell & CTH came up Aug. 10. Aug. 11: Went down Adams Slide & back to cabin via Six Husbands. Roy Woodward [Woodard] & dog Tom joined us for 2nd night. Down to valley at 1:30 pm. [Later:] “Janet, Carrie [Caroline], Charlie, & Roy / Went up the mountain searching for joy. / A logical place for a search, we say, / For we’d like to come up here everyday. // We went for the sunset out on the view, / And we told some jokes mid the falling dew. / We went to bed early and we stayed there late, / And the rest of the time we just ate and ate. / Our search was successful, tragically so, / At least so we feel now that we have to go.


Sunday, August 27, 1933. Virginia Pickford, Lenore Morrisette & Shelton Locke rested in this haven. The cause of their weariness being footsore and hunger.

Thursday, August 31, 1933. Dr. Harold Cutter (Detroit), Elizabeth M. Hincks (Randolph) stopped at the cabin & found it in disorder from uninvited guests. Tried to clean up a bit.
**Sunday-Monday, September 3-4, 1933.** A gorgeous full moon peered over the black summit of Adams! Never was Gray Knob more cozy and attractive! Heard sound of deer’s hoofs out on the path in the middle of the night. [Signed:] Mary W. Blatchford, Hammond Blatchford, Huntington Blatchford.

**Monday-Wednesday, September 11-13, 1933.** Weather cold and windy but, as a result, extremely clear, so that we could see way over into Vermont and Canada. Sky very blue, with few clouds. Sunset and stars unusually beautiful, so that one of us here for the first time had a delightful introduction. 4 inches of ice in glass of water at spring. We picked cranberries out near the white cairn and made delicious cranberry sauce flavored with quartz. It is considerably warmer today (Sept. 13), and we are leaving to go up Adams and to Kings Ravine by way of the Great Gully. [Signed:] Margaret Ives (Birmingham, Mich), Elizabeth Judson Baumann, Emil Baumann, Elizabeth M. Hincks. Snow on Adams.

**Thursday-Friday, September 21-22, 1933.** See Illustration [Hudson photo file: Hincks 005]. “Rainy weather nigh a week / Kept us down beside the creek / Till in much annoyed despair / We declared the weather fair. / Climbed the mountain thru the cloud / And the heat, a merry crowd / Ducked into old Gray Knob’s door / As the rain began to pour. // Miggy Arnold, artist, made / A delightful scullery maid. / Mrs. Katharine Fowler Lunn / Had a lot of boistrous fun / Helping hostess Tibby Hincks / Shut the cabin’s window chinks. / Cook and poet, Whitcombe, Merle / Wrote this doggerel, What a girl!” We had a clear moment at sunset, ate spaghetti soup, steak, peas, baked beans & cake for supper. We closed the cabin the next day. After lunch we left in mist, two to descend on Lowe’s Path, and two to wander upwards first.

1934

**Friday, July 20, 1934.** Six days ago we stumbled into Gray Knob: New York to Gorham by bus, train & bus from 4:15 Friday to noon Saturday; from Gorham to near the Ravine House, via Mrs. Hincks’ car; from there at 4:00 to here at dusk, by Amphibrach, Spur & Cutoff. We’ve seen Adams, Madison & Jefferson; tried parts of the Spur, Lowe’s, Israel Ridge, Randolph & Gulfside trails; climbed King’s Ravine; spent a day cleaning the Cutoff from here to Spur Trail; pantod too much, eaten enough & slept well. We hope our domestic inadequacies haven’t left too glaring traces and will be complemented for by our dendrotomic activities. Tomorrow we’re off for Clay & Washington, to revisit Tuckerman’s and Huntington trails, and as many others as we can by Monday noon. We take with us from Gray Knob material for many winter reveries; and leave our sincerest thanks to Mrs. Hincks. [Signed:] Stephen H. Hyman, Fishel B. Currick, Donald R. Charles.

**Tuesday, August 7, 1934.** Marcell Smith, Caroline Smith, and Happy we came over because our wood was too wet for breakfast.

**Monday-Wednesday, August 6-8, 1934.** “Started out beneath a lowering sky. / Leaving when the sun is blazing high.” Mrs. E.Y. Hincks, Sarah Hincks, Tibby Hincks, Elizabeth Knowlton, Stanley and Harlow Estes. “Beneath a lowering sky we started forth / In the chill climate of the arctic north; / Upon the higher peaks deep lay the snow, / A full five inches; rumor told us so. / The path proved damp and slippery for the feet; / At last the cabin, tea, and grateful heat. / The Hunza’s service made our burdens light; / We reached our shelter well before the night. / A blissful banquet passed the evening hours. / The steak pleased Mumma’s taste, and also ours. / The stars broke through, a sparkling galaxy, / And sweetest sleep enwrapped all the company. / Soon after dawn a wild alarum broke out. / With trampling foot and paw, and muffled shout, / Two children and a dog for kindling came, / Most sorely needed for their household flame. / They lingered with us as our breakfast guests. / The meal passed swift with sportive jokes and jests. / As started out, the same went on the day, / Walking or talking, still we all were gay. / A banquet sumptuous to satiety, / An evening full of customary glee. / Today we part, alas, alack! / To wander far o’er land or sea. / But may we some day / All come back / To Gray Knob’s hospitality.” Composed by EK, et al.; Inscribed by HE.

Friday, August 24, 1934. Lois, John, Henny and Johny Skeele; and Persis and Baldy Guild are about to return after 2-1/2 perfect days of mountain goating, eternally grateful to all of the Hincks.

Sunday, September 2, 1934. “1- Weary & tired we reached this place. / And believe you me, lit up our face. / The Adams Slide from the Gulf we came, / And we don’t mind ‘mitting we’re partly lame. / ‘Tis Labor Day weekend it happens to be, / And the mountains are crowded, we can well see. / So forced as we were to come up here, / We’re plenty happy, so don’t fear. / The comforts of house and ev’ry thing, / Make us quite happy and ready to sing. // 2- We went first to the Log Ca-bin. / ‘Twas filled & occupied as we came in. / So Harlan & George thought of the knob. / They turned & headed for here in a bob, / And came back to tell us that all was clear, / And permission they’d received to come up here. / In the meantime, at the camp one did slit / A part of his foot in wood choppin’ split. / Immediate first aid was under way, / And mighty good work I’ll gladly say. // 3- Unable to climb this quite steep hill, / We left him there with Jim & Phil. / We’re certainly sorry they couldn’t have come. / But things like that will happen some. / So we’ve changed our plans quite a bit, / And George and Harlan are going hit / The trail to Pinkham in a 10 mile walk / To pick them up at Bowman for a Doc. / We’re sorry it happened to mar the hike, / But we’d planned anyhow to hit the pike. // 4- To you Mrs Hincks, we thank you a lot, / For the wonderful night we’d so wearily sought. / So be rest assured some day again / We hope we can come back to this wonderful den. / So George & Harlan and I do wish / To come & eat again a goulash dish. / Upon this thought & cheery table / To eat it, well, it makes us able. / So long again. We’ll keep you in memory, / And go home and tell of it to good old Henry.” By A.W.M. [Signed:] Alfred W. Maddock & George R. Gnaedinger (Swampscott, Mass); and Harlan P. Banks (Lynn, Mass & Hanover, NH).

[Signed:] Doug Conner (Hingham, Mass). [Later:] “There was an old person called “Lick”. / Still able to climb ... with a stick. / *On a hot Labour Day / *He wandered this way / And found the black-flies awful thick!” [Signed:] A.H. L[icklider]. *Alternate version: “Into Gray Knob he blew / That resort of of Who’s Who”  A V2: “About half-past two”.

Friday, September 14, 1934. Came up in afternoon to close up camp for season. Everything O.K.
[Signed:] Robert W. Bridgman.


Sunday, July 14, 1935. Louise Heuser & Esther Love. “Our watches say eleven. / We must be down by seven. / There’s not much time for sleep, / For we hope to have a peep / Of the full moon. / We hope it will come soon.”
Friday, July 26, 1935. Margaret H. Arnold (Randolph), Betty L. Jeffries (Jersey, Channel Islands), Caroline T. Hincks (Baltimore, Md). Started up Ammonoosuc Trail for afternoon trip, then descended to come over the Range to Gray Knob. Telephoned our Ma’s at Ravine House. Left Base Station 12:30; arrived Gray Knob at 8:15. Off to RMC picnic at Log Cabin. Flies bad; no porkies. Regret no shrimps as in Isle of Jersey, but rest swell!!


Tuesday, August 27, 1935. Tib Hincks, Stanley G. Estes, Harlow Estes. “1 a.m. and all is ill. / 4 a.m. and he’s gnawing still. / Three hours now we’ve lain awake / While Porky’s jaws made the cabin shake. / Clippers and axe, stamp and yell / Have failed to send him back to hell. / Beneath the floor he’s playing ‘possum / While futile rage doth burst our bosom / With tooth and claw and quill and maw / He’s swallowing the cabin raw. / Now, Porky, go and chew a tree / And leave our little Gray Knob be. / Go masticate Mt. Adams’ cone / And gain thereby a great gall stone.”

Saturday, September 7, 1935. Tibby Hincks, Harold Cutter. “Up King’s Ravine / Climbing we’ve been, / By Great Gully Trail. / And hungry & pale / We’ve reached Gray Knob.”


1936

Wednesday, June 24, 1936. Arrived to open cabin. Back to Randolph at 4:00 pm. CCH. [Later:] Horace. Going to summit of Mt. Washington in A.M. Plan to return this P.M. Will be to Wash and possibly return by Madison. Visit the boys at Crag till we return. [Signed:] Van.

Wednesday, July 1, 1936. Arrived here about dark yesterday. Set buck saw. Left at 3:00 am for Washington. Thanks a lot for the use of the cabin. Don Charles told me to get permission from Mrs. Hincks, but we did not plan originally to use cabin. Certainly was swell. [Signed:] Warren B. Henry, Herman B. Chase.

Sunday, July 5, 1936. “Saw your camp from Crag / Through much brush and snag. / Pretty good to be sure. / Build one? Too damn poor.” [Signed:] Gordon Dale (Quebec), Feeney Quinn (Berlin, NH).

Tuesday, July 28, 1936. “On a shelf in the sky / Where the clouds roll by / Lives a hut all alone / Made of log & of stone. / There comfort & ease does always abide / To those who from their wives do wish to hide.” Milton McGivney. [Signed:] Milton McGivney (Berlin, NH), Al Cormier (Berlin, NH), Ray McGivney (Bellerose, LI, NY). Nite of July 28, 1936.


Wednesday, August 12, 1936. Mrs. Abbott, Miss Margaret Johnson & Elizabeth Hincks came up for one night. Were very fortunate in finding the cabin all tidied & supplied with wood by the Skeeles. Mrs. A.
& Miss Johnson made water color sketches of the dear old cabin. Off at noon for Nowell’s Path. Left some cheese & potted ham on shelf, bread in box & butter & bacon in refrig. for the Skeeles.

**Thursday, August 13, 1936.** “In winter time when it is drear / We all will wish that we were here. / When duties call us up will bop / Those joyous thoughts of fair Gray Knob.” [Signed:] F. P. Abbott. [Later:] “Far away from noise and turmoil / Gray Knob nestles midst the spruce. / There we’ve been a happy party / Reveling in joys perfuse.” [Signed:] M.E. Johnson. [Later note from Skeele party:] “Thank you Tibby for the bacon. / Welcome food when legs are achin’.”

**Tuesday, August 18, 1936.** Came up from Ravine House. Crag Camp was full. Stayed here Tuesday night. [Signed:] Rayfield Graves (Washington, DC). [Later:] Ben Richards (Berlin, NH).

**Wednesday, August 19, 1936.** 2:20 pm. Mr. A. H. Licklider called *en route* from Crag Camp to Lowe’s Path. Sorry to miss you. Left sandwich in pail!

**Wednesday-Thursday, August 19-20, 1936.** “In the mountains, in the shady places, / Where the clear air and the West Wind braces, / And the leaves our city-hampered souls rejoice, / We arrive at Gray Knob’s welcome shelter / For a steak and pounce and tranquil slumber / Broken only by the scratch of m(o)ice.” [Signed:] Eleanor Pavenstedt (Boston, Mass), with apologies to R.L.S. [Also:] Mary W. Blatchford, C. Hammond Blatchford, Jr.

**Sunday-Tuesday, August 23-25, 1936.** Landed here Sunday, Aug. 23, about 6:00 pm. Intended to spend night here and then leave for the Great Gulf Shelter. But rotten weather kept us here until Tues., 3:30 pm. We then left for Randolph & Gorham. Intend to climb Mt. Washington tomorrow if the weather permits. We left the cabin in approximately the same condition we found it in. We left some of our surplus supplies here. [Signed:] Harold Freeman, Julian ?Ponitt? (New York City).

**Tuesday, September 1, 1936.** [Loose page]  As log was full I have taken it down. Please register here till the new one comes up. Lovely soft day. Up at 2:30, down at 4:00. [Signed:] Sarah Hincks. [Later:] Charles Ryan, Jr., Bradley Judkins, Joe Kerrigan, Cinders (dog). In and out fast.

**Sunday, September 6, 1936.** Albert Chaloux, George Dion (Berlin, NH).

[No date, September 1936. Dion, Al, FeFe, Milt. To the owners. With proper arrangement, and our provisions none to scanty, We stayed here one nite in retirement, for which we thank ye.

**Monday, September 21, 1936.** Closed camp for winter. Everything ship-shape. [Signed:] R.W. Bridgman.

### 1937


**Monday-Wednesday, August 2-4, 1937.** Norman Hovey, Jo Vaughan Hovey, Caroline Hincks, Lois Skeele, John Skeele. Hoveys straight down to valley. Skeele & Hincks via Knife Edge. Many thanks to the Hincks for one more lovely visit to Gray Knob. We had a wonderful day on the range among the shifting clouds and flowers. Caroline arriving with meat balls for supper to supplement Jo’s famous corn chowder. The porkies gave evidence of their recent presence, but mercifully left us alone.
Thursday-Friday, August 19-20, 1937. [The entry here consisted of four pencil sketches identified as:]
“H[arold] B. Cutter”; “Hitler neé Estes”; “Mme Tibi Skrubetska” [Tibby Hincks]; “Harlow Estes”
[Mrs. Stanley G. Estes].

1943

July 9-10, 1943. Bertie Ney Bennett with Peter & Pater at 10:45 from Randolph Station, up to RMC Trail
luncheon at Spur Brook. Took Hincks Trail to Gray Knob. Much to our delight found blankets and
stayed. Cabin in fine order. July 10: Left at 8:45 for the Summit of Adams, then down to the Madison
Huts for candy, then took the Knife Edge Trail down King’s Ravine. Luncheon about 1:00 pm on Knife
Edge, then came down Scar Trail, arriving home about 4:00. Peter is a grand little camper. [Signature
of:] Peter Ney Bennett (Cheshire, Conn).

[Here ends the third volume of the Spur Cabin Register, the last of the three donated to
the RMC Archive by Edward Blatchford in August 2010, and transcribed/edited by Al
Hudson in the Fall-Winter of 2010-2011.] February 14, 2011.

Postscript: The razing of old Gray Knob.
“By 1986 it was clear that Gray Knob’s underlying structure was rotten. The RMC
board began to plan a new solution, and at the 1987 annual meeting asked the
membership to approve the cabin’s reconstruction. Engineer and former caretaker
Jeff Tirey created a plan, estimated to cost over $70,000, which echoed the design of
the original cabin. The old structure was demolished on April 8 and 9, 1989, and the
remains burned on April 15. An initial helicopter flight transported 16 tons of building
materials on April 24, and construction began on May 14. It took nearly three full
weeks to excavate the site by hand, moving snow, ice and many large slabs of rock.
Builders John Tremblay, Peter Rowan, Peter Wallace, Patrick Hackett, and Albie
Pokrob lived in one of the bunkrooms at Crag Camp -- working five to seven days at
a time before returning to the valley to restock and hike back up with new supplies.
With snow once again covering the ground, the project was completed in the second
week of October, and the new camp was dedicated the following summer on July 7,
Mountain Club*, Randolph, NH, Randolph Mountain Club 2010, p. 125.]
Appendix I

Here follows a listing of the 806 names that appear in the Gray Knob log books. The names appear in alphabetical order in four sections: members of the Hincks family (15), members of the Stearns family (8), members of the Blatchford family (8), and the remaining 775 visitors and guests. Asterisked names indicate those 487 individuals whom I have been able to identify with a fair degree of certainty, and for whom I have provided short biographical sketches in Appendix II. In this appendix I provide a date and age of first appearance. In a few cases I have indicated initials which on occasions were used in the logs (e.g., EYH for Edward Young Hincks; MMS for Myron Morris Stearns; FAB for Fern A. Bradley). In the last column I provide reference information useful mostly for myself. These “more info” files contain all of the information that I have accumulated for individuals and families. Those marked as “files” (e.g., Hincks file, Alexander file) refer to files that your editor has been working on over the years, and containing information beyond the scope of the Gray Knob logs; those marked as “[name] Census” (e.g., Eaton Census, Alford Census, Blodgett Census) reflect files that have grown up in the course of the current Gray Knob project.

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Appendix II: Biographical Sketches

Here follows a set of 487 brief biographical sketches of those whose names were asterisked in the Appendix I listing. Again, the sketches fall into four parts: Hincks, Stearns, Blatchford, and Visitors/Guests. For each entry I supply birth/death years (although I was not able to get both for some subjects), and first/last dates of appearance at Gray Knob: FAP = first appearance, LAP = last appearance, FOP = first and only appearance.

Appendix II: The Hincks Family.

Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927) FAP 5 Jul 1906; LAP 2-4 Sep 1905. (Also appears as Mr. Hincks, Prof. Hincks, EYH.) Born in Bucksport, Maine. The son of Sarah Ann Blodgett (1820-1864) and John Winslow (1819-1875) Hincks, the latter a merchant, first in Bucksport and, in 1852, in Bridgeport, Conn. Edward was educated at Yale (AB, 1866), Union Theological Seminary (1866-1867), and Andover Theological Seminary (1868-1870). He was pastor of the State Street Congregational Church, in Portland, Maine (1871-1881).

In 1877 he married Elizabeth Champlin Perry (1842-1882); she was born in Andover, Mass; the daughter of Elizabeth Ann Randolph (1816-1847) and Oliver Hazzard Perry, II (1815-1878), the latter, scion of a distinguished naval family, was himself a naval officer for 19 years before becoming a highly successful textile manufacturer in Lowell and Lawrence, Mass. [Elizabeth’s paternal grandfather was Oliver Hazzard Perry (1785-1819), the commander of the American flotilla that defeated British forces on Lake Erie in 1813; her great uncle was Matthew Calbraith Perry (1794-1858), who commanded the first steamship in the US Navy and later, in 1853-1854 commanded the naval expedition to Japan and the signing there of an historic treaty.]

Edward and Elizabeth had a daughter, *Ann Perry “Nan” Hincks (1879- ). Elizabeth died in 1882, after which Edward studied abroad for a year.

In 1883 Edward joined the faculty of Andover Theological Seminary, first as Smith Professor of Biblical Theology (1883-1890, 1908-1922); he became Abbott Professor of Christian Theology (1900-1908), but when the latter post was removed to Cambridge, he again became Smith Professor. In 1885 received a DD degree from Yale.

In 1887 Edward married *Elizabeth Tyler Clark (1869-1952) with whom he had five children: *Sarah Erick (1888-1962), *Carroll Clark (1889-1964), Edward (1892-1917), *Elizabeth Mary (“Tibby”; 1894-1968), and *Caroline Tyler (“Tottie”; 1902-1986) Hincks. By 1905 the Hincks family had become all-summer residents of Randolph’s Mountain View House. In that year Edward Hincks assumed oversight of the services at the Randolph Church.

Also in 1905, Edward, in partnership with Charles C. Stearns, built Gray Knob cabin at about 4300 feet on the side of Mt. Adams, a short distance to the east of The Quay on Lowe’s Path; on August 28, 1905, Professor and Mrs. Hincks spent the first night in the cabin. After the Stearns family moved to southern California in 1906, Gray Knob was used primarily by the Hincks family. On September 1, 1913 Charles C. Stearns terminated his half interest in Gray Knob to Prof. Hincks. In 1939 the Hincks family gave Gray Knob to the town of Randolph which arranged for the RMC to run the camp. In 1990 the Randolph town meeting voted turn Gray Knob ownership over to the RMC.

Randolph cottages. In November 1904 Prof. Stearns bought from Joel Leighton a water right on the hillside between Scates Corner and the Mt. View House, and contracted with John Boothman to build
him a cottage on the site on the east side of Randolph Hill Road. The cottage, “Uplook,” was finished in 1906, and became the primary Randolph house of the Hincks family for many years to come. The Hincks family frequently held charades and other theatrical events at “Uplook”. In the late 1920s the original “Uplook” was sold to the Nelson Smiths (who called it “Crag Farm”), and, in due time passed successively into the ownership of the Donnell, Finnegan, Woodward and Fitzpatrick families. Around 1918, and also on the west side of the road, Prof. Hincks had a couple of chicken coops turned into a tiny cottage as a surprise for his youngest daughter Caroline on her sixteenth birthday. This structure, appropriately named “The Surprisery,” was torn down in the 1990s after Caroline’s death. In 1910 Edward was a founding member of the Randolph Mountain Club, and served as its president for twelve years (1910-1922).

Elizabeth Tyler Clark Hincks (1869-1952) FAP 6 Jul 1906; LAP 6-8 Aug 1934. (Also appears as Mrs. Hincks, Elizabeth T. Hincks, and ETH.) Born in Newton Center, Mass. The daughter of Caroline Tyler (1835-1906) and Charles Peter (1836-1901) Clark. [Caroline Tyler was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where her father, Samuel Tyler (1814-1874), a leading Portland, Maine merchant, had extensive business interests. Charles P. Clark was a major railroad magnate in the northeast, where he worked to consolidate a number of separately operated railroads into the New York, New Haven & Hartford system, of which he was president from 1887-1899. It might be noted that in 1899 Elizabeth’s sister, Carita Tyler Clark (1869-1953), married a successful railroad lawyer, *Charles Hammond Blatchford (1874-1953), thereby establishing the first link between the Hincks and Blatchford families.]

In July 1877 Elizabeth Tyler Clark married the widower Edward Young Hincks at Kennebunkport, Maine; The New York Times reported that “The wedding surpassed anything ever known in this part of the state.” Elizabeth and Edward had five children, four of whom appear in the Gray Knob logbooks: *Sarah, *Carroll, *Edward, *Elizabeth “Tibby”, and *Caroline “Tottie” Hincks. For many years Elizabeth T. was a frequent and gracious hostess at Gray Knob. Around 1910 Mrs. Hincks converted an old carriage house formerly belonging to the Stearns family on the west side of the road near “The Hermitage”, into a personal cottage. This cottage, “Hazelnut,” presumably provided her a quiet retreat from the throng of family and visitors. [Around 1970, “Hazelnut” was sold by Caroline Hincks to three of her first cousins, the brothers Huntington, Mitchell Parker and Edward William Blatchford.] In the late 1920s, presumably after Edward’s death, Mrs. Hincks had a new house built, a Sears-Roebuck prefabricated structure that was also named “Uplook.” [This second “Uplook” was later inherited by Edward William Blatchford (1944- ), and, in 2012, was purchased by Tad and Anne Pfeffer.] Elizabeth was a founding member of the RMC.

Anne Perry “Nan” Hincks (1879-1929) FAP 9 Aug 1906; LAP 27-29 Jul 1927. (Also appears as APH). Anne was born in Portland, Maine. She was the daughter of Edward Y. Hincks and his first wife Elizabeth Champlin Perry. Ann was educated at Smith College (AB, 1900) and became a social worker. For many years she was associated with the Bethesda Society of Boston/Penetent Females Refuge, and was its executive secretary (c1916-c1926). Anne was a founding member of the RMC.

Caroline Tyler “Tottie” Hincks (1902-1986) FAP 21 Jul 1908; LAP 4 Aug 1937. (Also appears as CTH and Tottaline Hincks.) A native of Andover, Mass. She was the youngest child of Edward Y. Hincks and his second wife Elizabeth Tyler Clark. Caroline was educated at the University of California, Berkeley (AB, 1925) and Simmons College (MA). She had a varied career. For some forty years she was a training director in large department stores and, in the 1940s was Professor of Retailing and Acting Director of Store Service Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. Later she was a social worker in Chicago, Boston and Cambridge, winding up her career as a social worker in geriatrics. Caroline was the last member of the Hincks family in Randolph. In 1983 Caroline told a Mountain View interviewer:

“I’ve just recently moved to a retirement home in Bedford, Mass ... When my sister Tibby died suddenly in the New Haven railroad station in 1968, I was left with three Randolph houses: the Hazelnut, the Surprisery, and the current one called Uplook, that had been my mother’s. That was too much for me to handle. So I sold Hazelnut, which had started life as a carriage house

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for Mr. [Charles C.] Stearns, who had built the barn also, to three young men, Huntington, [Mitchell] Parker, and Edward [William] Blatchford, my first cousins once removed. The three brothers own it and take turns using it..."

Caroline was a founding member of the RMC in 1910.

Carroll Clark Hincks (1889-1964) FAP 5 Jul 1906; LAP 22-25 Jul 1933. (Also appears as CCH). Born in Andover, Mass. The son of Edward Y. Hincks and Elizabeth Tyler Clark. He was educated at Philips Andover, Yale College (AB, 1911) and Yale Law School (LLD, 1914). While an undergraduate he sang with the Whiffenpoofs and, in 1912 became secretary of a group that undertook the reorganization an management of Mory’s Club. He practiced law in New Haven and Waterbury, Conn. (1915-1931). During World War I he served as a captain in the Field Artillery from April 1917 to August 1919, going into the front lines on November 1, 1918. In 1921, in the Yale Decennial Record, Carroll reported that he had, “two years of training for two weeks of combat.” He also reported that, “aside from the law, it’s a great life: squash in the winter, tennis, riding and tramping in the summer; and then, of course, I’m only an hour from New York.

In 1931 he was appointed a Federal Judge for the District of Connecticut by Herbert Hoover, and, from 1948 to 1953 he served as Chief Judge. [It may be noted that between 1935 and 1947 Carroll presided over the reorganization of the New Haven RR, an enterprise of which his grandfather, Charles Peter Clark, had been president (1887-1899)]. In 1953 President Eisenhower appointed him to the US Court of Appeals for the Second District.


Among his other accomplishments, Carroll served as president of the New Haven Symphony Orchestra; the shell in the Yale Bowl used for summer concerts bears his name. In Randolph, Carroll, like most of his family, was a founding member of the RMC. He worked on various paths and was the chief constructor of the Hincks Trail, cut in 1909, that runs from the lower Spur Trail to Gray Knob cabin; this was originally called “Carroll’s Trail,” and was a private path until 1939, when Gray Knob was given to the town of Randolph. Carroll also located and for some years maintained what is now the portion of the Gray Knob Trail that runs south from Gray Knob to the Randolph Path.

Cornelia Baldwin Hincks (1882- ) FOP 8 Aug 1906. Born in Bridgeport, Conn. She was the daughter of Cornelia Emmarine Hart (1847- ) and *Enoch Pond Hincks (1846- ), a carriage manufacturer and a younger brother of *Edward Young Hincks. In 1906 she married Samuel Mills Hawley (1877-1924), a Bridgeport banker.

Edith Walker Wilkins Ney “Edie” Hincks (1890-1980) FAP 4 Sep 1926; LAP 11 Jul 1931. [Also appears as Edith Walker Ney, FAP 3-4 Sep 1925.] Born in Buffalo, NY. The daughter of Angeline Walker (c1863- ) and an unspecified father; in the 1910 census, a 19-year old Edith was living with her mother and step-father Frank L. Danforth (c1863- ), a Buffalo real estate agent. Around 1916 Edith married George R. Wilkins (1883- ), and they had a son *Edward Walker Wilkins (c1915- ). Edith and George seem to have gotten a divorce, or were separated, for the 1920 census shows Edith Wilkins living in a Buffalo household comprised of her mother, step-father Frank, and son Edward. Sometime between 1920 and 1924 Edith arrived in Cheshire, Conn., as the second wife of Paul Sprague Ney (1879-1924), scion of a distinguished Hartford family. Paul was divorced from his first wife, Bertha Bigelow Beecher (1888-1966), with whom he had had four children: *Bertha “Bert” (1910- ), *Gail Beecher (1911-1982), *Paul Sprague, Jr (1913-1982-), and Roxanna Beecher (1916-1983).
Three of the Ney children appear in the Gray Knob log. On 3-4 Sep 1925 Edith Walker Ney appears in the Gray Knob log along with Carroll and Caroline Hincks. By the next year Edith and Carroll are married, and, on 4-5 Sep 1926, Edith Walker HINCKS appears in the log along with Paul, Gail, and “Bert” Ney. On 30 Jul 1929 Edith and Carroll are at Gray Knob along with Bert and Paul Ney, as well as with her own son, Walker Wilkins. Edith’s last appearance in the Gray Knob log was on 11 Jul 1931.

Elizabeth Mary “Tibby” Hincks (1894-1968) FAP 12 Jul 1906; LAP 20 Aug 1937. Born in Andover, Mass. The second daughter of Elizabeth Tyler Clark and Edward Hincks. She was a psychologist educated at Vassar (AB, 1917), Radcliffe (MA, 1918) and Harvard (PhD, 1924). At Vassar, in addition to her academic studies she published poetry. At Radcliffe her master’s thesis was, “Inability to read and its relation to neurosis”; at Harvard her doctoral dissertation was “Disability in reading and its relation to personality”. She worked for some 25 years at the Little Wanderers Home in Boston. For a time she was a lecturer in educational psychology at Harvard.

Enoch Pond Hincks (1846-1915) FOP 8 Aug 1906. Born in Bucksport, Maine. The son Sarah Ann Blodgett (1820-1864) and John Winslow (1819-1875), the latter a Customs Inspector in Bridgeport, Conn. in 1870. Enoch, a younger brother of Edward Young Hincks, was a carriage manufacturer in Bridgeport. In 1869 he married Cornelia Emmarine Hart (1848-1928), and with her had three children: Ann Hart (1872- ), *Henry Winslow “Harry” (1875- ), *Cornelia Baldwin (1882-1918) Hincks.

Henry Winslow “Harry” Hincks (1875-1934) FAP 15-16 Aug 1907; LAP 10 Aug 1909. A native of Connecticut. The son of Cornelia Emmarine Hart (1848-1928) and *Enoch Pond (1846-1915) Hincks. He was educated at Yale (AB, 1898). Harry was a salesman for a steel manufacturer in Bridgeport, Conn. until 1911, at which time he joined Hincks Brothers & Company, Bridgeport bond dealers. In 1907 he married [Katerina] Elizabeth Eaton with whom he had three children: Katerina Elizabeth (1910- ), Carroll “Carolyne” (c1911- ), and Edward B. (c1914- )

Katerina Elizabeth Eaton Hincks (1879- ) FOP 7 Aug 1909. (Generally known as Elizabeth.) Born in Beloit, Wisconsin. A daughter of Martha B. (1854- ) and *Edward Dwight (1851- ) Eaton, the latter a clergyman and long time president of Beloit College (1886-1905; 1907-1917; 1923). She was the sister of *Mildred, *Caroline and *Aldyth Eaton. After graduation from Beloit College (AB, c1901), she taught at the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass. In 1907 she married *Henry Winslow “Harry” Hincks (1875-1934), the son of *Enoch Pond Hincks and the nephew of *Edward Young Hincks. Elizabeth and Harry settled in Bridgeport, Conn. In 1952, Elizabeth, now a widow, published a book, Undismayed: The Story of a Yankee Chaplin’s Family in the Civil War, based on the letters of her grandparents Catherine Elizabeth Demarest (1824-1904) and Rev. Samuel Witt Eaton (1820-1905).

Sarah Erick Hincks (1888-1962) FAP 5 Jul 1906; LAP 1 Sep 1936. Born in Andover, Mass. A daughter of Elizabeth Tyler Clark and Edward Y. Hincks. She was educated at Smith (AB, nd) and Vassar (MA, 1914; PhD, 1922).
Appendix II: The Stearns Family.

Charles Cummings Stearns (1950-1924) FAP 7 Jul 1906; LAP 31 Aug 1913. (Appears as Mr. Stearns and CCS.) Born in Lunenburg, Vermont. The son of Freelove Phillips McIntyre (1822-1880), a graduate of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, and Josiah Milton Stearns (1818-1853), the latter a Congregational pastor, first in Lunenburg and later in Brentwood, New Hampshire. Charles was educated Yale (AB, 1872; MA, 1879) and Union Theological Seminary (BD, 1875). In 1875 he married *Sophia Dickerman Putnam Seymour (1852- ), and with her had five children: *Charles Miner (1876-1918), *Myron Morris (1884- ), *Seymour Putnam (1888-1973), Elizabeth Putnam (1880- ), and *Alice Lucinda (1881- ) Stearns.

1872-1884. It’s not easy to be precise about Charles’ doings in this period. It is highly likely that spent time as a missionary in Asia Minor since his oldest child, Charles, was born in Manissa, Turkey; Myron, Seymour and Elizabeth were born in Hartford, Conn; Alice was born in Massachusetts. In 1879-1880 he was Professor of Greek at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska.

1885-1905. Charles and his family lived in Hartford. In 1885, Charles and his brother-in-law Rev. Marcellus Bowen (1844-1916; husband of Flora Pierpont Stearns) established the Bowen School at 352 Collins Street. In 1893-1894, while Charles held an appointment as Assoc. Prof. of Archaeology at the Hartford Theological Seminary, he spent two semesters studying at Berlin University and a winter in Rome studying early Christian archaeology. Around 1895 Charles became head of the Stearns School located at 126 Garden Street; he also directed the Lord’s Hill School for young ladies at nearby 122 Garden Street. While putting his primary effort into the Stearns School, he resigned his professorship at Hartford Theological Seminary but continued as a Lecturer there. During this period Charles was active enough in Christian scholarship and publication to become known beyond the Hartford microcosm.

1906-1924. In 1906 Charles was appointed Professor of Biblical History and Literature at Pomona College in southern California, a post he held until his death in 1924.

In the late 1890s the Stearns family started spending summers in Randolph, NH., where boys came to study with Charles. In 1898 Charles bought “The Hermitage” cottage following the death of its previous owner, “the hermit” Hector McNeil. In 1901 he designed “Sorgenfrei”, the cottage built on Randolph Hill for Mrs. Lillian M.B. Schaufller of Princeton, NJ. In 1902 he built a little cottage, “The Birches” (now owned by Lydia Goetze) for his daughter Alice, and also became co-owner with William Gray Nowell of the Log Cabin on Lowe’s Path. In 1905, Charles, in partnership with Edward Y. Hincks, designed and constructed Gray Knob cabin even higher up the slope of Mt. Adams.

After the appointment to Pomona, travel eastward to Randolph was not convenient after 1906. After several visits in August 1907, Prof. Stearns did not get to Gray Knob again until August 1913. On 31 Aug 1913 he commented in the log: “On September 1 it [Gray Knob] will belong to Mr. Hincks alone.” From the distance of California, Prof. Stearns played no role in the Randolph Mountain Club, but continued his long-time membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club.

Sophia Dickerman Putnam Seymour (1852- ) FAP 7 Jul 1906; LAP 28 Aug 1913. (Appears as Mrs. Stearns, and SSS.) Born in West Hartford, Conn. The daughter of Elizabeth Putnam (1821-1901) and William H. (1825- ) Seymour, the latter a well-to-do farmer in West Hartford. In 1875 she married Charles C. Stearns and with him had five children.

Alice Lucinda Stearns (1891- ) FAP 5 Jul 1906; LAP 28 Aug 1913. (Also appears as ALS.) She was born in South Dartmouth, Mass. The daughter of Sophia and Charles Stearns. She was educated at Pomona College (AB, 1913) and last appears in the Gray Knob log the summer of her graduation. Thereafter, no further record has been found.
Charles Miner Stearns (1876-1918) FAP 24 Aug 1906; LAP 31 Aug 1913. Born in Manissa, Turkey. The son of Sophia and Charles Stearns. He was educated at Johns Hopkins (BA, theology, 1898), Harvard (AB, English, 1901) and Princeton (MA, 1914). 1898-1900 he was a teacher at his father’s Stearns School at Hartford. In 1901-1902 he was an Assistant in English at Harvard. In 1902 he was an English Master at The Hill School in Pottstown, Penn. In 1904-1910 he served as a Regent at Harvard. 1910-1912 he was Head of the English Department at Jacob Tome Institute. Beginning in 1914 Charles was an Instructor of French at Dartmouth College. In 1915 he wed Mary Strong Wilson Laughlin. In 1917, under the auspices of the YMCA, he took on an exhausting task of organizing services for young men at military and naval stations in New England. In the fall of 1918 Charles contracted influenza, in the aftermath of which he died of pneumonia on 27 Sep 1918 at the Naval Hospital, New London, Conn.

Helen Gibbons Stearns (1885- ) FOP 23 Jul 1908. Born in Rock Lake, Minnesota. The daughter of Nettie A. (1856- ) and James B. (1853- ), the latter an insurance agent in Marshall Minnesota. She was educated at Washington State University (AB, 1907). In March 1908 she married Myron Morris Stearns. They had four children: Helen M. (1910- ), David (1910- ), John F. (1910- ) Stearns, and Charles M. Sweet-Stearns (1921- ). In the 1920 census her occupation was listed as “Reader/Motion pictures”.

Myron Morris Stearns (1884-1963) FAP 21 Aug 1907; LAP 2 Sep 1907. (Also appears as MMS.) Born in Hartford, Conn. The son of Sophia and Charles Stearns. Myron was educated at Stanford (AB, 1906). In March 1908 he married *Helen M. Gibbons (1886- ). Professionally, Charles appears to have been a freelance writer: in 1918-1919 he was a “writer/scenarist” on four projects at the American Film Company (Carmen, The Hope Chest, Boots, Peppy Polly; in 1920 he was an “editor”; as a writer, he was a frequent contributor to magazines such as Boy’s Life, Reader’s Digest, and, between 1930 and 1950, Harper’s; in 1923 he published, Life with the Movie Makers; in 1926 he co-authored New Schools in the Old World (John Day Co.); in 1934 he published the book, How to Sell What You Write; in 1940 he co-authored with Jack Dempsey, Round by Round: An Autobiography (McGraw-Hill). Charles also wrote poetry under the pseudonym “John Amid”: e.g., his poem, “The tail of the world,” appeared in The Cry of Justice: An Anthology of the Literature of Social Protest, edited by Upton Sinclair, John C. Winston, Co., 1915. In April 1963 Myron died of cancer in Palm Beach, Florida.

Seymour Putnam Stearns (1888-1973) FOP 28 Aug 1913. Born in Hartford, Conn. The son of Sophia and Charles Stearns. He was educated at Dartmouth (AB, 1909). In 1917 his draft registration card listed him as single, living in Philadelphia, working in advertising for the Kraft Company, and showed him to have fallen arches. He died in 1973 in Santa Monica, Calif.
Appendix II: The Blatchford Family.

Charles Hammond Blatchford (1874-1953) FAP 21 Aug 1910; LAP 23-25 Aug 1926. [Appears as C.H. Blatchford, Charles H. Blatchford, Charles Blatchford, Uncle Charles.] Born in Evanston, Illinois. The son of Mary Emily Williams (1834-1921) and Eliphalet Wickes Blatchford (1826-1914), the latter a highly successful manufacturer of lead products, particularly for the printing industry, and civic leader in Chicago. He was educated at Cornell (BS, 1895), Northwestern (LLB, 1897), and Yale (LLM, 1898). In 1899 he married *Carita Tyler Clark (1869-1952) whose father, Charles P. Clark, was a railroad magnate in the northeast. Charles and Carita had four children: *Eliphalet Lawrence, *Charles Hammond, *Huntington, and *Mary Williams Blatchford. In 1910 Charles was living in Winnetka, Ill. and working in a general law office, but by 1920 he had moved to Portland, Maine, where he identified himself as a “railroad lawyer” in that year’s census.

Carita Tyler Clark Blatchford (1869-1952) FOP 23 Jul 1915. [Appears as Mrs. C.H. Blatchford.] Born in Newton Center, Mass. The daughter of Caroline Tyler (1835-1906) and Charles Peter Clark (1836-1901). [Carita’s mother had been born in Buenos Aires, Argentina where her father, Samuel Tyler, a leading Portland, Maine merchant, had extensive interests. Charles Peter Clark was a railroad magnate in the northeast, and at one time served as president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. One of Carita’s sisters, *Elizabeth Tyler Clark (1869-1852), was the second wife of Gray Knob owner *Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927). Another sister, Sally Tyler Clark (1874-1942), married *Edward Grant Buckland (1866- ) and had children who visited Gray Knob: *Charles C. (1899- ), *Julia T. (1900- ), and *Susan L. (1904).]


Mary Williams Blatchford (1913-2005) FAP 31 Aug 1924; 19-20 Aug 1936. Born in Concord, Mass. and raised in Portland, Maine. The daughter of *Carita Clark and *Charles H. Blatchford. She was educated at Bradford Junior College, Connecticut College (AB, 1935) and Boston University (MA, psychology, 1939). In 1939 Mary joined the staff of Lasell Junior College, first as an instructor in the Science Department and later as an Academic Dean; in 1954 she was a leader in establishing an RN nursing program at Lasell. In 1955 she married John Van Etten. The couple lived in Wellesley Hills, Mass (1955-1983) and then in Bedford, Mass.

Virginia Monroe Bliss Blatchford (1899-1992) FAP 3 Sep 1929 LAP 9-12 Aug 19348. Born in Greenburgh, NY. The daughter of Jennie Rockafeller (1874-1969) and Sylvester Strong Bliss (1864-
), the latter a railroad cashier in Greenburgh. After graduating from Mt. Holyoke College (AB, 1921), Virginia trained as a nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital Training School in New York City (RN, 1924). From 1924-1929 she was the Head Nurse at American University, Beirut, Syria. In 1929 she married Charles Hammond Blatchford, Jr. and with him had three children.
Appendix II: Visitors and Guests.

**Edward Stanley Abbot, MD (1863-)** FOP 5 Sep 1914. Son of Catherine F. (c1840-) and Francis Ellingwood (c1837-) Abbot, the latter a clergyman and, between 1870 and 1880, editor of *The Index*, “a journal of free religion”. E. Stanley Abbot was born in Beverly, MA, attended Harvard, and became a physician. In 1900 he was a widower on the staff of Boston City Hospital; in 1910 a physician at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA; in 1920 he is remarried to Marion W., and practicing as a Psychiatrist in Philadelphia, PA. On his one trip to Gray Knob he was in the company of Elizabeth (Philadelphia) and Mary (Albany, NY) Kirkbride; they appear to have been accepting the hospitality of the Hincks family.

**Florence Peek Abbott (1881-)**. FAP 12 Aug 1936; LAP 13 Aug 1936. Daughter of Cora (1859-) and William Peek, Jr (1853-), and sister of Hazel D. Peek (1886-1976). Her grandfather, William H. Peek, Sr (1820-1905), was one of the original pathmakers in the Randolph area. Florence married Alfred E. Abbott. She was a member of the RMC.

**Etta M. Aiken (1867-)** FOP 15 Aug 1910. Born in Gloucester, Mass. The daughter of Margaret (c1845-) and John P. (1841-) Aiken, the latter a master fisherman in Gloucester. In 1910 Etta was working as a stenographer in a Boston broker’s office. At Gray Knob she was accompanied by members of the Dole family.

**Edward Clarkson Aitken (1896-)** FOP 12 Jun 1922. Born in New York City. The son of Eva (c1877-) and Thomas (c1860-) Aitken, the latter a sometime farmer (1910) and, at age 60, a night watchman “in a private school” in Groton, Mass. It is likely that Thomas traded his duties as a watchman for an education for his son; Edward graduated from Lawrence Academy and went on to Dartmouth (BS, 1920). He was trained as an engineer and during WWII served at Keystone Ordnance in Geneva, Penn. In his visit to Gray Knob he was in the company of two other Dartmouth grads, George Brooks and Douglas Weymouth.


**James Strange Alexander, Jr (1896-1985)**. See above; same FAP, LAP. A native of New Jersey. The son of Anna Pomeroy (1861-) and banker James Strange Alexander, Sr. James, Jr followed his father into banking. Having previously been guests at Mt. Crescent House, in 1930 James and Hortense bought Sugar Plum Farm on Randolph Hill. He was the subject of *James S. Alexander, Jr: His Wartime Experiences, 1917-1919*, edited by his son J. Heywood Alexander.

**Sarah Clapp “Sally” Alexander (1921-2007)**. See above; same FAP, LAP. She was educated at Bryn Mawr (AB, 1943), Union Theological Seminary (M. Divinity, 1950), and Hartford Seminary (STM, 1966; PhD 1974), where she was an adjunct professor for 25 years. She was the author of *Dante in Relation to Landscape Poetry* (1942), the prize essay of the Dante Society. She served as a minister for many years. In 1947 she married Rev. Robert L. Edwards in the Randolph Church.

**Pierrepont Alford (1885-1963)**. FOP 23 Aug 1907. Alford was a Shawnee from the Sac & Fox Indian Agency in Pottawatomie, OK. His Indian name was “PA La Ko Ne As Mo”. Through at least 1920 he lived on the Oklahoma reservation, where he was listed as a “farm laborer”. He died in Los Angeles. Just how he came to be at Gray Knob is not clear, but he signed in with Edward H. Lorenz of Harford, Conn.

**Corelli Alger (1906-1998)**. FOP 17 Jun 1924. Daughter of Flora and George Walker Alger (who became a member of the RMC in 1912) of West Bridgewater, MA. She was a 1927 Graduate of Simmons College with a B.Sc in Home Economics. In 1930 she was a Schrafts Restaurant manager in
Manhattan. Married Amos Ray David in 1931. She went on to become a nutrition educator and administrator in the Montgomery, MD county school system. She was at Gray Knob with Dr. Alice F. Blood, a professor at Simmons, and Ula M. Dow, a home economist.

Mrs. Frederick DeForest Allen = Emmeline “Emma” Laighton Allen (c1846- ). FAP 25 Aug 1909. Daughter of Frances Seabury “Fannie” Hall (1805-1860) and Charles Edward (1799-1885) Laighton, the latter a grocer and merchant in Portsmouth, NH. In 1878 she married Frederick DeForest “F.D.” Allen (1844-1897), a classical scholar who taught at Yale and, for the last 17 years of his life, at Harvard. Emma and Frederick had three children: Barbara Frances (1880- ), Arthur Frederick, and Margaret Allen, the last two of whom appear in the Gray Knob log. Emma was the sister of Catherine Hall Laighton (1840- ) who also made it to Gray Knob.


Barry Joseph Anson (c1894- ). FAP 23 Aug 1925; LAP 12 Aug 1926. Born in Muscatine, Iowa. The son of Alice Barry (1861- ) and Frank P. (1857- ) Anson, the latter a clothing dealer. Barry was an anatomist, educated at the University of Wisconsin (MA, PhD) and, over the years, teaching in the medical faculties of Wisconsin, Northwestern, and Iowa College of Medicine. Barry was a friend of the *Dr. Frederick T. Lewis family.

Gertrude Anson (c1894- ). Wife of Barry J. Anson.

Kenneth Ellmaker Appel (1896-1979) FOP 6-15 Sep 1920. A native of Lancaster, Penn. The son of Ella Julia (1856-1905) and John Wilberforce (1856-1928) Appel, the latter an attorney in Lancaster. He received his AB from Franklin and Marshall (1915) and his MA (1916) and PhD (1918) in philosophy from Harvard. He must have attended medical school at some point: in the 1930 census he’s described as “physician/private”. He became a psychiatrist in Philadelphia and was founder/president of the National Academy of Religion and Mental Health. Sometime between 1920 and 1928 he married Madelline Hunt (1894- ), with whom he appears in the Gray Knob log in September 1920.

William Raenewig Arnold (1872-1930). FAP 15 Sep 1914; LAP 3 Aug 1919. He was born in Beirut, Syria of parents holding German citizenship. He was educated at Union Theological Seminary (1895) and Columbia University (PhD, 1898). He lectured at Columbia (1898-1903), was Hitchcock Professor of Hebrew at Andover Theological Seminary (1903- ), and then became Professor of Theology at Harvard Divinity School. Around 1898 he married Ada Hart/Allan, and with her had three children: Isabel, Alice, and Margaret Arnold. William had close personal ties to George Foot Moore, one of the builders of Spur Cabin, and E.Y. Hincks, both of whom were associated with the Andover Seminary.

Ada Arnold (née Hart; 1873- ). FAP 15 Sep 1914; LAP 19 Sep 1932. Born in New York City. The daughter of Mary H. (1846- ) and [Unknown] (1833- ) Hart. [Ada’s mother was apparently widowed, and in 1880 she married William Allan (1846- ), a manufacturer in New York City. Thus, prior to her marriage, Ada’s maiden name was sometimes given as Hart, sometimes as Allan.] A frequent visitor, she last signed the Gray Knob log at age 59 years. Ada was the wife of Harvard theologian William R. Arnold; mother of Isabel, Alice, and Margaret Arnold; sister of Isabel H. Allan (1881- ). The Arnolds started coming to Randolph c1914, and for many years before and during WWII Ada and her daughters rented “Uplook” (Prof. Hincks family)/”Crag Farm” (Nelson Smith) cottage on Randolph Hill Road. During WWII Ada raised turkeys at the adjacent Hincks-Smith barn. At age 25 years she
became stone deaf and thereafter depended on lip reading when conversing.


She was educated at Bryn Mawr (AB, 1920). She was an airplane pilot. Later she married George Reddington Blodgett (1895- ), who was a 2nd cousin of *Carroll and the other children of *Edward Y. Hincks.

Margaret Holmes *“Miggy” Arnold (c1906- ). FAP 15 Sep 1914; LAP 26 Jul 1935; a frequent visitor.

The daughter of Ada and William Arnold. Educated at Bryn Mawr (AB, 1926). Miggy was an artist, and left some wonderful sketches in the Gray Knob log book. She married artist *Leroy Woodard (c1903- ), who designed the original Randolph boundary road sign. On 21 Sep 1933 Miggy executed in the Gray Knob log a fine sketch of Katharine Fowler Lunn, Merle Whitcombe and Tibby Hincks. She served several terms on the RMC board.


In1898 Arthur married Jennie M. Jeffers. In 1910 he was a constable in Malden, MA.


Rev. Richards Austin [See: James Austin Richards below]. The “Richards Austin” name results from a bit of doggerel licence in the log entry for 8 Aug 1914: “... Oh have party of the Rev. Richards Austin / May you not find the trips too exhaustin ...” accompanied by a footnote: “Author could find no rhyme for ‘Richards’ ...”

Richard Gordon L. “Dick” Ayer (1905-1977). FOP 28 Aug 1927. Born in Newton, Mass. The son of Cora Julia Whitaker (1870- ) and Rev. Joseph Cullen Ayer, Jr (1866-1944), the latter an Episcopalian minister, church historian, and Divinity School professor in Philadelphia. Dick was the brother of Caroline Ayer (c1902- ) (who married, first, Hawley Knox Rising, Sr. (c1890-1927) and, second, Raymond Albright). With his wife Mary, Dick was the parent of Bunty Ayer (married Jim White) and Carol Ayer (married _____ Doyle). Joseph Ayer’s family began coming to Randolph c1910, and built a house on Randolph Hill (which came to be owned by Hawley and Joan Rising). In 1930 Dick Ayer was working as an accountant in Crag Camp than with Gray Knob.

John W. Balet (c1905-2003) FOP 2 Aug 1933. Resident of Manhattan and Pelham, NY. Son of Margaret A. (c1874- ) and Joseph W. (c1860- ) Balet, the latter a civil engineer in New York City. John W. Balet graduated from Columbia College in 1925, and from Columbia’s School of Engineering in 1927. He was an electrical engineer with Con Edison until his retirement in 1969. He married Kathleen Giblin; the couple had four children. John was at Gray Knob with Caroline Hincks and “Eddie” Cole.


Harlan had a long association with Dartmouth College (BS, 1934); he was appointed to the faculty in 1934, and went on to become a Professor of Botany there.

Edward Totterson “Ed” Bartlett (1908-1989) FOP 28-29 Aug 1927. Born in Philadelphia, Penn. The son of Cecelia Helen Neall (1876-1964) and Rev. George Griffiths (1872- ) Bartlett, the latter Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School. He was the brother of George N. Bartlett. In 1929 Edward married Florence Creech in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. In 1930 he was described as “Office/rubber”. When he died in Cleveland, Ohio his occupation was specified as “banking”. On his one documented appearance at Gray Knob, Ed was in the company of Richard Ayer, a long-time summer resident in Randolph.

and George Griffiths Bartlett, and brother of Ed Bartlett. In 1938 he married Florence Kendrick Hoban (1911-) with whom he had four children. On his one recorded trip to Gray Knob he was in the company of Robert Hatch, later an Episcopal bishop, and a long-time summer resident of Randolph.

Dr. Emil Jacob Baumann (1891- ). FAP 7 Aug 1917; LAP 11 Sep 1933; a frequent Gray Knob visitor. Emil was the son of Rebecca (1858-) and Albert (1844- ) Baumann, the latter a grocer in Manhattan, NY. Emil graduated from Yale in 1914 and went on to become a distinguished physiological chemist. In 1920 he married Sarah Elizabeth Judson.

Elizabeth “Essy” Judson Baumann (1877- ). FAP 18 Jul 1917 as Miss “Essy” Judson; LAP 11 Sep 1933; a frequent visitor. The daughter of Ellen (c1853-) and Edward (c1845- ) Judson; the latter was born in Burma, and became a minister and theologian settling in Orange, NJ. Essy was the sister of *Margaret Judson (c1880- ). In 1920 she married Emil Jacob Baumann, who was 14 years her junior; no children. According to the 1887 census she was originally named Sarah E[lizabeth], which initials were rendered as S. E., or “Essy”, a form often appearing in the Gray Knob log. Through the Judsons, there were close personal ties with the Hincks family. Around 1918 she built a cottage on Randolph Hill that is now owned by the Heywood Alexander family.

Alice L. Bell (c1874- ). FOP 7 Sep 1912. A native of Massachusetts. The daughter of Elizabeth P. (c1845- ) and Charles W. (c1844- ) Bell, the latter a Massachusetts Superior Court judge in 1910. Alice was the sister of Mary W. Bell and lawyer Joseph P. Bell (c1878- ). In 1912 she was climbing from Mt. View House with party that included Albert H. Moore and Margaret Allen.

Mary W. Bell (c1876- ). FOP 7 Sep 1912. Massachusetts native. Sister of Alice L. Bell.

Bertha “Bertie” Ney Bennett (1910- ). FAP 4 Sep 1926 (as Bert Ney), 11 Jul 1931 (as Bertie Bennett); LAP 10 Jul 1943. Daughter of Bertha Bigelow Beecher (1885-1966) and Paul Sprague (1879-1924) Ney of Farmington, Conn. Bertie was a step-daughter of *Edith Walker Ney (1890-1980), and the sister of *Gail (1911-1982), *Paul (1913-1982) and Roxanna (1916-1983) Ney. Around 1931 she married Tommie Bennett and became the mother of Peter Ney Bennett. [See also *Ney, *Walker, *Hincks]

Peter Ney Bennett. FOP 9 Jul 1943. Son of Bertie and Tommie Bennett.


Arthur Edward “Art” Bent (1900-1976). FAP 24 Dec 1918; LAP 17 Aug 1921. Born in Boston, Mass. The son of Mary Edna Thompson (1865- ) and Samuel Arthur (1841- ) Bent, the latter a lawyer in Boston. Art was educated at Harvard (AB, 1922; MA, 1924); he was a classmate of Randolphian Richard D. Wood, with whom he visited Gray Knob in 1918. At some point he got a law degree, for in the 1930 census he is described as “Lawyer/Gen. practice” and is married to Janet Woodworth, whom he wed in 1926. Whatever the situation with regard to the law Art had other interests. He was a member of the Harvard Mountaineering Club. In 1922 he was appointed an “Assistant” in meteorology at Harvard, and wrote a paper on “Short wave radio experiments at Harvard’s Blue Hill observatory”; in 1946, when he was associated with the MIT Radiation Lab, he wrote a paper on “Radar detection of precipitation”; he was connected with the Mt. Washington Observatory and, in 1956, edited a volume on Winter on Mount Washington.

Janet Woodworth Bent (c1902- ). FAP 21 Sep 1932; LAP 10 Aug 1933. Born in Cambridge, Mass. The daughter of Mabel C. (1866-1946) and Ralph (1871-1949) Woodworth, the latter a Cambridge lawyer. She was educated at Radcliffe (AB, c1923) and, in 1926 married Art Bent. Janet never appeared in the Gray Knob log at the same time as Art.

Elsa Rose Berner (1898-1988). FOP 12 Jun 1927. Born in Harmony, Oregon. The daughter of Marie Pauline Hegewald (1857-1930) and Conrad George (1849-1930) Berner, the latter a fruit farmer in Oregon. She was educated at Reed College (AB, 1921) and the University of Oregon (BS, 1922). In 1930 she was living in Denver, Colorado, working as a librarian in the public school system there. At Gray Knob with Richard and Effie Mae Wood, and Marion L. Boothman, all from Randolph.

Daniel Bliss, 2nd  (1898-2001). FAP 13 Jul 1915; LAP 3 Sep 1917. Born in Upper Montclair, NJ. The son of Amy Blatchford (1862-1941) and Howard Sweetser (1860-1920) Bliss. Daniel was educated at Amherst College (AB, 1920). At the death of Daniel, Sr, his son, Howard Sweetser Bliss (1860-1920; Amherst College, 1882; Union Theological Seminary, 1887) became head of American University, Beirut. H. S. Bliss’s son, Daniel, 2nd. spent most of his life in Syria, much of it teaching at American University.

Howard Huntington “Hunt” Bliss (1903- ). FAP 7 Sep 1922; LAP 31 Aug 1924. Born in Lebanon. The son of Amy and Howard S. Bliss, and the Brother of Daniel Bliss, 2nd. Hunt was educated at Amherst College (AB, 1926). Like many in his family, Hunt spent much of his life in the Near East. In 1947 he became the first director of the newly established Damascus College in Syria.

The Bliss brothers are the grandsons of Daniel Bliss, Sr (1823-1916; Amherst College, 1852; Andover Theological Seminary, 1855), who served as a missionary in Syria, focusing his attention on educational pursuits; he was the founder of the Syrian Protestant College that became American University in Beirut. They are the sons of Howard Sweetser Bliss (1860-1920; Amherst College class of 1880) and Amy Blatchford (1862-1941), and thereby must be seen as outliers in the complex web of kin ties that run through three sisters of the Clark family and connect the Bliss, Blatchford, Clark, Buckland and Hincks families. The web’s key threads: Amy Blatchford Bliss was the sister of Charles Hammond Blatchford (1874-1953); C. H. Blatchford was married to Carita Tyler Clark (1869-1953), the sister of Elizabeth Tyler “Bessie” Clark (1869-1952) who, in turn, was the 2nd wife of Edward Young Hincks (1844-1927); a third sister, Sally Tyler Clark (1874-1942), married Edward Charles Buckland (1866-). [For an extensive and more comprehensible graphic representation of this kin network, see the two genealogical charts: “Blatchford - Clark - Buckland - Hincks Families” and “Bliss - Blatchford - Clark - Hincks Connections” in the appendices.]

George Reddington Blodgett, Jr  (c1895- ). FOP 12 Aug 1923. A native of Schenectady, NY. The son of Katherine Buchanan Burr (1869- ) and ace patent lawyer George Reddington Blodgett, Sr (1862- 1897) who was a first cousin of Edward Young Hincks: George Sr’s father George Bliss Blodgett (1831-1912) was the brother of EY Hincks’ mother Sarah Ann Blodgett (1820-1864). George, Jr came to Gray Knob with the Arnold family in 1923. Shortly thereafter he married *Isabel Arnold and the couple settled in Cambridge, MA. In 1930 he was practicing law in the Boston area. When he was 50 he took up flying, which had tragic consequences: In 1957 his small plane disappeared in the tropical forest of Costa Rica. [Though she never appears in the Gray Knob log, it might also be noted that George, Jr’s sister, Katherine Burr Blodgett (1898-1979; Bryn Mawr, 1917), was a brilliant physicist whose career is recounted in Notable American Women in Science.]

Eldredge Hugh Blood  (1859-1936). FAP 1 Sep 1914, LAP 10 Aug 16. Born in Lynn, Mass. The son of Mary Elizabeth Kimball (1831- ) and Josiah Beaman Blood (1828- ) of Lynn, MA. In the 1860’s Josiah invented and took out patents on an “improved [industrial] sieve” [coal and ash sifter] and an “improved clothes drier,” and in 1870 census is described as a “manufacturer”. On the 1860 census Josiah’s son appears as Hugh E. Blood; in 1870 he is Eldredge H. Blood, which is the form that sticks. In 1880 Eldredge is described as a “shoe cutter”, in 1900 as a “grocer”. Presumably he was quite successful, since in a 1907 passport application his occupation is listed as “Pres. of a corporation”, and in the 1910 census he is described as living on his “own income”. In 1890 he married Lucy Annie Hunt (1861-1933). In the 1900 census the couple have two children listed as “adopted”: Robert E. Blood (1894- ) and Lucy H. Blood. It is not clear what the actual genealogical connection is with “The Misses Blood,” Alice F. and Jane F. Blood. In 1901 Eldredge Blood built a house, “The Spruces” along Wilcox Brook in Randolph,
NH, where he also built a rustic open-air theatre that was used for a variety of home-grown
entertainments, including, in 1913, the first RMC charades. [This house is currently owned by
Bob and Peggy (Horton) Grant.] Blood was a signer of the Articles of Agreement founding the
RMC, and served the club in a number of capacities over the years.
Robert Eldredge “Rob” Blood (1894- ) FAP 2 Sep 1908; LAP 4 Aug 1917. Adopted son of Lucy
and Eldredge H. Blood. In 1920 he was a managing clerk in a Swampscott, Mass store. Around
1917 he married Isobel Turnbull.
The daughter of Flora A. (1871- ) and Frank A. (1868- ) Turnbull. [In 1900, Frank lived just
down the street from Eldredge’s brother, Arthur Josiah Blood.]
The Blood Girls/The Misses Blood: Alice F. and Jane F. Blood. It is not clear just what the precise
genealogical connection is with the Eldredge Blood family. Alice was born four months too late
to make it in to the 1880 Census, and by 1900 she had already left her natal home (wherever that
was). The editor has found almost no record of Jane F. Blood. But, when they were at Gray
Knob, they were in company with members of Eldredge’s family and close neighbors. There
is a relevant note in Appalachia: 12; 198-200 (1912): “Six Husbands Trail ... The first party to
pass over the new trail included Eldredge H. Blood, Alice F. Blood, Jane F. Blood, and Robert E.
Blood of Lynn; Caroline Taylor of Baltimore; and Frank A. Turnbull [Robert’s father-in-law] of
Lynn.”
Alice Frances Blood (1880-1968). FAP 31 Aug 1908; LAP 17 Jun 1924. One of the “Blood girls”.
No record before 1900, where the federal census finds her in Cambridge living with two sisters:
Minnie E. Blood (a stenographer) and Mary A. Blood; Alice was “at school”, MIT as it turns
out. She graduated from MIT in 1903. In 1910 we find her at Yale, at the Sheffield Laboratory
of Physiological Chemistry. In addition to publishing scientific papers, she was the author of
Experiments in Descriptive Organic Chemistry (1916). By the 1920s she was on the faculty
at Simmons College. In 1920 she teamed up with *Ula M. Dow [see below] to facilitate the
production of Scouting for Girls: the Official Handbook of the Girl Scouts, and, in 1930 was
living with Ula in Newton, MA. She was a founding member of the RMC.
Jane F. Blood. FAP 1 Sep 1908; LAP 7 Sep 1911. Not much to be said about Jane due to scant
information. As mentioned above, she’s obviously a member of the Blood clan, but we don’t
know the details.
of Jennie C. (c1881- ) and James T. (c1873- ) Bloomfield, the latter a manager in a Plainfield
insurance agency. Educated at Harvard (AB, 1922). Howard was a specialist in military,
particularly Coast Guard history. Writer of a variety of magazine articles, and also an editor of
Adventure and Detective Fiction Weekly magazines in the 1930s and 1940s. One solo visit to
Gray Knob.
William Grice Bogg (c1900- ). FOP 19 Sep 1932. A native of Kent, England who settled in
Ayer, Mass. In 1930, an architect. At Gray Knob with Tibby Hincks, Miggy Arnold, Robert
Bridgman, Thomas Lewis and Roger Torey Peterson.
of Sarah Kelsey (1839-1923) and John (1838-1875) Boothman, proprietors of the Kelsey
Inn/Mt. View House. In 1898 he married Edith Watson (1878-1957), daughter of Laban
Watson, proprietor of the Ravine House. From the late 1890s John was working as a carpenter,
remodeling Randolph houses for the summer clientele, including “the Hermitage” for Charles
C. Stearns. In the winter of 1899-1900 he built Spur Cabin for George F. Moore and Charles
C. Torrey. I suspect that he also played a role in the construction of Gray Knob, but we have
no written record verifying this. [However, note the 11 Aug 1909 entry in the log indicates
that Mr. Boothman came up and “built the upstairs hammock bed frame, which seems to
indicate a previous interest in the cabin’s structure.] In 1909 Boothman and his crew built Crag
Camp for Nelson Smith. By the early 20th century John was becoming a major contractor

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for building what, over the years, became known as “Boothman houses”. Having been born into one of Randolph’s summer hotels, and married into another, in 1916 the Boothmans took over management of the third, the Mt. Crescent House. John was also deeply involved in Randolph town government, serving as selectman for 42 years from 1909 to 1951. In addition, Mr. Boothman was the moving force in establishing the RMC in 1910, and for many years he organized the club's trail clearing operations.


Marion L. Boothman (1900-1944). FAP 11 Oct 1913; LAP 12 Jun 1927. A native of Randolph. Daughter of Edith and John H. Boothman. When she was 13 she accompanied her mother and brother Harold to Gray Knob. Later, when she was 27, she was at the cabin with two age mates from the Wood family, Richard and Effie May.

Archibald Lewis Bouton (1872-1941) FOP 14 Jul 1914. Born in Cortland, NY. The son of Emily A. Lamont (c1839- ) and Lewis (c1838- ) Bouton, the latter a lawyer in Cortland. He was educated at Amherst (AB, 1896) and Columbia (MA, 1900). He joined the faculty of NYU in 1898, and became Professor of Rhetoric (1905-1914), Professor of English (1914-1941) and Dean of Arts and Sciences (1914-1935). [Apparently no connection with the Charles L. Bouton family that follows.]

Charles Leonard Bouton (1869-1922) FOP 30 Jul 1912. A native of St. Louis, Mo. The son of Mary R. (c1849- ) and William (c1838- ) Bouton, the latter a civil engineer in St. Louis. Charles was a distinguished mathematician. He was educated at Washington University (BSc, 1891), Harvard (MA, 1895) and Leipzig (PhD, 1898). In 1898 Charles joined the mathematics faculty at Harvard, where he remained until his untimely death in 1922. Among other things, he was noted for developing “Nim”, a game with a complete mathematical theory (1901). In 1907 he married Mary G. Spencer. At Gray Knob with almost the entire Hincks family.

Mary Spencer Bouton (1878-1966). FOP 27 Jul 1922. Born in Baltimore, MD. The daughter of Elizabeth M. (c1839- ) and John (c1839- ) Spencer, the latter a lumber merchant in Baltimore. The wife of Charles L. Bouton, with whom she had three children: Elizabeth S., Margaret I., and Charlotte L. (c1916- ) Bouton.


Hugh Picken Brady (1891-1982). FAP 11 Sep 1910; LAP 13 Sep 1916. Born in Sitka, Alaska, he was the son of Elizabeth Jane Patton (1862- ) and John Green (1848-1918) Brady. John G. Brady, a run-away orphan from New York City, wound up a Yale graduate (AB, 1874), became a Presbyterian minister who moved to Alaska in 1878, became active in the logging industry, and became territorial governor (1897-1906). Hugh Picken Brady was educated at Phillips Andover and Yale (AB, 1914). After graduation he entered the lumber business and was very successful. Over the years he was an owner or partner in a number of lumber companies. In his later years he served Yale in a number of capacities, and, in 1952, the university bestowed on him the Yale Award Medal. He died in Seattle at age 91. Hugh Brady was a member of the crew that built Crag Camp [sometimes referred to as “Smithville"] in the fall of 1909, when he and Nelson

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Smith were undergraduates at Yale (1914) and Harvard (1913) respectively. These two remained as boon companions for a number of summers. They are immortalized in a snippet of Gray Knob doggerel in September 1916: “Then came Smith, with Brady, his kit / Hung the stove pipe, still a mis-fit.”

Fern A. Bradley (1890- ). FOP 29 Jul 1910. Daughter of Alice T. (1868-1952) and William (1868-1962) Bradley, of Cambridge, Mass. William “Will” Bradley was a leading artist in the Art Nouveau style, as well as an accomplished graphic designer, illustrator, editor and printer and architect. Previously a boarder at the Mt. Crescent House, in 1900 he bought a plot on Randolph Hill for which he designed and built a cottage. Fern herself became a decorator and designer, and continued to live with her father and mother until at least 1930. Fern’s brothers, Willie (1893- ) and Paul (1895- ) were founding members of the RMC.

Beatrice Branch (1888-1980)  FOP 6 Aug 1914. A native of Providence, RI. Daughter of Fanny Welles Mowry (1851- ) and John Baker (1852- ) Branch, the latter the president of an insurance company. She was at Gray Knob with Prof. Hincks, Elizabeth Hincks, Miss Kirkbride, and Margaret Upton.

Dorothy Brewer (c1903- ) FOP 21 Sep 1932. Daughter of Laura (c1876- ) and Charles (c1873- ) Brewer, the latter president of a Savings Bank in Weston, Mass. In 1930 Dorothy was living at home and working as a teacher in the service of the YWCA. Benighted, she spent one night at GK in company with Janet Woodworth of Weston, MA,

Katrina Mynderse Brewster (c1895- ) FAP 12 Jul 1916; LAP 19 Aug 1920. Daughter of Stella G. Yates (1866-1929) and Benjamin (1860-1941) Brewster, the sometime Episcopal bishop of Maine. In 1915 she traveled to Scandanavia “on a Ford Peace Mission.” She graduated from Vassar in 1916. In 1920 she was a “bishop’s secretary”, presumably to her father. In 1922 she married clergyman Edgar Weston Anderson. Katrina became friends with Tibby Hincks (Vassar 1917) when they were in college, and they shared trips to GK. Besides their roles as churchmen, an additional link existed between Katrina’s father and E. Y Hincks: both were elected to Skull and Bones while at Yale, though in different years.

Percy Williams Bridgman (1882-1961)  FAP 1 Sep 1914; LAP 18 Jul 1929. Son of Mary A. M. Williams (1848- ) and journalist Raymond Landon (1848-1925) Bridgman. He spent his entire academic career at Harvard: BS 1904, MA 1905, PhD 1908; Professor, 1919; Hollis Professor, 1926; Higgins Professor, 1950. An experimental physicist noted for studies on materials at high temperatures and pressures. He also became interested in epistemology of science, and in 1927 published the influential Logic in Modern Physics. In 1946 he received the Nobel Prize for Physics. In 1912 he married Olive Ware, and with her had two children, Robert Ware and Jane. Bridgman became a member of the RMC in 1913, and was a director in 1931. Around 1915, he acquired “The Barn” (next to “The Hermitage”) from Charles Stearns and, with the help of his nephew Milton Smith, remodeled it into a useful summer cottage; this cottage is currently owned by Bridgman’s granddaughter, Barbara Bridgman Koopman and her husband Ian Turnbull.

Olive Ware [Mrs. Percy] Bridgman (1881-1972)  FAP 23 Aug 1920; LAP 17 Aug 1925. Daughter of S. J. and Edmund A. Ware, the latter was President, Atlanta University (1869-1885). Olive was the sister of Katherine Ware (wife of George Milton Smith), and brother of Edward T. Ware (President of Atlanta University, 1907-1922). In 1910 Olive was a “secretary/Professor’s office”, and in 1912 she married Percy Bridgman.

Jane Bridgman (1914-2000) FAP 13 Sep 1922; LAP 26 Aug 1931. Daughter of Olive and Percy Bridgman. She was a zoologist, educated at Smith (AB, 1935) and Harvard (MA, PhD). In 1947 she was an instructor at Vassar. In 1948 Jane became the second wife of the mathematician *Bernard Osgood Koopman, who also had Randolph roots. They had three daughters: Anne (married Tad Pfeffer), Barbara (married Ian Turnbull), and Clover. Jane spent many summers in
Robert Ware Bridgman (1915-1974) FAP 13 Sep 1922; LAP 21 Sep 1936. Son of Olive and Percy Bridgman. Graduate of Andover and Yale. Became a geologist and president of the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America. In 1940 he married Sylvia Carter. Robert was a frequent visitor to Gray Knob, and in the 1930s he frequently closed the cabin at the end of the summer season.

Helen A. Brooks (1857- ) and Mary M. Brooks (1866- ) FOP 29 Aug 1906. Daughters of Ellen E. (c1828-) and D. Brainard (c1825- ) Brooks, the latter a stationer of Salem, Mass. In 1900 both Helen and Mary were piano teachers living in Boston.

George Edward Brooks (c1895- ) FOP 12 Jun 1922. Son of Margaret (c1866- ) and Joseph E. (c1867- ) Brooks, both listed as foremen in a Lynn, Mass. shoe factory. In the 1920 census George had no listed occupation; in 1923 he was living in Lake Forest, Illinois and his occupation was listed as “Instructor”. At Gray Knob with Douglas Weymouth of Orange, MA.

Julia N. Brooks. FOP 9 Aug 1915. Not enough information to identify Julia, but she was at Gray Knob with Lawrence (1902- ) and Charles H. (1904-1990) Blatchford of Portland, ME; Frances (c1897- ) and Barbara (c1900- ) Clarke of Providence, RI; Sarah (1888-1962), Anne (1877- ) and Tibby (1894-1968) Hincks. It seems that Julia must have some kind of tie-in with the Hincks-Blatchford extended family, but no connection has come to light so far. [NB: May 2011: Ed Blatchford reports no knowledge of Julia Brooks.]

Ridgely Dashiell Bryan (1891-1984) FAP 3 Aug 1907; LAP 23 July 1908. A native of Orange, NJ. He was 15 when he first appeared as “Gaston” Bryan and only 16 when he disappeared from the Gray Knob Record. But during those two years he abetted various *Schaufflers and members of the *Stearns and *Hincks families in producing doggerel and dramatic sketches. In 1917 he was a member of the 7th Regiment of the NY National Guard. Around 1918 Ridgely married New York socialite Adeline Carreau (1891- ). Professionally, he spent most of his life associated with the Monroe Calculating Machine Co. of Orange, NJ, though the 1930 census lists his occupation as “Manager/ Educational Radio”.

Edith Nason Buckingham (1879- ) FOP 24 Aug 1911. A Boston native. The daughter of Alice Darracot Nason (1851-1910) and Dr. Edward Marshall (1848-1916) Buckingham. Edith was an entomologist and farmer educated at Radcliffe (AB, 1902) and Harvard (PhD, 1910). After completing her doctorate she bought Featherland Farm in Sudbury, Mass. Over the years she built the little farm into a big poultry operation with three farms and international chick sales. Edith’s sister, Margaret Buckingham (1879- ), the wife of Addison Gulick (1882-1969) was the mother of Randolphians Mary Buckingham Gulick (1916- ) and Anna Darracot Gulick (1918- ). At Edith’s death, Margaret sold off the farm. According to Anna Gulick, the senior Buckinghams “started going to the Ravine House in the fall of 1902 or before.” All four named Buckinghams were original members of the RMC. There is photographic evidence that the Buckinghams were enthusiastic participants in the entertainments that took place on the Blood’s outdoor stage adjacent to “The Spruces”.

Edward Grant Buckland (1866-1953) FOP 15 Aug 1907. Born in Buffalo, NY. The son of Julia Ann Turner (1836-1869) and Andrew Jackson (1833-1901) Buckland, the latter a merchant in Buffalo. Edward was educated at Washburn College, Topeka (AB, 1887), and Yale (LLB, 1889). He joined the faculty at Yale Law School and, later became an active specialist in railroad law. For a time he was president of the NY, NH, & Hartford RR, which was owned by his wife, Sally Tyler Clark (1874-1942), whom he married in 1898. Sally, with two of her sisters (Elizabeth and Carita), formed the links binding the *Buckland, *Hincks and *Blatchford families: In 1887 *Elizabeth Tyler “Bessie” Clark (1861-1944) became the second wife of *Edward Young Hincks, and the mother of *Sarah, *Carroll, Edward, Elizabeth and Caroline Hincks; in 1899...
Carita Tyler Clark (1869-1952) married Charles Hammond Blatchford (1874-1952) and became the mother of E. Lawrence, Huntington and Mary W. Blatchford. The father of the “Clark girls,” Charles Peter Clark (1836-1901), was a railroad man and, for a time, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad. It is not surprising that two of Charles Clark’s sons-in-law (Edward Grant Buckland and Charles Hammond Blatchford) were railroad lawyers.

Charles Clark Buckland (1899-1968) FOP 20 Jul 1913. Son of Sally Clark and Edward G. Buckland. Educated at Yale (AB, 1922). In 1930 he was living in New Haven with a “Supervisor/Railroad” occupation. On his only recorded sojourn at Gray Knob he was hosted by Hinckses.

Julia Turner Buckland (1900- ) FAP 20 Jul 1913; LAP 31 Aug 1924. Daughter of Sally and Edward Buckland. Her first trip to Gray Knob was hosted by Hinckses; her last one was in company of Hinckses, Blatchfords and a Blatchford cousin, Huntington “Hunt” Bliss.

Susan Lord Buckland (1904- ) FAP 23 Jul 1915; LAP 21 Jul 1919. Daughter of Sally and Edward Buckland. Again, her visits to Gray Knob were with members of the Hincks-Blatchford-Bliss extended family.

Albion Burbank (1839- ) FOP 17 Aug 1906. Born in Limerick, ME. The son of Eliza Adams Harmon (c1815- ) and Abner (c1806- ) Burbank. Educated at Bowdoin College (BA, 1862; MA, 1865). After practicing law for a short time he became an educator and, for over 40 years, was the principal of the Exeter, NH High School. In 1874 he married Olive Elizabeth Thompson. In July 1899 Albion purchased the Buzzell farm and, after the old farmhouse burned, built a new cottage which more recently was owned by George “Jim” and Harriet Baldwin.

Harry Thompson Burbank (1877- ) FAP 17 Aug 1906; LAP 28 Aug 1909. Son of Olive and Albion Burbank. Harry was educated at Bowdoin (AB, 1900). He joined the RMC in 1911. In 1918 he was “Chemical Ass’t/Phillips Exeter Acad”. In January 1920 he was living with his father in Exeter with “none” listed for occupation. In June 1920 he married Theodora Mary Beckwith (c1880- ), the daughter of Alice and Everett Beckwith, long time summer residents at the Ravine House. In 1925 Harry was the listed owner of the Randolph family cottage. Harry seems to have fallen on hard times later in life, for in 1930 he was an inmate of the New Hampshire State Hospital in Concord.

Carolyn Stearns Burdett (1892- ), Dana Stearns Burdett (1889- ). FOP 10 Aug 1914. Born in Brookline, Mass. The children of Carrie Starr Dana (1865- ) and Frank Waldo (1859-1919) Burdett, the latter an educational publisher (Silver, Burdett & Co) who signed the Spur Cabin register on 18 Aug 1914, but does not appear in the Gray Knob log. Carolyn, a Vassar graduate (AB, 1915), married Raymond Stark Bogardus Perry (1890- ). She is immortalized in two 1914 sketches executed by George Arthur Flagg: “Miss Burdett on the trail” and “Miss Burdett on the ladder [of the Crow’s Nest]”. Dana, who became an officer in the Boston & Maine RR, joined the RMC in 1914. Carolyn and Dana were at Gray Knob with Margaret Allen, a founding member of the RMC, the 1916 co-purchaser of Sorgenfrei cottage and the future wife of Roger Hubbard.

Flora Emma Burton (1885-1973) FAP 9 Sep 1913; LAP 6 Sep 1918. A native of Cambridge, Mass. She was the daughter of Emma C. Whiting (1855-<1899) and Joseph Strain (1852-1908) Burton, and step daughter of Minnie G. B. Burton (1864- ). Joseph was in the wholesale coal business in Boston. According to a 1922 passport application, Flora Burton was a social worker. In her trips to Gray Knob she was accompanied by various Hinckses, especially Sarah, a near age-mate, and Tibby, also a social worker, as well as by Florence B. Potter (music educator at U. Michigan).

Mary Howard Butler (1868- ) FOP 23 Aug 1908. Daughter of Ellen Granville Parker (1834- ) and Benjamin Franklin Butler, Jr (1830-1884); the latter, a banker and merchant, was a member of the powerful Butler family of 19th century Albany, NY. Through her father and his sister Eliza Ogden Butler Kirkbride, Mary was a first cousin of Franklin, Elizabeth and Mary Butler Kirkbride who also appear in the Gray Knob log.
George Ashley Campbell (1870-1954) FAP 7 Sep 1912; LAP 12 Jul 1916. Son of Lydia Lorane Ashley (1845-1929) and Cassius Samuel (1845-1915) Campbell, the latter a high school principal in St. Paul, Minnesota. George, an electrical engineer for AT&T, was a member of Randolph’s notable scientific community (MIT, BS 1891; Harvard, MA 1893; Ph.D. 1901). He was a pioneer in developing and applying quantitative mathematical methods to long-distance telegraphy. He first came to Randolph around 1895, and stayed at the Mt. View House; later, until 1946, he rented the house of Prof. Robert Richards (now owned by the Minifies), and then bought Bert Malcolm’s house to the east of the Mt. Crescent House on Randolph Hill. He joined the RMC in 1913, and in that same year married Caroline Sawyer (c1884- ), to whom he proposed on an outing along Israel’s River. They had two children, Alexander H. (c1915- ) and Ashley S. “Toby” Campbell (1918- ). Toby and his wife Mary (RMC board member) had four sons (Ash, Chris, Gordy and Ben) all of whom served on the RMC trail crew and (except for Gordy) in the camps. The tent platforms at the Perch are a memorial to Ben Campbell, who died in a hiking accident in Scotland in 1980.

Courtney Carroll (1891-1979) and Godwin Carroll (1888- ) were daughters of Godwin (1859- ) and Gray (1859- ) Carroll, the latter a lawyer in Little Rock, Arkansas. Courtney (FAP 5 Jul 1916; LAP 28 Jul 1918) was the principal of the Bennett School in Millbrook, NY in the 1920s and 1930s. Godwin (FAP 3 Aug 1918; LAP 28 Aug 1918) was described as a “designer/dressmaker” in Manhattan in the 1920 census, but by 1927 was also on the staff of the Bennett School. On their trips to Gray Knob these ladies were with the Judsons.

Albert Chaloux (c1921- ) FOP 6 Sep 1936. Born in Berlin, NH. He was the son of Medora (c1895- ) and Edmond (c1894- ) Chaloux, the latter a statistician in the Berlin paper mill.

Eunice Chandler (1888- ). FAP 7 Sep 1912; LAP 4 Sep 1914. Born in Wellesley, Mass. The daughter of Caroline M. (1850- ) and Seth Carlo (1846-1913) Chandler of Wellesley Hills, Mass. Seth was a mathematician, actuary, geodesist and astronomer who discovered that the earth wobbles on its axis (the “Chandler wobble”); he computed the orbital parameters of asteroids and comets; recipient in 1896 of the Gold Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society. Eunice was educated at Wellesley (AB, 1909). In 1910 she was a secretary in Wellesley. In 1925 she married Arthur Frederick Allen (1886-1931), the brother of Margaret Allen (c1889- ) who, in 1917, had married Roger Sanford Hubbard (1888- ); Margaret and Roger were the parents of Randolphians Fred Hubbard and Barbara Hubbard Wilson.

Helen O. Chandler (1893- ) FAP 4 Sep 1914; LAP 12 Sep 1914). Born in Wellesley, Mass. The sister of Eunice. The Chandler sisters climbed with a Mt. View House set that included the *George Campbells and *Margaret Allen.

Frances P. Chapman (c1902- ) FAP 15 Aug 1915; LAP 17 Aug 1915. A native of Chicago, IL. The daughter of artist Florence Chapman (1878- ) and an unspecified father. Her wealthy (grain dealer) grandfather George C. Chapman died in 1906 and his widow Helen in 1910, after which the family seems to have broken up. It seems likely that she was sent off to Bradford Academy in Massachusetts. When she was 10, Frances first turns up in the Spur Cabin Register in 21 Aug 1912 where, along with, inter alia, Katharine Fowler, she appears to be among a coterie from Bradford Academy led by Jean S. Pond. Jean was a close friend of the Hincks family, and had boarded with them around 1900 in Andover. In 17 Aug 1915, when Frances was 13, Jean Pond is also among the five females present at Gray Knob; Frances is immortalized in a section of doggerel: “... While in the rear with many prances / And shining eyes came little Frances / Sometimes with sweater, sometimes not, / Skipping along from grot to grot ...” What became of her later in life we know not.

Frank Herbert Chase (1870-1930) FAP 4 Sep 1911; LAP 7 Sep 1921. A native of Portland, ME. The son of Fannie S. (1839- ) and Hazen M. (1835- ) Chase. Frank graduated from Yale (1894),
where he was valedictorian of his class, and continued there as an instructor in English in 1898 as a specialist in Old English syntax. 1910 found him as an instructor at Beloit College in Wisconsin; by 1920 he was librarian at the Boston Public Library. In 1900 he was living in Haverhill, MA where he met, then married Mary Hollands McLean.

Mary Hollands McLean Chase (1870- ) FAP 4 Sep 1911; LAP 9 Sep 1921. A native of Watervliet, NY, she was a daughter of Elizabeth (1846- ) and Archibald (c1840- ) McLean. In 1900 Mary was a school teacher in Haverhill, Mass., where she met and married Frank Chase. Mary was the author of the 17 Aug 1915 doggerel mentioned above in connection with Frances Chapman.

Paul Dudley Chase (1857- ) FOP 5 Sep 1921. A native of Springfield, Mass. The son of Julia Elizabeth Ritter (1931- ) and Rufus (1826-1919) Chase, the latter a lumber dealer and manufacturer in Springfield. For most of his life Paul lived in Brooklyn, NY, where he was a public accountant. Around 1900 he married Annah Fellowes, with whom he had two children. Annah Fellowes Chase (c1869- ) FOP 5 Sep 1921. A native of Connecticut. Around 1900 she married Paul Dudley Chase, with whom she had two children: Annah, Jr. and Elizabeth.

Annah Fellowes Chase, Jr. (c1904- ) FOP 5 Sep 1921. Daughter of Annah Fellowes and Paul Dudley Chase.


Abbie Winch “Winnie” Christensen (1887-1969) FOP 12 Sep 1914. She was a native of Beaufort, SC. Her father, Niels Christensen (1840-1909), was an immigrant from Denmark who served in the Union Army from 1864-1876 before settling down in Beaufort as a successful hardware merchant and contractor. Her mother, Abigail Mandana “Abbie” Holmes (1852-1938), was born in Westboro, Mass. and educated at Mt. Holyoke College before moving to Beaufort; she spent many of her married years in Massachusetts where all five of her children were educated; she was a collector and publisher of Afro-American folklore from the Sea Islands; she was active in the WCTU and was elected to the board of the Women’s Temperance Publishing Association; she was a founder of the Port Royal Agricultural School that followed the Tuskegee plan; in the 1920s she was a Montessori teacher; in 1932 she became an elector-at-large for the Socialist Party in North Carolina and campaigned for Norman Thomas. Winnie Christensen was educated at Radcliffe (AB, c1912), where she met Margaret *Allen (Hubbard) and *Genevieve Matthews (Hubbard) who introduced her to Randolph. In 1918-19 she served in France with the American Red Cross. By 1920 she was back in Beaufort working as a landscape architect. At Radcliffe she developed a passion for English folk dancing, and later taught at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan, Kentucky. She never married, and traveled extensively with her mother.

Admont Halsey Clark (1888-1918) FOP 13 Jul 1915. Clark was born in Kyoto, Japan, the son of missionaries Harriet Gulick and Cyrus Alonzo Clark. [Through his mother he was a cousin of Randolph’s Anna and Mary Gulick.] After graduating from Oberlin (AB, 1910) he taught chemistry there before entering medical school at Johns Hopkins. After completing his medical training he was appointed to the staff of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Pathology Department, where he became an associate professor before his untimely death from influenza in October 1918. In addition to his medical skills he was an excellent violinist. On 9 Jul 1917 he married *Dr. Janet T. Howell, with whom he previously signed the Gray Knob log on 13 Jul 1915. On 15 May 1918 a daughter, Anne Janet was born to Admont and Janet Clark.

Hubert Lyman Clark (1870-1947) FOP 7 Aug 1919. A native of Amherst, Mass. His mother was Harriet Keopuolani Richards Williston (1829-1917), a daughter of missionaries who named her after a Hawaiian queen; on the death of her parents she was adopted by industrialist Samuel Williston. Hubert’s father was William Smith Clark (1826-1886), a professor of chemistry, botany and zoology at Amherst college (1852-1867) and president of Massachusetts Agricultural College (1867-1879), and who was also instrumental in the founding of Sopporo Agricultural
Hubert Lyman Clark was a zoologist educated at Amherst (BA, 1892) and Johns Hopkins (PhD, 1897). He lost his hearing after contracting yellow fever on a field trip in Jamaica, and reoriented his career towards museum work. He was on the staff of the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology from 1905 to 1936 and continued to carry out fieldwork in many areas of the world. In 1899 he married Frances Lee Snell, with whom he had three children.

Frances Lee “Fannie” Snell Clark (1871-1958) FAP 7 Aug 1919; LAP 3 Aug 1920. The wife of Hubert Lyman Clark. A native of Baltimore, she was the daughter of Janet Stirrat (1847- ) and life-insurance agent Monroe Snell (1835- ).

William Smith Clark, II (1900-1969) FAP 7 Aug 1919; LAP 18 Jul 1931. The son of Frances and Hubert Clark. He was educated at Amherst, and in 1930 was teaching there. He was a specialist in the history of drama and theater arts, a field in which he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1939. Around 1926 he married Gladys Louise Hathaway.


Edward Wight Clarke, Jr (1892- ) FOP 11 Aug 1936. A native if Tenafly, NJ. He was the son of Virginia Lee Banks (1862-1905) and Dr. Edward Wight (1862-1892) Clarke. Like his father, Edward, Jr was a physician (MD, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1919). Around 1921 he married Alfreda, with whom he had two children, Jane (c1925- ) and Anne (c1929- ) Clarke.


Frances Chase Clarke (1897- ) FOP 9 Aug 1915. Daughter of Mary Chase and Prescott O. Clarke. She was educated in Providence, RI, and in 1919-20 was in France doing relief and reconstruction work.

Prescott Orlott Clarke (1858-1935) FOP 9 Aug 1915. Lifelong resident of Providence, RI. Son of Frances A. (1813- ) and George L. (1813-1890) Clarke, the latter a highly successful merchant, former mayor of Providence, and Speaker of the RI House of Representatives. Prescott was educated at Brown and the MIT School of Architecture. He became an important architect in the Providence area, and designed the Post Office, Court House and Custom House there. Around 1896 he married Mary Chase (1867- ) and with her had three children. Was at Gray Knob with Blatchfords and Hincks folks.


Edwin M. “Eddie” Cole (1904-1994) FOP 2 Aug 1933. A lifelong resident of Massachusetts. He was the son of Leonore S. (c1866- ) and William R. (c1865- ) Cole, the latter a Unitarian clergyman. “Eddie” was educated at Harvard College and Harvard Medical School, and trained in neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He worked as a neuropsychiatrist specializing in language disabilities. He was at Gray Knob with Caroline Hincks and John Balet.
Frances Parsons Osgood Collier (1862-1965) FOP 10 Aug 1922. Daughter of Ellen Sewell (1822-1892) and Rev. Joseph (1815-1898) Osgood. [These Osgoods are not demonstrably related to Mary Perkins and Sally P. Osgood, who married Louis F. Cutter and George A. Sargent respectively.] Frances’s sister *Louisa Lovett Osgood (1863-1964) married August Koopman (c1869- ) [They had two children: *Ellen D. Koopman (1898- ) and *Bernard Koopman (1900-1981), whose second wife was *Jane Bridgman (1914-2000)]. Through this marriage the Colliers gained ramifying kin ties to a number of Randolph summer families, including Koopmans, Bridgmans, Wares, Smiths, Darlington, Carters, Pfeffers, and Turnbulls. Around 1887, Frances married George Washington Collier (1861-1934), a Boston flour broker, and with him had four children.

Edmund Quincy Collier (1899-1990) FAP 9 Sep 1923; LAP 4 Sep 1930. Son of Frances and George Collier. In 1927 he married Katherine “Kitty” Brown. In 1930 Edmund was described as an Editor/Publisher”. At Gray Knob with Bernard Koopman.

Julia Bryant Collier (1888- ) FOP 30 Aug 1922. Daughter of Frances and George Collier. In 1920 she was a school teacher in Cambridge, Mass. At Gray Knob with Koopmans.


Suzanne Beaumont Colton (1896-1986) FOP 10-13 Aug 1916. Suzanne was the daughter of Jesse Sellers (1855-1932) and Sabin Woolworth (1847-1925) Colton, the latter a Philadelphia banker. Her family was in the Philadelphia Social Register. No information on her education. In 1917 she married Robert Thomas Wilson (1896-1947), himself a successful investment banker. Suzanne was the guest of Tibby Hincks during a happy four-day stay at Gray Knob that was immortalized in extensive doggerel.

Ernest Parish Cook (1890- ) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Probably an orphan raised by his uncle, John H. Parish, in Fort Edward, NY. By 1920 he was living in Berlin, NH, in which year he was described as a “Draftsman/Paper mill”; in 1930 he was listed as “Civil engineer/Paper mill”. Around 1914 he married Fern B, with whom he had two children. Ernest and Fern were at Gray Knob with, among others, Randolphian Arthur Watson (son of Laban), his wife Eleanor Foss Watson and Eleanor’s brother Walter Foss, plus Willard Gooding (a civil engineer in Berlin in 1920).

Fern B. Cook (c1890- ) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Native of Ohio. Wife of Ernest P. Cook.

Alice F. Corey (1879- ) FOP 8 Sep 1921. A native of Elmira, NY, she lived most of her life in Plainfield, NJ. Alice was the daughter of Ella J. (c1841- ) and William F. (c1837- ) Corey, the latter a banker. We know little of her life: she never married, had no listed occupation, and in the 1920 census was living with her brother in Plainfield. In the RMC membership records, 1932 finds her still in Plainfield but 1935 finds her in Manhattan at the same address as *Sarah M. Dean. Her one appearance in the Gray Knob log is with three educators: Mary McClean Chase, Sarah Dean (Brearly School principal), and Jean S. Pond (Bradford Academy).

Jeremy Coulter (1898-1991) FOP 10 Jul 1923. Born in Pennsylvania. He was the son of Harriett E. (1865-) and Charles S. (1862- ) Coulter, the latter a Minister of the Gospel. In 1930, Jeremy was an electrical engineer in Cambridge, Mass. He married Arabella French (c1900-) who was a college teacher in Cambridge. Jeremy was at Gray Knob with Tibby and Tottie Hincks. [Jeremy has no demonstrable kin connection to the following family of Stanley Coulter.]

Stanley Coulter (1853-1943) FAP 21 Aug 1907; LAP 29 Jul 1925. [Since Stanley Coulter is at the apex of a middlingly complex extended family, I lay out the basic kin map here. This bunch came to Gray Knob a number of times over the years. *Asterisks identify folks whose names appear in the cabin’s log.] Born in Ningpo, China, Stanley was the son of missionaries Caroline Elvira Crowe (1827-1909) and Moses Stanley (1824-1852) Coulter. In 1880 *Stanley was Principal of the Logansport, Indiana High School, but soon went on to become a distinguished Botanist and university administrator at Purdue University; by 1887 he was Professor of Botany,
and from 1905-1926 he was Dean of the School of Sciences. Stanley married *Lucy E. Post, and their daughter, *Mabel Post Coulter married Prof. *Albert Smith, a structural engineer at Purdue; Albert and Mabel adopted two children: *Katherine and *Frederick Smith; Albert also had a sister, *Anne Smith. Lucy Post also had a sister, *Mary E. Post and a brother *Roswell O. Post. In 1909 Charles Lowe built a long, low log cabin for Dean Coulter “near the avenue to Highacres”.

Lucy Post Coulter (1858- ). FAP 21 Aug 1907; LAP 29 Jul 1925. She was born in Logansport, Indiana. Lucy was the daughter of Martha (c1818- ) and Martin M. (c1806- ) Post, the latter a Presbyterian minister. She was the sister of *Mary Post Ely (1847- ). Lucy married Stanley Coulter, and was the mother of *Mabel Post Coulter.

Willis/William Arthur Countryman (1884- ) FOP 14 Sep 1907. A native of Hartford, Conn, he was the son of Mary A. (1850- ) and William Arthur (1852- ) Countryman, the latter a journalist and editor of the Hartford Post. [In records, the first name of both father and son is given alternatively as “A.”, “Wm”. “William” “W. Arthur” and “Willis”.] Although “Willis (1884-)” is the only Countryman who appears in the Gray Knob log, on 24 Aug 1907, three Countrymans turn up in the Spur Cabin Register: Emeline P. Countryman, W.A. Countryman, Willis A. Countryman; Emeline (1882- ) is the daughter of one and the sister of the other Willis. Willis (1884) was a Hartford lawyer and an approximate age mate of Carroll Hincks (1889), with whom he appears in the Gray Knob log.

Susan Edmond Coyle (1871-1941) FAP 28 Aug 1906; LAP 2 Sep 1906. Born in Princeton, NJ. The daughter of Georgiana Dunn (c1843- ) and Leonidas Edmond (c1843- ) Coyle, the latter a Presbyterian minister. Susan received her BA from Smith College in 1894; she also studied at Yale and Bryn Mawr. She was a teacher of history and English and for many years was an administrator at the Madeira School in Washington, D.C. Her favorite recreation was reported to be walking. She only appeared twice in the Gray Knob log, both times in the company of Dr. Percy M. Dawson, whose wife, *Agnes Learned was also a graduate of Smith College (AB, 1894).

Douglas Crary (1910-2005) FOP 26 Jul 1922. A native of Warren, PA, he was the son of Irene Horton (c1822- ; the sister of Randolphians Douglas Horton and Alice Horton Mudge) and Clare J. (c 1880- ) Crary, the latter a capitalist involved in oil and lumber investments. Douglas was the brother of Randolphian Rev. Steven Trowbridge Crary (1913-2006). Through his mother, he was cousin to various *Hortons, Grants, Breunigs, Tibbetts, and, more remotely, through Mildred McAfee Horton, Harriett Brown Baldwin. After receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, he remained there as Professor of Geography. He carried out fieldwork in, inter alia, Japan, the Nile Valley and Saudi Arabia. At Gray Knob, he was among a group calling themselves the “Jolly Jackrabbits” that included Randolphians Carroll Hincks, Robert Hatch, Henrietta Pease, as well as Catherine and Frederick Smith of the Coulter clan.

Mrs. Clare J. Crary/Irene Horton Crary (c1822- ) FOP 22-24 Aug 1922. [The Gray Knob log has “Mrs. J. C. Crary”, but this appears to be a transcriptional error.] A native of Brooklyn, NY, she was the daughter of Elizabeth D. (1852- ) and Byron (1851- ) Horton, the latter a business school teacher. Irene was the sister of Alice Horton Mudge (1884- ) and Douglas Horton (1891-1968); the wife of Clare J. Crary (c1880- ); the mother of Calvert H. (1908- ), Douglas D. (1910-2005) and Stephen Trowbridge (1913-2006) Crary. It seems logical that the 11-year old Douglas Crary was accompanied to Randolph by an adult family member, and his mother seems a likely candidate.

William Otis Crosby (1850-1925) FOP 13 Jul 1914. A native of Decator, Ohio, he was the son of Hannah Everett Ballard (1824- ) and mining engineer/geologist Francis William (1823-1909) Crosby. William was educated at MIT, served on the Geology faculty there from 1878 to 1907, specializing in engineering geology, and all-in-all maintaining a connection with that institution for 54 years. He also worked on projects for the City of Boston and in New England, Alaska,
In 1876 he married his cousin (mother’s niece) Alice Alzina Ballard (1854-) who, after graduating from Lansing, Michigan High School attended Boston University. Irving B. Crosby was their son. The Crosby family started coming to Randolph around 1913, in which year both William and Irving became members of the RMC. Following the death of Joel Leighton in 1916, Prof. Crosby bought his farm on Randolph Hill, transformed the old farmhouse into a modern summer cottage (now called “Sugar Plum Farm”), and built a new cottage, “Sky Farm”, across the street.

Irving Ballard Crosby (1891-1959) FAP 21 Jul 1913; LAP 17 Aug 1921. He was the son of Alice Ballard and William Otis Crosby. Educated at MIT (BS, 1918). Like his father, Irving was an engineering geologist. He worked on various projects for the City of Boston, and did research on the former courses of the Androscoggin River and the Bethlehem, NH moraines. The 1930 census listed him as “Teacher/Biology”.

Harold N. Cross (1881-1954) FOP 2-3 Sep 1908. Harold was the second son of Mary Sophia Sawyer (1854-1936) and George Newton (1853-1930) Cross, the latter a teacher, lecturer and the author of Randolph Old and New (1924). Harold was the brother of Ernest Samuel Cross (1879-1968), and the uncle of Ernest, Jr (1914-2001) and Hersher (c1916-) Cross. Between 1897 and 1899 Harold, his brother and father engaged themselves in converting an old starch mill into Randolph’s first summer cottage, an endeavor that is published in The Building of Burnbrae: The Randolph, NH Diaries of George N. Cross (Randolph History Project, 2005; Al Hudson, editor). Harold was a civil engineer by profession. On 2 Sep 1908 Harold Cross and Daisy E. Haynes signed the Gray Knob log; within a year they were married and subsequently adopted twin girls, Dorothy and Elizabeth, born c1919.

Helen McChord Crothers (1895-) FAP 12-18 Jul 1916; LAP 12 Aug 1930. A lifelong resident of Cambridge, Mass, Helen was the daughter of Louisa Maria Bronson (1861-1939) and Unitarian minister and essayist Samuel McChord (1857-1927) Crothers. She was educated at Vassar (AB, 1917). In 1920 she was a private school teacher. She was a frequent guest at Gray Knob, and appears to have been an age-mate and close friend of Tibby Hincks.

Harold Bangs Cutter (1899-1948) FAP 31 Aug 1933; LAP 19-20 Aug 1937. Son of Gertrude (1862-) and Frank (1860- ) Cutter, the latter a luggage manufacturer in Brookline, Mass. [No demonstrable kin ties with the line of Randolph’s Louis Fayerweather Cutter.] He was educated at Harvard (BA, 1921; PhD, 1925), where his doctoral dissertation in chemistry was under the direction of Randolph’s James Bryant Conant. In 1926 Harold joined the Chemistry Department at Wayne State University where he remained until his untimely death in the summer of 1948. On his visits to Gray Knob in the 1930s Tibby Hincks was his companion.

[Louis Fayerweather Cutter] (1864-1945) [Louis’ name does not actually appear in the Gray Knob log. However, a 14 Sep 1910 log entry by William G. Schauffler, Jr mentions that he was delayed on the trail by an encounter with “the man with the bicycle wheel and 2 children”; this is an obvious reference to Randolph’s Louis F. Cutter (civil engineer, cartographer, trail maker and a founding father of the RMC in 1910; the children are most likely his sons Richard, Ammi Cutter (1902-1993; husband of Mary Perkins Osgood; father of Louis Ammi Cutter, Henry Sturges Grew Cutter, and Helen Cutter) and George Osgood “Ozzie” Cutter (1904-1970; husband, first, of Gretchen Froelich and, second, of Ann Barton; father of Mary Osgood Cutter, Sarah Froelich Cutter, and George Stanley Cutter).


Dr. Davis FOP 12 July 1909. [Although entered into the Gray Knob log simply as “Dr. Davis”,
the person referred is most likely the Randolphian Harvey Nathaniel Davis (1881-1952). He was the son of Lydia M. (c1849-) and Nathaniel (c1848-) Davis, the latter a Professor of Mathematics at Brown University. Harvey Nathaniel received his PhD. from Harvard in 1906 (justifying the “Dr.” title), and remained there as Professor of Mechanical Engineering until he served as president of Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, New Jersey) 1928-1951. His first wife Suzanne, who died in the flu epidemic in 1919, was the mother of Suzanne (1913-) and Louise Frederika (1916-) Davis; his second wife, Alice Marian Rhode, MD was the mother of Nathaniel (1925-2011) and Marian (1922-) Davis; the latter married Bliss Woodruff and was the mother of N. Rhode, Will, Davis and Charlotte Woodruff. In 1916 Dr. Davis built a house on Randolph Hill. He became a member of the RMC in 1918, and many in his family went on to serve the club in a variety of useful capacities.

William R. Davis, Jr (1881-1978) FOP 6 Sep 1922. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, he was the son of Margaret (1850-) and William R. (1852-) Davis, the latter a salesman in Hoboken, NJ. William, Jr was a lawyer living in East Orange, NJ. living with his wife Lillian. They had no children. The Davises first appear in Randolph in the Spur Cabin register, 27 Aug 1906. They were listed as RMC members in 1930 and 1935.

Mrs. William R. Davis = Lillian N. Davis (c1883-) FOP 6 Sep 1922.

Dr. Percy Millard Dawson (1873-1970) FAP 28 Aug 1906; LAP 14 Aug 1911. A native of Quebec, he was the son of Olive Jane Millard (1849-) and Benjamin (1846-) Dawson. He was a physiologist and a pioneer in sports medicine. After receiving an M.D. from Johns Hopkins he attended Harvard Divinity School and became a Unitarian minister. In 1910 he was a practicing physician in Cambridge, Mass., but by 1913 he had joined the science faculty at the University of Wisconsin. In 1901 he married Agnes Wakefield Learned with whom he had four daughters: Emily, Helen, Margaret and Ruth. Between August 1906 and August 1911 Dr. Dawson was a frequent visitor at Gray Knob and had a close association with the Hincks family; on various occasions he assisted Carroll Hincks in trail clearing operations. After moving to Madison, Wisc, he does not reappear in the log.

Agnes Wakefield Learned Dawson (1869-) FAP 20 Aug 1907; LAP 15 Sep 1908. Agnes was born in New Hampshire, the daughter of Lucella Wakefield (1834-) and John C. (c1835-) Learned, the latter a clergyman. In 1894 she received her BA from Smith College (in the same class as *Susan Edmund Coyle), became a student in the Marine Biology Laboratory at Woods Hole, then entered the nursing program at Massachusetts General Hospital (1897-1899), and taught science at Phillips Academy (1899-1900). As noted, in 1901 she married Peter M. Dawson; between then and 1910 she had four children, which may account for the fewer trips that she made to Gray Knob.

Hazel deBerard (1884-1970) FOP 19 Aug 1918. She was the daughter of Annie M. (1858-) and Frederick (1853-) deBerard, the latter an editor, the former a founding member of the RMC. Hazel was an artist with wide ranging skills: she worked, among other things, as a book illustrator, textile designer, scientific and museum artist; she also wrote poetry. Although she only appears only once in the Gray Knob log, for many years she stayed at the Ravine House and participated in charades and similar activities. She was a contributor to Appalachia, and wrote “Memories of Randolph” which appeared in that journal in December 1956. Hazel herself appears in the 1932 RMC membership list.

Alexander Dean (1893-1939) FOP 9 Jul 1912. He was the son of Maria F. (1854-) and Joseph (1843-) Dean, the latter a notary public in Boston. After studying physics at Harvard he shifted his attention to theater direction. In the early 1920s he was on the faculty at Northwestern University, but by 1930 he had moved to the Theater Department at Yale, where his work in stage directing became, and remains, very influential in the field. Around 1920 he married Virginia Dixon.

Sarah M. Dean (1870-) FOP 8 Sep 1921. Sarah was the older sister of Alexander Dean. She was
a teacher, first in Boston, then in Manhattan where, by 1920, she had become the principal of the Brearly School. Sarah did not marry, but she had a long-term relationship with “companion/partner” Cornelia Leroy. Sarah began coming to Randolph at the beginning of the 20th century, and in 1910, according to George Cross, she “purchased a large tract of the forested slope west of the Ravine House and ... built a great roomy house” Le Chalet. She was a member of the RMC in 1935, if not earlier.

Charles E. Dennis, Jr (1865-) FOP 17 Jul 1908. Native of Providence, RI. Son of Emma Proctor (c1844-) and Charles E. (c1842-) Dennis, the latter a Providence grocer. Husband of Eugenia W. (1867- ) and father of Dorothy W. (1893- ) Dennis. In the Gray Knob log he is referred to as “Dr. Dennis” and signed himself as Charles E. Dennis, Jr. The 1900 Census has him listed as a “teacher” in Providence; his daughter’s 1916 passport application identifies his occupation as “principal of a high school”.

Mrs. Charles E. Dennis, Jr = Eugenia W. Dennis (1867- ) FOP 10 Sep 1908.

Dorothy W. Dennis (1893- ) FAP 10 Sep 1908; LAP 29 Jul 1910. Daughter of Eugenia and Charles E. Dennis, Jr. After graduating from Wellesley College (AB, 1914), she studied in France, received her Dipl. E.U., and joined the Wellesley faculty; in 1945 she was Associate Professor of French and Education.

Charles Thurston Dole (1869- ) FAP 11 Aug 1909; LAP 29 Aug 1910. Native of Charlestown, MA who later moved to Andover. Son of Edith N. (c1842- ) and Charles Augustus (1828- ) Dole, the latter manager/director of Stickney & Poor Spice Co. Charles T. attended Harvard for three years (1889-1892) and then went into the paper manufacturing business in Andover, Mass. He married Susan A. Gage, and was the father of Dorothy Cutter Dole and Charles Minot Dole. Charles was a friend of the N. H. Smith and Hincks families.

Susan Gage Dole (1869-1954) FOP 15 Aug 1910. A native of Nashua, NH. The daughter of Kate Humphrey Cutter (1845-1928) and Charles Minot (1847-1920) Gage. [Kate Humphrey Cutter traces her lineage back to Ephraim Cutter (1651- ), who was the brother of William Cutter (1650-1723), the ancestor from whom Louis F. and other Randolph Cutters are descended.] In 1894 Susan Gage married Charles Thurston Dole and became the mother of Charles Minot and Dorothy Cutter Dole.


Charles Minot “Minnie” Dole (1899-1976) FAP 15 Aug 1910; LAP 29 Aug 1910. Son of Susan Gage and Charles Thurston Dole. In 1930 he was living with his parents in Andover, and was listed as a stockbroker. Was the founder of the National Ski Patrol in 1938. In 1941, he was instrumental in establishing and recruiting for the 10th Mountain Division. Climbed with Henry and Mary E. Smith of Lowell, Mass.

Ula May Dow (c1880- ) FOP 17 Jun 1924. A native of Iowa. The daughter of Mary B. (c1848- ) and J. L. (c1839- ) Dow, the latter a truck farmer in Manhattan, Kansas. She was educated at Kansas State Agricultural College (BS, 1905; MA, c1906), Columbia University Teachers College (MS, 1913). Ula was on the KSAC faculty for some years as a teacher and head of the domestic science department. By 1930 she was on the faculty of Simmons College where she was a colleague (and housemate in Newton, Mass) of Dr. Alice F. Blood. Ula was the co-author of several well-known cook books and, with Alice Blood, was influential in the production of the first Official Handbook of the Girl Scouts in 1920. Ula’s one trip to Gray Knob was in the company of Alice Blood and Corelli Alger.

Elizabeth Duke (1886- ) FOP 28-29 Jun 1910. A native of Arkansas. The daughter of Willie Slemmons (c1867- ) and Charles Talbot (1860- ) Duke, the latter a plantation owner in 1910 in Montecello, Ark. Can’t find out much more about Elizabeth. Her one time at Gray Knob she was in the company of Tibby and Sarah Hincks.
Kenneth Durant (1889-1972)  FOP 3-8 Sep 1913.  Born in Philadelphia, PA.  The son of Clara E. (1855- ) and Frederick C. (1853- ) Durant, the latter a Philadelphia manufacturer.  Attended Harvard (AB, 1910) where he was an associate of the radical journalist John Reed.  Kenneth himself became a pro-Soviet journalist, and, from 1923-1944, was the director of the American branch of the TASS Press Agency.  He was married three times: first to literary editor Ernestine Evans; second, in 1935, to poet Genevieve Taggard; third, in 1950, to film editor Helen van Dongen with whom he took up residence in Townshend, Vermont, and where the two focused their attention on local Vermont historical topics.  On his one sojourn at Gray Knob he was in the company of Alice and Charles Miner Stearns.

Edward Dwight Eaton (1851-1942)  FOP 13 Jul 1909.  A native of Wisconsin.  He was the son of Catherine Elizabeth Demarest (1824-1904) and Samuel Witt (1820-1905) Eaton, the latter a Congregational clergyman from Massachusetts.  Edward was educated at Yale (AB, 1872) and Yale Divinity School (BD, 1875).  After serving as a minister, he became president of Beloit College, Wisconsin, and served in that position 1886-1905, 1907-1917, and, as interim, in 1923.  At Beloit he modernized the curriculum and the faculty, and established an international reputation in church and missionary circles.  In addition to his church connections, Edward became linked to the Hincks family when his daughter, Katerina Elizabeth Eaton (1879- ) married Edward Hincks' nephew Henry Winslow “Harry” Hincks (1875- ).  In 1875 Edward married Martha E. Barber (1854- ), and with her had six children (a son and 5 daughters): Ethelwyn (1877- ), Allen Barber (1878- ), Katherine/Katerina E. (1879- ), Mildred L. (1883- ), Caroline/Carolyn/Caryl Martha (1886- ), and Aldyth L. P. (1893- ) Eaton.  


Caroline/Carolyn Martha “Caryl” Eaton (1886- ).  FAP 24 Jul 1906; LAP 13 Jul 1909.  Second youngest daughter of Martha and Edward Eaton.  Also a Hincks in-law, Caryl spent more time at Gray Knob than any other member of her family.  


John H. Edwards (1858- )  FAP 24-26 Aug 1908; LAP 10 Aug 1909.  Born in Natick, Mass, the son of Eliza A. Heard (c1824- ) and Andrew (c1796- ) Edwards, the latter a dentist in Concord and Natick, Mass.  In 1886 John married Amelia E. (1859- ), and resided in Belmont, Mass.  In 1900 he was described as a “bank clerk”, and in 1930 as “retired”; I can find no census record of John and Amelia in 1910 or 1920, and no indication of children.  In 1908 John and Amelia were at Gray Knob with Abby Pease and Elizabeth Edwards Jones; I have not been able to determine a genealogical link between Miss Jones and John H. Edwards.  On 23 Aug 1901 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Edwards signed the Spur Cabin register in company with Alice and Mrs. Charles C. Stearns, and William G. Nowell.  [Note: there is no apparent connection to the family of Rev. Robert L. Edwards.] 

Amelia E. Edwards (1859- )  FOP 24-26 Aug 1908.  Amelia married John H. Edwards in 1886.  As noted above, she was at Spur Cabin 23 Aug 1901.  

Sumner Edwards (1889-1916)  FOP 23 Aug 1908.  Born in Lewiston, Maine, he was the son of Lucinda S. (1856- ) and Ayres M. (1857- ) Edwards, the latter a school textbook salesman.  Sumner was educated at Bowdoin (BA, 1910) and Harvard Medical School (MD, 1915).  In
1915 he established his medical practice in Bethel and McMahan, Maine, but by January 6, 1916 he was dead, and buried in Bethel’s Woodland Cemetery. In his one recorded trip to Gray Knob he was in the company of Ridgely Bryan and Helen Stearns, who were roughly his age mates. [No connection to the Robert Edwards family.]

Alfred Elsom Eldridge (1914-1979) FOP 2 Sep 1932. [He was known generally as “Elsom”, since he and his father shared the same first name.] Born in Washington, D.C., the son of Alfred George Eldridge (c1866-1922), a church organist, and his second wife, Harriet Amanda Eldsom (1881-1922). His parents both died in the 1922 Knickerbocker Theater disaster in Washington, D.C., after which he lived in Brookline, Mass with his aunt Katherine and her husband, dentist Clarence Severy. Elsom graduated from Dartmouth in 1937 and then attended the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge. He served as a missionary in Alaska and a church rector in Nashua, NH before specializing in educational aspects of the Episcopal Church in Greenwich, Conn. and St. Louis, Missouri. In 1936 he married Mary Elizabeth Whitehead, with whom he had three children. Elsom spent one night at Gray Knob when Crag Camp was full.

Mary Post Ely (1847-1943) FAP 21 Aug 1907; LAP 7 Sep 1915. The daughter of Elizabeth B. (c1818– ) and Martin M. (c1806– ) Post, the latter a Presbyterian minister. In 1882 Mary became the second wife of merchant Zebulon Stiles Ely (1819– ) with whom she had a son, Richard Duncan Ely (1887– ). Mary’s sister *Lucy Post (1858– ) married the biologist *Stanley Coulter (1853-1943); their daughter, *Mabel Post Coulter (1880– ) married Prof. *Albert Roy Smith (1877– ), a structural engineer. Thus the Post sisters established connections with the Ely, Coulter, and Smith families, ten of whom visited Gray Knob at one time or another. In another complex set of ties, Mary’s stepdaughter (through Zebulon’s first wife, Sarah Duncan) *Margaret Duncan Ely (1855–1940) married Amherst professor Anson Daniel Morse (1846–1916), and their son, *William Northrop Morse (1882– ), married Margaret Howard Hincks (1883– ), the niece of Edward Y. Hincks. In short, the Elys had kin connections with many Randolph summer families.

Richard Duncan Ely (1887– ) FOP 7 Sep 1915. Son of Mary Post and Zebulon Styles Ely. He was in management at Chase Metal Works in Waterbury, Conn. Married Mildred Chase (1890–1962), with whom he had four children: Henry C. Ely, Alice M., Mary P., and Richard Duncan, Jr (1916–1994) Ely. On his one documented visit to Gray Knob Richard was in the company of his mother, his half-sister Margaret Duncan Ely Morse, and the latter’s daughter Katharine Duncan Morse.

Stanley G. Estes (1901-1989) FAP 6-8 Aug 1934; LAP 19 Aug 1936. He was born into the China, Maine farming family of Hattie G. (c1872– ) and Dean (c1863– ) Estes. He graduated from Colby College in 1923 and earned a doctorate in health sciences at Harvard in 1937. He was a well-known clinical psychologist who taught at Northeastern and Harvard, and at Newton Theological School. He and his wife Harlow W. Estes lived in Brookline, Mass., and were friends of the Hincks family, particularly Tibby. The 19 Aug 1927 log entry consists of four sketches identified as “Hitler née Estes” [Stanley], “Mme Tibi Skrubetska” [Tibby Hincks], and “Harlow Estes”.

Harlow Estes (1902– ) FAP 6-8 Aug 1934; LAP 19 Aug 1936. We don’t know much about Harlow. She was born in Washington, DC. In the 1930 census she was married to Stanley G. Estes, and identified as “Secretary/Mountain club.” In the 1936 visit to Gray Knob, Stanley and Harlow were in the company of the noted mountaineer and writer, Elizabeth Knowlton.

Philip Safferey Evans, Jr (1870-1954) FAP 7 Sep 1922; LAP 23-25 Aug 1926. A native of Willemantic, Conn. He was the son of Isabel O. Ransdale (1834– ) and clergyman Philip Safferey (1828-1913) Evans. He was educated at Yale (AB, 1895) and Johns Hopkins Medical School (MD, 1899). In November 1899 he married Mary G. Levering (1875–1957) and with her began his professional life as a medical missionary in China. Philip, Jr and Mary had five children: Joshua Levering (1901– ), Philip Safferey, III (1903-1986), Mary Levering (1906– ), Isabel O. (1909– ), and Harriet Ellis (1915– ) Evans. He appears to have had close ties with the
Blatchford family.

Joshua Levering Evans (1901- ) FAP 7-10 Sep 1922 (where he appears as “J.L. Evans”); LAP 2 Sep 1924 (where he appears as “Levering Evans”). He was born in Baltimore, Md. The first son of Mary L. and Philip S. Evans, Jr. He graduated from Yale (AB, 1920). In 1930 he was the “Educational director/Baptist Church” associated with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

Philip Safferey Evans, III (1903-1986) (Appears as P.S. Evans, III in log.) FAP 7 Sep 1922; LAP 23-25 Aug 1926. Born in Chinkiang, China; the second son of Mary L. and Philip S. Evans, Jr. In 1921 he was a student at Yale. Around 1928 he married Elizabeth Bridge (1903-1979). In 1930 they were living in Larchmont, NY, where he was described as “Manager/gift shop”. In May 1980, after the death of his first wife, he married Dorothy N. Kane and lived in Woodbury, Conn.

Mary Levering Evans (1906-1995) FAP 7-10 Sep 1922 (where she appears in the log as the phonic equivalent, “Mariel Evans.”); LAP 31 Aug 1924. She was born in Yangchow, China, the eldest daughter of Mary L. and Philip S. Evans, Jr. She attended college, but I can’t find which one. Around 1929 she married Robert Victor L. Boname, a distinguished aeronautical engineer and early pioneer in French aviation. After marriage they took up residence in France. In September 1940, with the Germans rampaging in France, Mary brought her children (Jean Robert, Victor Philip, Pierre Levering, and Mary Ann Louise) to the United States via Lisbon. At the time of her death she was living in Orange, Conn. Her husband, Robert, died in Antibes, France in November 2005 at age 99.

Isabel Ovington Evans (1909- ) FOP 23-25 Aug 1926. She was born in Baltimore, the second daughter of Mary L. and Philip S. Evans, Jr. In 1930 she was living with her mother Mary at the Baltimore home of Mary’s father, Joshua Levering. In 1931 she was in France, possibly visiting her sister Mary, before returning to Baltimore.

Hildegard Fick (1873- ) FOP 14 Aug 1911. Born in Illinois, but lived most of her life in Boston. She was the daughter of Henrietta (1832- ) and Herman (1822- ) Fick, the latter a clergyman born in Germany. Hildegard and her sister Elizabeth were both teachers, and lived in Boston with their physician brother, Dr. Herman Fick. She graduated from Boston Normal School in 1893, and taught in the Boston public school system for many years. She started coming to Randolph around 1908, when she and Elizabeth stayed mostly at the Mt. View House. Eldena Leighton Hunt recalls a night when the Ficks “came into the kitchen and sung to us - German songs and others”. Hildegard was a founding and continuing member of the RMC. In the mid-1920s the sisters bought “The Birches”, the cottage built in 1902 by C.C. Stearns. The 1930 census shows that the Ficks had a young lodger at their Boston house on Warren Avenue, one Klaus Goetze, a piano teacher newly arrived from Germany. The Ficks introduced Klaus to Randolph, where he remained a summer resident for the rest of his life, and from whom he inherited “The Birches”.

Dr. James Brainerd Field (1859-1915) FOP 20 Jul 1911. Born in Athol, Mass. The son of Susan Brainard and George Field. He was educated at Boston Latin School, Harvard College (AB, 1880), and Harvard Medical School (MD, 1884) and practiced medicine in Lowell, Mass. In 1893 he married Helen August Ward (1865-1925) with whom he had two children, Winthrop B. (1894- ) and Helen W. (1899- ). All four members of the Field family were staying at the Mt. View House in July 1906, and signed the Spur Cabin Register; they continued to visit Randolph until at least 1914.


Tyson Cope (c1880-) and Henry Wilder (1875-1964) Foote, the latter a Unitarian minister living in Belmont, Mass in 1930. Arthur graduated from Harvard in 1933 and in that year married Rebecca Carroll Clark (1912-1993). In 1936 he received a B.D. at Meadville Theological School. In 1936-1945 he served in California helping to revive moribund Unitarian churches in Sacramento and Stockton. In 1945 he moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where he became minister of Unity Church, a post he held until his retirement in 1970. Arthur was 15 when he made his only recorded trip to Gray Knob, on which occasion he “and Bobbie Hatch [later to become Episcopal Bishop of Western Massachusetts] brought blankets up from Randolph and spent the night.”

James Ford (1884-) FAP 31 Jul 1912; LAP 28 Aug 1919. Born in Clinton, Mass. The son of Ellen L. (1855- ) and Andrew E. (1851- ) Ford, the latter a schoolteacher in Clinton. James was educated at Harvard (AB, 1905) where, starting around 1910, he joined the faculty, teaching courses on social service, methods of social investigation, community organization, and management of institutions and welfare agencies. Around 1910 he married Marion W., with whom he had three children: Margaret T., Caroline (c 1914- ), and James A. (c 1916- ) Ford, all of whom appear at Gray Knob at one time or another. The Fords appear to have been friends of the *Hincks and *Bridgman families. His familiarity with the Gray Knob scene is indicated by the notes: “brought up supply of food” (20 Aug 1913); “closed up camp for winter” (14 Sep 1915).

Marion W. Ford (c1885- ) FOP 31 Jul 1912. The wife of James Ford.
Margaret T. Ford (c1911- ) FOP 13 Sep 1922. Oldest daughter of Marion and James Ford.
Caroline Ford (c1914- ) FAP 13 Sep 1922; LAP 26 Aug 1929. Second daughter of Marion and James Ford.
James A. Ford (c1916- ) FAP 26 Aug 1929; LAP 5 Aug 1930. Son of Marion and James Ford. On his last appearance at Gray Knob he “opened the cabin and had breakfast.”

Morgan Foshay (1907-1944) FOP 27 Aug 1923. Born in Montclair, NJ. The son of Emily Jane Morgan (1871-1947) and Dr. Percy Maxwell (1867-1939) Foshay. He received his undergraduate education at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1940 he married Marian Stuart. Morgan attended the Business School at Columbia University, but, during WWII, left in July 1943 to enlist in the US Army. In November 1944 he drowned while embarking on a landing craft near Leyte, Philippines. While Morgan did not have a lengthy local history, his elder brother, Dr. Lee Foshay (1896-1960), spent a number of summers in Randolph, and served two years on the RMC Board, one of them as the Club’s vice president. Lee was a medical researcher and was Director of the Microbiology Department at the University of Cincinnati.

Walter G. Foss. (1896- ) [In some records he appears as Walter H. Foss.] FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Portland, Maine. The son of Addie M. Dunn (1859- ) and Walter F. (1857- ) Foss, the latter a Portland furniture merchant. He was the brother of *Eleanor D. Foss (1887-1986 ), who married *Arthur L. Watson (1882-1962, son of Randolph innkeeper Laban Watson (1850-1936). He served in the US Naval Reserve from May 1917 to January 1919. In 1920 he was the manager of a Portland bakery. Thereafter, we lose track of Walter. In his one trip to Gray Knob he was with a group of, mostly, Berlin folks including his sister, Eleanor, and her husband Arthur.

Katharine “Kay” Fowler (1902-1997) FAP 7-9 Sep 1921; LAP [as Katharine Lunn] 21-22 Sep 1933. Born in North Hampton, NH. The daughter of Susan Farnham Smith (c1867- ) and William Plumer (c1851- ) Fowler, the latter a Boston lawyer. She was a geologist educated at Bryn Mawr (AB, 1925), Wisconsin (MA, 1926), and Columbia (PhD, 1930). In 1929, in London, she married James Watson Lunn, from whom she was later divorced. In 1938 she married Harvard geologist Marland Pratt Billings (1902-1996) with whom she had two children: George (1939) and, by adoption, Betty (1940). Kay carried out geological field work in many areas, and locally, between 1935 and 1956, she worked on the mapping of the Cardigan, Monadnock, Gorham, and Isles of Shoals quadrangles. She was an instructor at Wellesley (1935-1937) and
Tufts (1942-1943). Kay’s first noted appearance in Randolph was in 21-22 August 1912, when she and *Frances Chapman turned up at Spur Cabin in a group of youth led by *Jean S. Pond, a teacher at Bradford Academy in Haverhill, Mass. She was a long-time member of the RMC, and served on its board (1949-51). In 1943 Kay and Marland Billings bought a cottage in Randolph valley just to the SW of Cold Brook Lodge. The close proximity of traffic after the completion of the “new” US Route 2 in 1965 made the Billings cottage untenable. As a result, in 1966 they donated it to Dartmouth College and built a new cottage in Bartlett, NH. [Note: on 21 Sep 1933 Margaret “Miggy” Arnold executed a sketch of three women in the Gray Knob log. The woman on the left, labeled “Boisterous Fun!” is Mrs. Katharine Fowler Lunn.]

Tenny Frank (1876-1939) FOP 16 Aug 1927. Tenny was born in Clay Center, Kansas. His father, Oliver, was a native of Sweden. Tenny was a classical scholar, and ancient historian, educated at the University of Kansas (AB, 1898; MA, 1899) and the University of Chicago (PhD, 1903). He was a Professor of Latin at Bryn Mawr (1904-1919) before joining the faculty of John Hopkins in 1920; in 1930 he was on the faculty of the University of California, Berkeley. Some time before 1914 he married Grace Frank. It is not known what connections he had with Randolph folks, since no one else is mentioned in the log for the two nights that Tenny and Grace were alone at Gray Knob.

Grace Frank (1886- ) FOP 16 Aug 1927. Grace hailed from New Haven, Conn. and became the wife of Tenny Frank. I could not find out much about her, but the 1930 Census listed her as a “Univ. Professor” when she and her husband were living in Berkeley, Calif.

Edward Woolsey Freeman (1891-1979) FAP 12 Aug 1910; LAP 27 Aug 1910. A native of St. Paul, Minn, he was the son of Blanche Wheelock (1865-1939) and Russell (1858-1932) Freeman; Edward’s parents were divorced before 1900. Edward graduated from Yale in 1913 and went into the New York exporting firm of G. Amsinck Co. In 1916 he married Dorothy Perkins (1891-1990). In 1920 the couple was living in the Bronx. On his two trips to Gray Knob, he was in the company of William G. Schaufller, Jr.

Dorothy Freeman (c 1889- ) FAP 12 Aug 1910; LAP 10 Sep 1910. Dorothy, the sister of Edward W. Freeman, was also born in St. Paul, Minn. In 1920 she was living with her mother in the Bronx next door to her brother’s family; her occupation was listed as “Painter/Artist”. Dorothy was a member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors, and in 1923 exhibited three works at the Art Institute of Chicago. Around 1923 she married T. Alexander Martin. On her trips to Gray Knob in 1910, she was, like her brother, in the company of William Schaufller, Jr.

Robert Dudley French (1888- ) FAP 28 Sep 1913; LAP 19 Sep 1926. A native of New Haven, Conn. The son of Mary A. (1850- ) and Joseph R. (1836- ) French, the latter an insurance broker. Robert seems to have spent most of his life in the New Haven area. He was educated at Yale (AB, 1910; MA, 1914; PhD) and joined the faculty there in the English Department. In 1930 he became Master of Jonathan Edwards College, the first person to head up a residential college at Yale. He was also chair of the Yale Literary Magazine. Around 1914 he married Margaret S. Means. Over the years the Frenches had a close connection with the Hincks family, especially Carroll.

Margaret Stewart French (1888-1981) [In the 1900 census her name appears as “Margueritte”.] FAP 6-12 Oct 1914; LAP 19 Sep 1926. Margaret was also born and bred in New Haven. She was the daughter of Katherine G. (1864- ) and Stewart (1851- ) Means, the latter a clergyman. Margaret’s siblings Thomas, Helen, and [Katherine] Glenn Means also appear in the Gray Knob log along with Thomas’s wife Betty.

Katherine L. Gage (1892- ) FAP 15 Aug 1910; LAP 28 Aug 1910. The daughter of Eva J. (1863- ) and Julius F. (1842- ) Gage. She was some sort of cousin of Susan Gage Dole; they have different grandparents and I have not been able to determine the precise genealogical connection. But, in all her appearances at Gray Knob, members of the Charles Thurston Dole family were
present. Around 1922 she married Donald M. Hill (c1896- ), a broker in hides.

William J. Gale (1861/2- ) FOP 3 Jul 1917. Born in Montpelier, Vermont. He was the son of Eltha L. (1834- ) and Charles W. (1832- ) Gale, the latter a farmer in Whitefield and Jefferson, NH. In 1910 William was a “carpenter” living in Jefferson, NH; in 1920 he was a “laborer” living in Randolph, NH. In his one appearance in the Gray Knob log he was with George Stillings, both of “Meadows, NH”; they are reported to have “killed a porcupine”.

The Gallaudets.

Herbert Draper Gallaudet (1876-1945) FAP 6-15 Sep 1920; LAP 7 Aug 1924. Born in Washington, DC, he was the son of Susan Denison (1847- ) and Edward Miner (1837-1917) Gallaudet, the latter founder/president of Gallaudet College for the Deaf. Herbert graduated from Yale in 1898 and then attended divinity school. By 1909 he was associate pastor of Central Congregational Church, Boston before going on to become minister of the Congregational Church in Waterbury, Conn. Of possible interest: in the 1920 census for Waterbury, Herbert received the unlikely description as “Industrial service worker/Brass factory”; TIME magazine (18 Oct 1926) recounts: “The Rev. Herbert D. Gallaudet, minister of the Congregational Church at Waterbury, testified that he had seen the Savior while motoring near Bethany, Conn, had stopped the car, and ‘walked in the woods with Jesus.’” In 1909 Herbert married Elizabeth Kilbourne Young in New Haven.

Elizabeth Young Gallaudet (1881-1945)  FAP 5-15 Sep 1920; LAP 7 Aug 1924. Born in Waterbury, Conn, she was the daughter of Ellen A. Shepardson (1852- ) and Alden M. (1852- ) Young, the latter an electrical engineer and businessman in Bradford, Conn. In August 1909 she married Herbert D. Gallaudet.

Ellen S. Gallaudet (1911- ) FAP 6-15 Sep 1920; LAP 7 Aug 1924. Born in Pine Orchard, Conn, she was the daughter of Elizabeth Y. and Herbert D. Gallaudet. In 1933 Ellen married Richard V. Fabian.

Judith Brookes Galt (1917-2007) FOP 25-27 Jul 1933. A native of St. Louis, Missouri. She was the daughter of Julia Prewitt Brookes (1889-1946) and Charles Elijah (1888-1973) Galt, the latter a civil engineer in St. Louis. She was the twin sister of *Mary Louise Galt. Judith trained as a nurse at Washington University School of Medicine, graduating in 1940. She served as an army nurse in WWII, and then spent the rest of her career at St. Luke’s and Deaconess hospitals in the St. Louis area. She did not marry. In the one stay at Gray Knob she and her sister were in the company of Hortense, James and Sally Alexander.


Augustus Herman Gill (1864-1936) FOP 5-8 Aug 1912. Born in Canton, Mass. The son of Hannah Porter Drake (18825-1893) and Augustus (1819-1886) Gill. In 1897 he married Mabel Florence Sheppard (1876- ). Dr. Gill was a distinguished professor of Chemistry specializing in the analysis of oil and gas fuels, and preparing reference books, e.g., *Engine Room Chemistry*; *Gas and Fuel Analysis for Engineers*. The Gills came to Randolph early in the 20th century and, in 1904, built a house, “Ashcroft” (later owned by Miriam Sanders and Arthur Wenk), on Randolph Hill, about which there are a number of references in Eldena Leighton Hunt’s diary. On his only stay at Gray Knob Dr. Gill was in the company of Elizabeth Hincks and four members of the Upton family.

Paul H. Gill (1908-1978) FOP 28-30 Aug 1924. The son of Mabel and Augustus Gill. I have been unable to find other information on Paul.

George R. Gnaedinger (c1910-1986) FOP 2 Sep 1934. Born in Quebec. The son of Mabel F. (1881- ) and Reginald Reinhardt (1880- ) Gnaedinger, the latter an office manager in Swampscott, Mass in 1930. In 1930 George was a “Clerk/American Express” in Swampscott. Around 1940 he
married Barbara Helen Mudge (c1912-2007) with whom he had three children: Barbara, Peter, and Wallace. [Barbara Mudge has no discernable genealogical connection to the Alfred Eugene Mudge family of Randolph.] On his one appearance in the Gray Knob log George was in the company of Harlan Banks (Dartmouth ’34) and Alfred Maddock.

**Klaus Goetze** (1907-1995) FOP 4 July 1937. In spite of only one appearance in the Gray Knob log, Klaus had a long and illustrious history in Randolph life. He was born in Berlin, Germany, the third son of a piano maker. In his youth he developed piano-making skills, and even greater skills as a pianist. He came to the United States in 1927 where, after an interval, he took up residence with the sisters *Fick (Hildegard and Elizabeth) in their Boston home and, in the summers, in their Randolph cottage, “The Birches”. Klaus developed a distinguished career as a pianist in the Boston area, and taught music at Phillips Exeter and Milton academies, Wellesley College and the Longy School. In 1932 Klaus married Erika Kuehn (1908-1998), daughter of a prominent Berlin architect. Klaus and Erika had two sons, Christopher (1939-1977) and Rolf (1937-). Klaus inherited “The Birches” after the death of the Fick sisters. In Randolph, Klaus was a long-time member of the Randolph Mountain Club: he served on the Board and served 11 terms as president; he headed up trail operations for many years for which service the new (2000) trail workshop is honored with his name.

**Willard Merrill Gooding** (1889-1975) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Portland, Maine. The son of Grace A. (1864- ) and John M. (1859- ) Gooding, the latter a Portland insurance agent. In the 1920s Willard was a civil engineer at the Berlin, NH Water Company. By the 1930s he had moved on to become the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Dartmouth College. In 1914 he married Dorothy Quincy Gay of Portland, with whom he had four children: Eleanor P., Sarah, John Q. and Mary E. Gooding. The Goodings retired to Greensboro, North Carolina, where Willard died in 1975. In their one appearance at Gray Knob, the Goodings were with locals Arthur and Eleanor Foss Watson, and Walter Foss.

**Dorothy L. Gooding** (1891-1981) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Portland, Maine. The daughter of Sarah L. (1871- ) and William W. (1859- ) Gay, the latter a “captain of seagoing vessel”. She was the wife of Willard M. Gooding. She died in 1981 in Greensboro, NC.

**Alphin Twitchell Gould** (c1914- ) Also known as “King” (1 Sep 1921) and “Wadjikami” (4 Sep 1924). FAP 1 Sep 1921; LAP 15 Jun 1925. Born in Portland, Maine. The son of Grace C. (1870- ) and Oliver C. (1870- ) Gould, the latter the treasurer of a Portland printing company. Alphin graduated from Dartmouth College in 1926. After that, things get vague. He lived in Wyoming for a time, where he published “Horse Holiday: a Comedy in One Act” (1937) and “A Hundred Years on the Ishawooa” (1940). Later, he returned to live in Antrim, NH. He appears to have been a drama teacher: the St. Andrews School has a memorial theater award named in his honor; in 1976, the New England Drama Festival lists Alphin as an honorary life member. In his first trip to Gray Knob in 1921, he was with Sarah (as chaperone) and Caroline Hincks; Elizabeth and Edward Marshall, and Hammond Blatchford were present at a 1924 visit.

**Gertrude Gale Greely** (1891- ) FOP 12 Sep 1911. Raised in Washington, DC. She was the daughter of Henrietta Nesmith (1849- ) and General Adolphus Washington (1844-1935) Greely, the latter chief signal officer of the US Army, a Medal of Honor recipient, and noted arctic explorer. The sister of *Rose Greely. In 1919 she married Cmdr. James Chatham Kress, USN, who died of influenza four months later. In 1923 she married Dr. George Harold Shedd of Bartlett, NH, an orthopedic surgeon in North Conway. On her one trip to Gray Knob, she was in the company of Sarah Hincks and Mary Webb.

**Rose Isabel Greely** (1887-1969) FOP 12 Sep 1911. She was the sister of Gertude Greely. She graduated from Abbot Academy in 1902 and took a degree at the Cambridge School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture. She had her own practice, and became an influential landscape architect.
Wallace Noble Green (1893- ) FOP 11 Oct 1913. Born in Connecticut. He was the son of Grace E. (1872- ) and Harlan E. (1872- ) Green, the latter, in 1910, a building contractor in Bridgeport, Conn. We don’t know much about Wallace except that he was a house carpenter working for H.E. Green & Sons in Bridgeport. When he visited Gray Knob he was in the company of Harold, Marion and Mrs. John H. [Edith] Boothman of Randolph, NH. Wallace’s father was born in New Hampshire, so he may have had some connection with the Boothmans; John H. was a house contractor.

Chester Wyatt Greening (1898- ) FOP 8 Jul 1930. Born in Bridgeport, Conn. He was the son of Pauline (1875- ) and Edward C. Greening, the latter the manager of a Bridgeport grocery store. Chester graduated from MIT in 1922, and was listed as a “production engineer” in Palisades Park, NJ in 1930. On his one recorded visit to Gray Knob he was with John Molinar and William Ulrich.

Cynthia Griffin (1902-1984) FOP 2 Aug 1933. Born in Braintree, Mass. The daughter of Edith Josephine Bell (1877-1955) and Frederick Robertson (1876-1966) Griffin, the latter the long-time pastor of Philadelphia’s First Unitarian Church. We know little about Cynthia other than she never married, and lived the latter part of her life in Haverford, Penn. She appears solo in her one appearance in the Gray Knob log.

Samuel Ellsworth Grumman (1891-1975) FOP 31 Jul 1932. Born in Bridgeport, Conn. The son of Sarah B. (1864- ) and Elmer E. (1860- ) Grumman, the latter a Bridgeport hardware merchant. S. Ellsworth Grumman took his BA (1913) and MA (1918) at Yale, where he taught piano from 1919-1960 at the Yale School of Music. Around 1920 he married Carol S. with whom he had three children: *George Sterling, *Helen Barr, and Ethel S. Sterling. In the Gray Knob log Samuel appears with two of his children, and Howard Seitz, one of his Yale piano students.

George Sterling Grumman (1920-1978) FOP 31 Jul 1932. The son of Carol and S. Ellsworth Grumman. He was educated at Avon Old Farms, University of Virginia (1942), and Yale Divinity School (1943). G. Sterling Grumman went on to become a highly successful investment counselor and made a fortune in the stock market. In 1978 he died in a climbing accident. After his death, his estate provided the money for the establishment of the S. Ellsworth and Carol S. Grumman Endowed Fellowship Fund at the Yale Divinity School, and the Car-Eth Foundation devoted to anti-war causes.

Helen Barr Grumman (1922- ) FOP 31 Jul 1932. A sister of G. Sterling Grumman. Established the Grumman Endowed Fellowship Fund at Yale Divinity School and the Car-Eth (derived from the names of her mother, Carol, and her sister, Ethel) Foundation, and was the first president of the latter.

Baldwin “Baldy” Guild (1896- ) FOP 24 Aug 1934. Born in Newark, NJ. The son of Elizabeth B. (1861- ) and Fred K. (1856- ) Guild, the latter a lawyer. Baldwin followed his father into the law and was still practicing in Newark in 1956. He married Persis Billington Fowler (1905- )

Persis Billington Fowler Guild (1905-1995) FOP 24 Aug 1934. Born in Summit, NJ. The daughter of Mary C. (c1872- ) and Harry Keedwell (c1864- ) Fowler, the latter the manager of an insurance company. Persis was the sister of Lois Fowler who, with her husband John Skeele, were at Gray Knob 24 Aug 1934.

John Westcott “Jack” Gummere (1893-1960) FOP 30 Aug 1911. Born in South Bethlehem, Penn. The son of Anna Elmer and William Henry (c1870- ) Gummere. Educated at Haverford (BA 1915) and General Theological Seminary (Certificate, 1920). During WWI he was a private in the American Ambulance Corps and, later, a captain in the Red Cross (1917-1919). In 1921 he married Ruth Warg Clark (1896-1953). As an Episcopal minister he served in a variety of churches, including St. John’s Church in Bound Brook, NJ and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. In his one appearance in the Gray Knob log, he was in the company of his cousin, John Howell “Jack” Westcott, Jr. They were referred to as “the two Jacks”. [John
Howell Westcott, Jr was also the uncle of Jack Westcott Stewart (1926-2007), long time summer resident of Randolph.

Fred P. Gurney (1905-1957) FAP 15 Jun 1926; LAP 19 Sep 1926. A native of Brockton, Mass. The son of Ella P. (1871-) and Weston S. (1870-) Gurney, the latter the proprietor of a jewelry store. Fred graduated from Dartmouth (1926), and in 1930 was described as “jewelry salesman” in Brockton. In his appearances in the Gray Knob log, Fred was associated with two other members of Dartmouth ‘26: Alphin T. Gould and Malcolm Merrill.

Margaret B. Halsey (1882-) FOP 7-8 Sep 1912. Native of Manhattan, NY. Daughter of Jane (1847-) and Joseph B. (1847-) Halsey, the latter a real estate agent in Manhattan. She was enrolled in the Boston School for Social Workers in 1908. On 17 July 1908 she appears in the Spur Cabin Register with her sister, Anna B. Halsey (1875-), plus *Albert Moore, *Clifton and *Mabel Snell, Helen and Winthrop Snell, *Hildegard Fick. In her one appearance in the Gray Knob log, she’s with Albert Moore, Mary and Alice Bell, Margaret Allen.

Margaret Hanna (1899-) FAP 7 Aug 1917. A native of Connecticut; probably born in New Haven. The daughter of Anna C. (c1878-) and Thomas Carson (1872-) Hanna, the latter a Yale-trained Baptist minister. [It may be noted that Thomas was the son of Thomas Alexander Hanna (c1843-) and Emily Frances Judson (1847-); Emily Frances, who was born in Burma, was the daughter of missionary Adoniran Judson (1788-1880) and his third wife, Emily Chubbuck (1817-1854). Adoniran and his second wife, Sarah Hall Boardman (c1789-1826), were the parents of Edward Judson (c1845-), and, through him, the grandparents of *Margaret Judson(1880-) and *Sarah Elizabeth “Essy” Judson Baumann (1877-); the latter two women appear in the Gray Knob log on 7 Aug 1917 along with their cousins (once removed) Margaret and Marjorie Hanna.] [Further note: no apparent connection between this group and the family of summer resident Prof. Charles Francis Judson (1869-). In 1920, Margaret was described as a “clerk/coal company office”. Nothing more has turned up.

Marjorie Hanna (1901-) FAP 7 Aug 1917. Marjorie was the sister of Margaret and the cousin of *Essy and *Margaret Judson. In 1920 she was listed as a “clerk/steam railroad office”.

Susan J. Hart (1863-) FOP 7 Aug 1909. A native of Madison, Conn. She was the daughter of Roxanna Rebecca Scranton (1834-1919) and William W. Hart, the latter a “dealer in timber” (1880) and a “clerk” (1900). [Note: William Hart was a cousin of sisters Mary Louise Hart (1843-) and Cornelia Emmarine Hart (1847-), who married, respectively, William Bliss Hincks (1841-), and Enoch Pond Hincks (1846-), brothers of Prof. Edward Young Hincks. Note further: Cornelia and Enoch Pond Hincks were the parents of Henry Winslow Hincks (1875-) who married *Katerina Eaton (c1879-); the latter was the sister of Mildred (1883-). *Caryl (1886-) and *Aldyth (1893-) Eaton, all of whom were children of Edward Dwight Eaton (1851-1942), the sometime president of Benoit College.] Susan J. Hart was a school teacher in Philadelphia (1900). Later (c1913) she moved back to Madison and became a merchant-proprietor of a gift shop there. In her one appearance in the Gray Knob log she was with her cousin Elizabeth Eaton Hincks.

Marguerite “Daisy” Hartshorne (1868-1959) FOP 28 Sep 1931. Born in Exeter, NH. She was the daughter of Augustine (c1839-) and James (c1839-) Haughton, the latter an Episcopal minister. Around 1895 she married Francis Cope Hartshorne (1868-), who became Rector of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (1909-1927) in Phoenixville, Penn. Marguerite and Francis had five children, including Frances C. (1896-), and Charles (1897-2000), a Harvard-trained philosopher/theologian at the University of Chicago who developed the theory of “process theology”, and Richard (1899-), who became a geographer at the University of Wisconsin. Marguerite was 62 when she made her trip to Gray Knob “to make the wire around blankets more mouseproof ... as suggested by my daughter.”
Frances Hartshorne (1896- ) FAP 27 Aug 1923; LAP 4 Sep 1931. Born in Kittanning, Penn. She was the daughter of Marguerite and Francis Cope Hartshorne. In 1917 she graduated from Vassar College. In the 1920 census she was in Phoenixville, Penn and described as “Social work/Red Cross”; in 1930 she was living with her parents in Lower Merion, Penn and described as “Teacher/dancing”. In several of the Gray Knob log entries she appears with her close age-mate Tibby Hincks.

William Oleson Haskell (1888- ) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Westbrook, Maine. Son of Cora (1858- ) and Edwin (1860- ) Haskell, the latter the superintendent of a Westbrook silk mill in 1900. William graduated from the University of Maine in 1911 and became a commercial chemist. In 1918 he was a chemist for the Nashwark Pulp & Paper Co. in Fairville, New Brunswick; by 1920 he was a chemist in the Burgess Mill in Berlin, NH; in 1942 he was forking for the Connecticut Foundry Co. in Rocky Hill, Conn. In June 1914 he married Florence Elizabeth Thomas of Portland, Maine. In his one recorded visit to Gray Knob William and his wife were in the company of other young folks with present or former links to Berlin: Eleanor and Walter Foss; Dorothy and Willard Gooding; Frances and Stanwood Hauson; Arthur Watson et al.

Elizabeth Thomas Haskell (1888- ) Born in Portland, Maine. The daughter of Lizzie Hannah and Herbert A. Thomas. In 1914, when she married William Haskell, her name appeared in the record of Maine Marriages as Florence Elizabeth Thomas.

Robert McConnell “Bob” Hatch (1910-2009) FAP 26 Jul 1922; LAP 26 Jul 1929. Son of Marion Louise Townsend (1881-1960) and William Henry Paine (1875-1972) Hatch, the latter an Episcopal minister in Cambridge, Mass; in the 1930s William H. P. Hatch and family owned a house on Randolph Hill (bought by Bill/Paula Bradley in 1961). Robert was educated at St. Marks School, Harvard (BA), Columbia (MA), and Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge. After serving in other posts (in 1930 he was described as “automobile salesman” in Syracuse, NY), he became Episcopal Bishop of Western Massachusetts. Around 1928 he married Helen Crocker Addison (c1907-1998). Bob Hatch built a house on High Acres Road (now the property of Lynn Farnham) and in 1983 he built his last house on Raycrest Road; he also had a hunting cabin along the original Vyron D. Lowe trail to Pond of Safety. Bob was a member of the RMC for many years and served on its Board in 1979-80. In his first posting (1922) in the Gray Knob log he was in the company of Randolph stalwarts Henrietta Faxon Pease (Mrs. Arthur Stanley Pease) and her daughter Henrietta (later the wife of Sherwood Washburn); Douglas Crary; Caroline Hincks; Catherine and Frederick Smith (adopted grandchildren of Prof. Stanley Coulter). “The night was spent in absorbing the sonorous snores of Mr. R. Hatch and the giggles of Henrietta Pease ... It rained 45 minutes. Nobody drowned.”

Minnie Haupt (c1865- ) FAP 24 Jul 1908; LAP 15 Jul 1910. Born in Germany. Parents currently unknown. Around 1885 she married Paul Haupt (1856- ). [Although Paul’s name does not appear in the Gray Knob log, it is instructive to say something about him. Paul was born in Görlitz, Germany, the son of Elise Hülse and Karl Haupt. He studied at the University of Berlin and then went on to take his PhD from the University of Leipzig in 1878. He taught Semitic languages at the University of Göttingen. In 1883 he was made Professor of Assyriology at Göttingen and Professor of Semitic Languages at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. He became one of the leading scholars in Oriental philology, history, and archaeology, and Editor-in-Chief of the project for the translation of the sacred books of the Old Testament. In this light, it should be noted that Charles Cutler Torrey, who began coming to Randolph in 1895 and who, in 1900, became Professor of Semitic Languages at Yale and also became co-owner of Spur Cabin; Professor Torrey had received his PhD in Semitic languages (1892) at the University of Strassburg. It seems unlikely that the families of two of the world’s leading scholars of Semitic languages would be in Randolph by chance.] Minnie and Paul had four children, all of whom were at Gray Knob in 1908: Walter C., Eric, H. Harold, Istar A. Haupt. At Gray Knob the Haupts appear along with various members of the Hincks family. Minnie, in particular, seems to have been a particular companion of 6-year old Tottie [Caroline
Walter Clark Haupt (1887-1917) FAP 20 Jun 1908; LAP 10 Sep 1908. The son of Minnie and Paul Haupt, Walter was born in Baltimore. He took his AB and PhD at the University of Michigan, and was an Instructor of German there in 1909. He then went to Medical School at Johns Hopkins and received his MD in 1914. He was a staff member of the Neurological Institute of New York when he died suddenly at home in 1917. In 1914 he married Mary Alden Morgan (1890-1985). In 1908 Walter appears to have been a close companion of Carroll Hincks and *Dr. Albert Licklider. PhD, a specialist in dramatic literature. In the 25 July 1908 entry, when it is reported that "Lick and Haupt talked shop: metrics. Carroll falls asleep; murmurs something about dekalogue & doggerel verse," this was at a pre-medical school point when Walter was in the comparative literature field.

Eric Guide Haupt (1891-1984). FAP 20 Jun 1908; LAP 10 Sep 1908. The second son of Minnie and Paul Haupt, Eric was born in Cassel, Germany. He served in the US Army during WWI, after which he became a well-known portrait painter listed in Who’s Who in American Art.

Hans Harold Haupt (1892- ). FAP 20 Jun 1908; LAP 10 Sep 1908. The third son of Minnie and Paul Haupt, H. Harold (as he signed himself) was born in Germany. He was probably trained as an engineer, and went to work for the Pennsylvania Railroad, for whom he was superintendent of the motive power department in 1930. In 1918 he married Grace Elizabeth Wilhelm (1893- ) with whom he had three children: Paul L., George J. and W. Harold.

Istar Alida Haupt (1896- ). FAP 24 Jul 1908; LAP 10 Sep 1908. The daughter of Minnie and Paul Haupt, Istar was born in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her AB (1917) and MA (1918) at Bryn Mawr, and in 1919 joined the staff there as Asst. Demonstrator in applied psychology. Her specializations were described as “psychology, political economy, and applied psychology”. Her dissertation, “The color vision of children,” was published by Johns Hopkins in 1922.

Merrill Allston Hay (1901-1989) FOP 31 Aug-2 Sep 1924. Born in Portland, Maine. The son of Elizabeth Ellen Merrill (c1871- ) and Edward Allston (1866-1950) Hay, the latter a Portland pharmacist. In 1930 Merrill was secretary of an unspecified Portland company; in 1980 he was named to the Honor Roll of the Portland Rotary Club. Around 1929 he married Evelyn M. (c1905- ). In 1930 the couple was living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. In their one period at Gray Knob, Merrill and his sister Elizabeth were in the company of a Blatchford contingent, a group that also hailed from the Portland area.


Daisy E. Haynes (1879-1959) FAP 2 Sep 1908; LAP 3 Sep 1908. Born in Rye, NH. The daughter of Nellie G. Trefethen (1855- ) and George F. (1856- ) Haynes, the latter a hospital steam engineer. In 1900 Daisy was a schoolteacher in Cambridge, Mass. By 1910 she was married to Harold Newton Cross, a civil engineer in Haverhill, Mass. [Harold, along with his father George N. Cross and brother Ernest S. Cross, refurbished an old starch mill to produce the first summer cottage in Randolph. See: A. B. Hudson (ed.), The Building of Burnbrae: The Randolph, NH Diaries of George N. Cross, 1897-1899, Randolph History Project, 2005.] During the two days that Daisy was at Gray Knob, she was accompanied by Harold N. Cross, her future husband, and Robert E. Blood.

Grace Herreshoff (1881- ) FAP 10 Sep 1911; LAP 3 Sep 1914. Born in Bristol, RI. The daughter of Ellen Francis Taft (1852- ) and Julian Lewis (1854-1919) Herreshoff, the latter a Berlin-trained musician and founder/director of the Westminster School of Languages and Music in Providence, RI. In 1919 she married John Lovell Sperry (1894-1954), a civil engineer in Rhode Island. John and Grace had no children, but both were ardent lepidopterists. John died of cyanide poisoning associated with long exposure mounting cyanided butterfly specimens. [Note: In 1900 William Bradley purchased land on Randolph Hill, and, in 1904, built thereon a
cottage that he designed. Ellen Herreshoff bought the property in 1913 and at her death it passed her daughter Grace. Since Grace and John Sperry had no children, the property passed to the family of John’s brother, Earnest L. and Dorothy Sperry. In 1978 the White and Doyle families acquired the cottage from the Sperry family. In 1910 Grace Herreshoff was a founding member of the RMC.

Edna/Edmonia Taylor “Ted” Hill (1858-1952) FAP 28 Aug 1909; LAP 31 Aug 1909. She was the daughter of Amelia (1832- ) and Rev. Riley T. (1826-1909) Taylor; the latter was the long-time president of Beaver College for Women in Pennsylvania and, later, a Methodist preacher in Baltimore. Edna was also the sister of Caroline A. Taylor (1863- ), sometime owner of Randolph’s “Khubsarat” cottage; she was also the cousin of Edgar Asahel Taylor (1858-1935), whose wife Margaret was noted producer and proprietor of the Weaves and Tweeds shop. Around 1886 Edna married Samuel Alexander “Aleck” Hill (1852-1890), an Ulsterman serving as the Chair of Science at Muir College in Allahabad, India. While living in Allahabad Edna became a close friend of frequent guest Rudyard Kipling, with whom she carried on a correspondence of many years’ duration. After Samuel’s death Edna lived in Baltimore with her sisters Caroline and Julia. In Randolph, Edna appears in the Spur Cabin register as early as 1902 and was listed as a member of the RMC in 1911.

Thomas J. Homes (c1882- ) POP 9 Sep 1910. A native of Everett, Mass. The son of Louise E. (1848- ) and Ferdinand D. (1848- ) Homes, the latter a chemical manufacturer. Thomas himself was a chemist living in Everett in 1920. He was alone at Gray Knob in his one appearance there, but he followed tradition and wrote a nice bit of doggerel. In 1911 Thos. J. Homes appears as a contributor to the RMC.

Douglas D. Horton (1891-1968) FAP 22 Aug 1907; LAP 9-11 Sep 1911. A native of Brooklyn, NY. The son of Elizabeth Swain Douglas (1852- ) and Byron (1851- ) Horton, the latter a business college teacher in New York City. Douglas was educated at Princeton (AB, 1912), universities at Edinburgh, Oxford and Tübingen, and Hartford Theological Seminary (BD, 1915). In 1915 he was ordained to the Congregational ministry and thereafter served congregations in Middletown, Conn., Cambridge, Mass., and Chicago, Ill. In 1933 he began teaching at the Chicago Theological Seminary, and in 1938 was selected as the general secretary of the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches. Between 1955 and 1959 he was dean of the Harvard Divinity School, a tenure that coincided with the first admission of women to the school. In 1957 he was instrumental in bringing about the merger of the Congregational Church with the Evangelical and Reformed Church to form the United Church of Christ. Throughout his professional life he was a noted ecumenicist, and 1962-1965 he was a Protestant observer at the Second Vatican Council. Around 1916 he married Carol Williams (1890-1955) with whom he had four children: Margaret “Peg” (c1917- ), Alan W. (c1922- ), Alice (1925- ) and Elizabeth “Betty” (c1928- ) Horton, all of whom have had residences in Randolph. In 1945 Douglas married Mildred McAfee (1900-1994), sometime president of Wellesley College (1936-1948) and, during WWII, Commandant of the WAVES (1942-1945).

On the Randolph scene, Douglas first appears in the written record in 1907 at the age of 16, the associate of agemates *Ridgely D. Bryan and *Willie Schaufler (who likely were also schoolmates) and members of the *Stearns family. Around 1924 he bought a house in the valley from the widow of A.C. Nickerson. In 1939 he built a new house near Mossy Glen. Douglas was instrumental in establishing the Pine Mountain Corporation (1942) which, for $1.00, obtained 95.5 acres at the top of Pine Mountain from the E. Libby and Sons Lumber Company to be used for religious retreats and camps. In 1969 the conference center there was renamed the Douglas Horton Center at Pine Mountain. He was also instrumental in establishing, in 1960, the Randolph Foundation, originally formed to preserve the Ravine House property, 51 acres of which were deeded to the Town of Randolph in 1966. Connections with other Randolph families: Douglas’ sister, Alice (1884- ) married *Alfred Eugene Mudge (1882- ), father of *Eugene, Elizabeth and Gilbert Mudge; his sister *Irene married Clare J. Crary (c1884-1975),

Janet Howell (1889-1969), later Janet Howell Clark. FOP 13-15 Jul 1915. A native of Baltimore, she was the daughter of Anne J. (c1863- ) and William H. Howell, the latter a professor at Johns Hopkins. She received her AB from Bryn Mawr and PhD in physics from Johns Hopkins. In July of 1917 she married *Dr. Admont Halsey Clark, an associate professor of pathology at Johns Hopkins, with whom she had a daughter, Anne Janet Clark (1918-1996), who herself became an MD and bacteriologist. In October 1918 Admont died during the influenza epidemic. After her husband’s death, Janet and her daughter lived with Janet’s parents. For some years thereafter Janet was head of the Bryn Mawr School. At her one appearance at Gray Knob she was in the company of her sister Teresa, Teresa’s future husband Edward O. Hulburt, and Janet’s future husband, Admont Clark.

Charlotte Teresa Howell (1897-1990). FOP 13-15 Jul 1915. Generally known as “Teresa”, she was the younger sister of Janet Howell. In the 1920 census, when she was living with her parents and with Janet and Anne, she was a “teacher/private school”, possibly the Bryn Mawr School where Janet was the head. Around 1921 she married the distinguished geophysicist Edward Olson Hulburt (1890-1982).

Edward Olson Hulburt (1890-1982) FOP 13-15 Jul 1915. The son of Elizabeth D. (1860- ) and Lorrain S. (1860- ) Hulburt, the latter a professor of mathematics at Johns Hopkins. Edward was a geophysicist specializing in the physics of the upper atmosphere. He trained at Johns Hopkins: BA (1911), PhD (1915) and taught physics there until 1924 when he joined the staff at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., first as head of the Physical Optics Division (1924-1949) and then as the Lab’s Director of Research (1949-1955). Around 1920 he married Charlotte Teresa Howell (1897-1990), the sister of Janet Howell (who became the wife of Dr. Admont Clark). The foursome of Hulburt, Admont, Janet and Teresa were at Gray Knob in July 1915.

Madelline Hunt (1894- ) FAP 21 Jun 1917; LAP 6-15 Sep 1920. She was born in Portland, Maine. The daughter of Fannie Louise Piper (1864- ) and Arthur Kinsman (1864-1940) Hunt, the latter a banker in Portland, Brookline, MA, and Manhattan. She received an AB from Vassar (1917), an MA in Education and Psychology from Bryn Mawr (1934), and a PhD from Bryn Mawr (1942). From 1917-1924 she was a social and industrial worker. In the 1930s she was an Instructor in Education at Bryn Mawr. In June 1917 and September 1920 she appears in the Gray Knob log with psychiatrist Kenneth Ellmaker Appel, whom she married around 1925.

Pearson Hunt (19008-2002) FOP 30-31 Aug 1932. A native of Staten Island, NY. The son of Julia Pearson (c1890- ) and William F. (c1875- ) Hunt, the latter a consulting engineer in Richmond, NY. Pearson was home-schooled by his grandmother, Lucy Pearson (c1850- ), until 11th grade, when he entered Lawrenceville School (Princeton, NJ). He received his AB from Yale (1930), an MBA (1938) and DCS (1939) from Harvard Business School, where he became a member of the faculty from 1948 to 1975 specializing in finance management. In 1962 he married Dr. Edna Homan, the first woman to receive a DBA from Harvard.

Ralph Eugene Hunt (1896-1971) FOP 4 Aug 1917. Born in Randolph, NH, but lived mostly in Jefferson. Son of Elnora Josephine Whittom (1872-1961) and Eugene “Gene” (1868- ) Hunt, who made a varied living in Jefferson. Like his father, Ralph worked as a farmer, a building carpenter, and as a mountain guide, the latter guise illustrated when he accompanied “the two honeymooners”, Robert and Isabel Blood, to Gray Knob in August of 1917. Ralph was undoubtedly the son who assisted Gene Hunt to set Gray Knob on its new foundation in July 1929. In the 1940s he was a Fire Patrol Warden for the US Forestry Department. Around 1920 he married Effie L. Goodell (c1890- ). Through his parents and wife Ralph was connected to many families in Jefferson and Randolph.
Ruth Huntington (1873-1940) FOP 30 Jun 1926. Native or Norwich, Conn. The daughter of Elizabeth Rogers Barstow (1841-1919), and the third wife of James Monroe (1817-1874) Huntington, the latter a well-off Norwich businessman described variably as “merchant” (1850), “iron manufacturer” (1860) and “importer of molasses and sugar” (1860). Ruth, educated at Smith College and Columbia University, became a teacher at, inter alia, Kamehameha School for Native Boys in Hawaii and the Hindman Settlement School for Mountainers in Kentucky, and was director of the latter institution at the time of her retirement in 1920, after which she lived in Carmel, Calif. On her one visit to Gray Knob she was in the company of Anne Hincks, an age-mate and Smith College classmate.

Henry Millis Hurd (1843-1927) FOP 19-21 Sep 1914. Born in Union City, Michigan. The son of Ellen E. (c1819- ) and Henry S. (c1818- ) Hurd, the latter a physician in Union City. Young Henry matriculated at age 14 and received both his BS (1863) and MD (1866) at the University of Michigan. For some years he worked as a dispensing physician in several Michigan insane asylums, and visited asylums in Europe. In 1889 he became the first director of the Johns Hopkins Hospital (1889-1911) and served as secretary of its Board of Trustees (1911-1927); he was also professor of psychiatry there (1893-1905), and director of publications for the Medical School (1899-1906). Around 1877 he married Mary Doolittle (1839- ) with whom he had two daughters, *Eleanor H. and *Anna G. Hurd; the daughters, still living with their father in 1910 and 1920, seem to have disappeared from the records by 1930.

Anna Grace Hurd (1879- ) FOP 19-21 Sep 1914. Born in Pontiac, Michigan. The daughter of Mary and Henry Millis Hurd.


Mary Hall Ingham (1867-c1928) FAP 15 Jul 1910; LAP 24 Aug 1911. A native of Philadelphia, Penn. The daughter of Katherine K. Hall (1834-1904) and William Armstrong (1827-1913) Ingham, the latter a business magnate in Philadelphia: President of Crd. Co (1880); Bank President (1900); President of Coal and Iron Co. (1910). Mary graduated from Bryn Mawr in 1903. She became active in the women’s suffragist movement and became chair of the Pennsylvania branch of the National Women’s Party. In 1917 she was arrested three times while picketing the White House and served a term in the Occoquan Work House, Virginia. In Randolph, Mary and her father joined the RMC in 1911, as did her brother John in 1912. After her father’s death in 1913, Mary had John Boothman build her a house in the valley to the east of the Cutter cottages. [After Mary’s death her house was acquired by fellow suffragist Elizabeth Hilles, mother of Margaret “Meg” Meiklejohn and Ellen Dempster.]

Mr. Ingham. FOP 10 Sep 1913. This most likely refers to Mary’s brother John Hall Ingham (1860-1921). He was a Philadelphia lawyer and noted poet [e.g., A Summer Sanctuary (1900); Pompeii of the West and Other Poems (1903)]. He joined the RMC in 1912 and appears in the Gray Knob log 10 Sep 1913.

Margaret Ives (1903-2000) FOP 11-13 Sep 1933. A native of Michigan. The daughter of Julia Claire Chandler (1873- ) and Augustus Wright (1861-c1954) Ives, the latter a physician in Highland Park, Michigan. She was a psychologist educated at Vassar College (AB 1924) and the University of Michigan (PhD, 1938). After working at clinics in Detroit, Mich. and Elizabeth, NJ, she became the Chief of the Psychology Department at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington, DC (1943-1972). After her retirement in 1973 she served as executive officer of the American Board of Professional Psychologists. During her one recorded visit to Gray Knob she was in the company of, inter alia, Elizabeth Hincks, herself a psychologist.

Edith B. Jackson (1895-1977) FAP 12-18 Jul 1916; LAP 9-12 Aug 1927. Born in Colorado Springs, Col. The daughter of Helen Fiske (1859-1899) and William Sharpless (1836-1919) Jackson. BA, Vassar (1916); MD, Johns Hopkins (1921). On the faculty of the Yale School of Medicine,
Dept. of Pediatrics (1923-1959). Specialized in behavioral pediatrics and child psychology. In the Gray Knob log, she was associated with Vassar classmates Katrina Brewster (1916) and child psychologist Tibby Hincks (1917).

The Johnson Sisters. Daughters of Jeremiah Johnson (1827-1898) who was a lumber merchant until 1866 and thereafter became a magnate dealing with urban and suburban real estate in the Brooklyn, NY and Rahway, NJ areas. Jeremiah’s first wife, Mary Ann (c1827-c1859) was the mother of, inter alia, *Mary E. and *Sarah Johnson; his second wife, Cornelia R. (c1838- ) was the mother of *Adele R. and *Margaret E. Johnson and, incidentally, a founding member of the RMC in 1910.

Mary E. “May” Johnson (1855- ) FAP 3 Aug 1908; LAP 24 Aug 1911. Daughter of Mary Ann and Jeremiah Johnson. Founding member of RMC.


Margaret Edith Johnson (1865- ) FAP 11 Aug 1909; LAP 12-13 Aug 1936. Daughter of Cornelia R. and Jeremiah Johnson. A private school teacher in Brooklyn. A founding member of RMC. Her 1936 appearance at Gray Knob was in company with Elizabeth Hincks and Florence Peek Abbott. Margaret and Florence are reported to have made watercolor sketches of the cabin.

Elizabeth Edwards “Lizzie” Jones. (c1871- ) FAP 24-26 Aug 1908; LAP 6-8 Oct 1934. A native of Boston. The daughter of Mary Cranston (1835-1886) and Henry A. (1827-1900) Jones, the latter described as “salesman” in the 1880 census. Lizzie was a long-time teacher/housemother at Miss Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She was a summer resident of Randolph for over 40 years. Around 1910 she built a cottage next to Coldbrook Lodge, which, many years later (2001-2006), served as a dwelling and tent site for RMC crew members prior to the establishment of Stearns Lodge. Lizzie served the RMC as secretary (1910-1937, 1948), as treasurer (1927-48) and, for many years, as chief maker of trail signs.

Charles Francis Judson (1869- ) FAP 9 Aug 1907; LAP 17 Sep 1912. Born in Philadelphia, Penn. The son of Elizabeth Boyce (c1853) and Oliver Albert (c1831- ) Judson, the latter a Philadelphia physician. Charles was educated at Harvard (BA, 1890) and the Univ. of Pennsylvania (MD, 1893). He served as a physician in Philadelphia for many years. In 1902 he married Sarah Ernst Worrall who died 1910≤1919. In 1920 Charles married Mabel Herford (1883- ). Charles was a summer resident of Randolph for many years and supervised the construction of the Castle Ravine Path. Charles was a founding member of the RMC in 1910, served on its Board (1926-1928), and was Vice President (1931-1935).

Sarah Ernst “Sallie” Worrall Judson (1870-1910≤1920 ) FAP 12 Jul 1909; LAP 15 Jul 1910. Born in Danville, Kentucky. The daughter of Rhoda (c1830- ) and John M. (1825- ) Worrall, the latter a clergyman and professor in a Danville theological seminary. Through her brother William R. Worrall (c1855- ) and his wife Alice Mattison (1859-1893) Sarah was the aunt of Helen D. Worrall (1888- ) and Alice Malleson (1894- ) who appear in the Gray Knob log. Sarah attended Wellesley College (1888-1889). In 1902 she married Dr. Charles F. Judson. Sarah bore no children, but she and Charles adopted a niece and nephew, Elizabeth and Harry Sydney. Like her husband, Sarah was a founding member of the RMC. She died sometime between 1910-1919. [Note: A Wellesley publication gives a summer address of “Burnham”, Randolph, NH for Sarah Worrall.]

[NOTE: The preceding family of Charles and Sarah Worrall Judson has no discernable genealogical connection to the following family of Sarah Elizabeth and Margaret Judson.]

Sarah Elizabeth “Essy” Judson (1877- ) FAP 5-7 Jul 1916; LAP 11-13 Sep 1933 [as Elizabeth Judson Baumann]. Born in Orange, NJ. The daughter of Ellen Antoinette Barstow (c1853-1914) and
Edward (1844-1914) Judson, the latter pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, New York City (1882-1912); sometime professor at Colgate (1874-1875), University of Chicago (1904-1906), and Union Theological Seminary (1906-1908); trustee at Brown University and Vassar College (1888- ). “Essy” received a BA from Vassar (1903) and a PhD from Yale (1916) in biochemistry. In 1920 she married physiological chemist Emil Jacob Baumann (1891- ). In that same year Sarah “Essy” had a house built on Randolph Hill. [The house was later acquired by Heywood and Bea Alexander.] [Note: “Essy” and Margaret Judson were cousins of Margaret (1899- ) and Marjorie (1901- ) Hanna (great grand daughters of Adoniran Judson (1788-1880) and his third wife, Emily Chubbuck), who were all at Gray Knob 7 Aug 1917 along with Emil Baumann.]

Margaret Judson (1880- ) FAP 26 Aug 1907; LAP 9-11 Sep 1923. The sister of “Essy” Judson. She was educated at Vassar (BA, 1903) and Yale (1909-1907). She was on the English faculty of Simmons College (1904-1905) and Vassar (1905-1906; 1910- )

Eliza Ogden Butler Kirkbride (1835-1919) FOP 23 Aug 1908. Born in New York. The daughter of Harriet Allen (1797-1853) and Benjamin Franklin (1795-1858) Butler, the latter a lawyer and politician who served as US Attorney General (1833-1838) and Secretary of War (1836-37). In 1866 she married Thomas Story Kirkbride (1809-1883), a leading Philadelphia physician who served for a time as Physician in Chief of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane. Eliza and Thomas had four children: *Franklin Butler, Thomas Story (c1870-1900), *Elizabeth Butler and *Mary Butler Kirkbride. Through her brother Benjamin Franklin Butler, Jr (1830-1884) she was the aunt of Mary Howard Butler, who also appears in the Gray Knob log.

The Misses Kirkbride FOP 8 Aug 1914. The daughters of Eliza Butler Kirkbride: Elizabeth Butler and Mary Butler Kirkbride.

Miss Kirkbride FOP 6 Aug 1914. Could be either Elizabeth of Mary Butler Kirkbride, but probably former on the basis that at that time etiquette required that the oldest sister be referred to as “Miss” plus last name, and younger sisters as “Miss” plus first and last name.


Elizabeth Butler Kirkbride (1872-1970)  FAP 7-8 Aug 1908; LAP 19-21 Sep 1914. The oldest daughter of Eliza and Thomas Kirkbride. She received her AB from Bryn Mawr and served on its Alumnae Board for 15 years, and was an active member of the AAUW. She moved to Albany, NY, and there became Director of the North Atlantic Section of the AAUW; she made significant contributions to the development of the national organization.

Mary Butler Kirkbride (1874-1967) FAP 7-8 Aug 1908; LAP 5-6 Sep 1914. The youngest child of Eliza and Thomas Kirkbride. She was educated at the University of Pennsylvania (1897-1906, Harvard (1909), Cornell (1909-1910), Columbia (1910-1914). A comment in Women in Science notes that “Although well trained as a bacteriologist she [Mary] never completed a formal degree.” She held a number of professional positions and from 1932-1944 was Assoc. Director of at the New York State Department of Health in charge of the anti-toxin, serum and vaccine laboratories, for which she was accorded a Gold Medal. In 1932 she was awarded an honorary DSc by Smith College.

Elizabeth Knowlton (1895-1989) FOP 6-8 Aug 1934. Born in Springfield, Mass. The daughter of Rose Ladd and Marcus Perrin Knowlton, the latter a lawyer and sometime Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She was educated at Vassar (AB, 1916) and Radcliffe (MA, 1917). She was freelance writer, poet, and noted mountaineer. She made her first trip to the White Mountains at the age of 7 years. She was a member of the 1932 Himalayan expedition, where she reached an altitude of over 22,000 feet on Nanga Parbat. She was a close friend of Vassar classmate Anna B. Stearns (namesake of the RMC’s Stearns Lodge), as well as mountaineer Miriam Underhill and geologist Kay Fowler Billings [who appears as Katherine Fowler Lunn in a 21-22 Sep 1933 entry in the Gray Knob log].

Belle G. Clark (1866- ) and John Lauriston (1860- ) Knowlton, the latter a dry goods merchant in Brattleboro and Boston, Mass. Lauriston was a civil engineer trained at Harvard (BA, 1915; BSc, 1916). During WWI he served as an Infantry captain (1917-1919) and saw action in France. Around 1920 he married Ruth Whitmore (1895- ). In 1930 he was working as an engineer for the Providence, RI Gas Company.


Bernard Osgood Koopman (1900-1981) FAP 6 Jul 1922; LAP 4-5 Sep 1930. Born in France. The son of Louise and August Koopman. Emigrated to the US in 1915. Bernard became an eminent mathematician, educated at Harvard (BA, 1922; PhD, 1926) and established as a driving force in mathematics at Columbia (1928-1968). In the mid-1930s he married Mary Louise Harvey (d.1946) with whom he had two daughters: Philippa and Winifred. In 1948 he married *Jane Bridgman (1914-2000), daughter of *Olive Ware and Nobel physicist *Percy Bridgman, with whom he had three daughters: Anne (1950- ), Elizabeth (1951- ) and Barbara (1953) Koopman. Bernard had a long history with the RMC, and served as president in 1968-1969.

Ellen Devereaux Koopman (1898-1995) FAP 6 Jul 1922; LAP 30 Aug 1922. Born in Katvijk, Holland. The daughter of Louise and August Koopman. Radcliffe, AB (1921). In 1925 she married *Thomas Middleton Raysor (1895- ), on the English faculty at Washington State U (1924-30) and, later, chairman of the English Department at the University of Nebraska (1930- ). [It may be noted that Tom Raysor signed the Gray Knob log on 6 Jul 1922, three years before his marriage to Ellen.] Ellen and Thomas had two daughters: Cecily (1926- ) and Joan Gilmer (1928- ) Raysor. [Joan Raysor married mathematician Sidney Darlington and had two daughters: Ellen and Becky.]

[Koopman connections in Randolph. Through Louise Osgood Koopman’s sister *Frances Osgood Collier, ties to various Colliers (*Edmund, *Julia, *Katherine) can be traced. Through his second wife, Jane, Bernard was linked to the extended Bridgman clan that included Percy’s wife *Olive Ware, Olive’s sister *Katharine, who married *George Milton Smith. Of Jane’s daughters, Anne married Tad Pfeffer, and Barbara married Ian Turnbull. Ellen and Tom Rayser’s daughter, Joan, married Sidney Darlington. Representatives of these lines are still found in Randolph, and a number of them appear in the Gray Knob log. Louise Osgood Koopman started coming to Randolph with her children around 1915; over the years Koopmans, Bridgmans, Smiths, Raysors, Darlingtons, Pfeffers, Turnbuls, et alia have owned/occupied houses in Randolph.]

Katherine Laighton (1839- ) FOP 25 Aug 1909. Daughter of Frances Seabury Hall (1805-1840-) and Charles Edward (1846-1885) Laighton, the latter a Portsmouth, NH grocer and merchant. She was the sister of Emmeline Laighton “Emma” Allen (1846-1910), who also appears in the Gray Knob log.

Anne Leighton Lane LOP 12 Aug 1922. We know only two things about Anne: 1- she listed herself as a resident of Manchester, Mass; 2- when Anne was at Gray Knob she was in the company of “Grace Lane Quint” of Chelsea, Mass. It would seem that Anne is related to Grace Lane Quint in some way, but a specific connection has not yet been established.

Bertha Margaret Laws (1879- ) FAP 19-21 Sep 1914; LAP 20 Aug 1933. Born in Philadelphia, Penn. The daughter of Virginia Maria Cantrell (1835-1902) and Jesse Augustus Turner (1831-1903) Laws, the latter a real estate operator. She received her AB from Bryn Mawr (1901) and then went on to teach Latin and other subjects in private and public schools. In 1917 she went to France to participate in hospital and relief work.

Frederick Thomas Lewis (1875-1951) FAP 28-30 Aug 1922; LAP 4 Jul 1937. He was born in
Cambridge, Mass. and spent most of his life in the area. Son of Nettie F. Brown (c1850-) and Charles S. Lewis, the latter a Cambridge bookkeeper. Educated at Harvard: AB (1897), MD (1901), Frederick was an embryologist who taught at Harvard Medical School for over 40 years. Around 1913 he married *Ethel M. Stickney and the couple had one child, *Thomas. Members of the Lewis family made many appearances in the Gray Knob log from 1922 to 1937.

**Ethel M. Stickney Lewis** (1877- ) FAP 28-30 Aug 1922; LAP 4 Jul 1937. Born in Greenville, NH. She was the daughter of Helen E. Sawyer (1846-) and Ambrose G. (1848-1902) Stickney, the latter a depot master in Greenville (1880) and woolen operative in Clinton, Mass (1900). In 1900 Ethel was a math teacher at the Perkins Institute for the blind in Boston. Around 1913 she became the wife of Frederick T. Lewis. She was a member of the RMC and was a member of its Board 1944-1945.

**Thomas Lathrop Lewis** (c1914- ) FAP 28-30 Aug 1922; LAP 4 Jul 1937. Born in Cambridge, Mass. The son of Ethel and Frederick Lewis. In the late 1920s and early 1930s Tom appeared at Gray Knob with near-age mates such as Robert and Jane Bridgman, Thornton Page, Hersh Cross and Robert Hatch. Thomas was killed in action during WWII.

**Albert H. Licklider** (1875- ) FAP 17 Jul 1908; LAP 19 Aug 1936. Born in Patomac, West Virginia. He was the son of Florence (c1852-) and Charles A. (c1849-) Licklider, the latter a saddler. He was educated at Randolph-Macon College (AB 1896) and Johns Hopkins (PhD, 1906). Albert taught English at Johns Hopkins (1906-1907), Dartmouth (1908-1922) and Williams College (1923-1958). At Williams he had the title “J. Leland Miller Professor of American History, Literature and Eloquence”. Among other things, he literally wrote the book on Chaucerian metrics and was a noted drama critic. It may be noted that in the 25 July 1908 entry it is reported that “Lick and Haupt talked shop: metrics. Carroll falls asleep; murmurs something about dekalogue & doggerel verse;” [Albert was a close friend and frequent co-occupier of Gray Knob of Carroll Hincks and Walter Clark Haupt.] Albert Licklider joined the RMC in 1912.

**Shelton Locke** (c1916- ) FAP 26 Aug 1931; LAP 27 Aug 1933. Born in Berlin, NH. The son of Laura (c1885-) and Clyburn (c1877-) Locke, the latter employed at the Berlin pulp mill. Shelton was 15 years old on his first trip to Gray Knob, and on both his trips he was in the company of other Berlin youth. [Note: in his first trip to Gray Knob Shelton claims to be “Ex N.W.M.P.”, which seems unlikely given his young age.]

**William A. Lorenz** (1847- ) FOP 26 Aug 1906. Born in Germany. He immigrated to the US in 1862, settled in Hartford, Conn. and worked as a mechanical engineer and inventor. Around 1878 he took a wife, Mary (1847- ); they had a daughter, Mary (1879- ) and a son, *Edward (1882- ). All four members of the Lorenz family were guests at Spur Cabin in September 1900, and on that occasion William executed a sketch “Glimpse from Spur Cabin” which is reproduced in Spur Cabin Registers: 1900-1916, RMC Archive, Revised Edition, 2009, Al Hudson (ed.), p. 4.

**Edward Henry Lorenz** (1882- ) FAP 25 Aug 1906; LAP 23 Aug 1907. Born in Hartford, Conn. He was the son of Mary and William A. Lorenz. He studied chemistry at Trinity College (AB, 1902) and mechanical engineering at MIT (BSc, 1905). He became a partner with his father in the engineering firm “W.A. Lorenz & E.H. Lorenz”.

**Julia Susan Lovejoy** (1888-1987) FAP 8 Sep 1910; LAP 21 Aug 1912. A native of Janesville, Wisc. The daughter of Julia S. (1849-) and Allen R. (1825-) Lovejoy, the latter describing himself as a “capitalist”. Around 1917 she married banker Fernando Cuniberti (c1887- ), and with him had five children.

**Mr. Lowe**. This is most probably Thaddeus Sobieski Lowe (1861-1939) FOP 21-23 Jul 1919. Born in Randolph, NH. The son of Mahala E. Leighton (1834-1894) and Charles E. (1838-1907) Lowe, the latter the noted guide and pathmaker. Thad was a sometime guide, farmer and selectman who had acquired a part ownership in Gray Knob. In his 1919 appearance in the Gray Knob log Thad was working with his brother-in-law Tom Milner making repairs on the cabin. [Note:
this Thad Lowe should not be confused with his uncle “Professor” Thaddeus S.C. Lowe (1832-1912), the Civil War balloonist and productive inventor. “Prof. Lowe” never actually lived in Randolph, and spent most of his life outside New Hampshire.]

Katharine Fowler Lunn [See: Katharine “Kay” Fowler]

Alison Storer Lunt (1897-1977) FOP 31 Aug-2 Sep 1924. Native of Portland, Maine. Also known as Storer Alison Lunt, he was the son of Alice Storer (1861- ) and Frank Dudley (1861- ) Lunt, the latter a Portland soap manufacturer. Alison was educated at Phillips Andover and Yale (1920). In WWI he was a 2nd Lt. from August 1918 to January 1919, though he saw no overseas service. In his one appearance in the Gray Knob log he was accompanied by a passel of Blatchfords and other folks hailing from Portland.

Edna Lyman (1872-1957) FOP 7 Sep 1911. A native of Oak Park, Illinois. The daughter of Francis Snow (1844- ) and Edson W. (c1850- ) Lyman, the latter an insurance agent. Edna was educated in the Oak Park schools and at Bradford Academy in Haverhill, Mass. By 1905 she was children’s librarian in the Oak Park library, and while there basically invented the concept of “the story hour.” By 1908 she had left Oak Park to become a lecturer and consultant in her field and, in 1910, published her seminal book, “Story Telling: What to Tell and How to Tell It,” a work that went through many editions. Around 1915 she married businessman Lee Carnahan Scott (1865-1953). In the 1920 (Seattle, Washington) and 1930 (San Buenaventura, Calif) censuses she identified herself as a “Christian Scientist practitioner”. In the Randolph record Edna first appears in Spur Cabin Register (11 Jul 1902) and only later in the Gray Knob log. While at Gray Knob she was in the company of Elizabeth and Sarah Hincks, and of Jean S. Pond, whom Edna had probably met at Bradford Academy.

Milton E. “Red” MacGregor (1884- ) FOP 4 Jul 1916. Native of Hyde Park, Mass. The son of Julia Gertrude Tilton (1851-1889) and Archibald (1859-1928) MacGregor, the latter an upholsterer. Milton graduated from MIT in 1907 with a degree in physics. He taught math in various Boston high schools throughout much of his life. However, in 1915 he became the AMC’s hutmaster at Carter Notch camp and, in 1916, hutmaster at Lakes of the Clouds. From 1921 to 1927 he served as supervisor for the AMC’s four-hut system located at Madison Spring, Carter Notch, Lakes of the Clouds and Pinkham Notch. At the end of his AMC stint it was Milton who hired the AMC legend, Joe Dodge, to run the hut system. Around 1910 he married Helen Augusta Emerson (1885-1966) with whom he had two children.

Alfred Woolley Maddock (1913-2002) FOP 2 Sep 1934. Native of Swampscott, Mass. The son of Lena L. (c1881- ) and James R. (c1882- ) Maddock, the latter an electrical engineer. Not much known about Alfred other than he served in the US Coast Guard in WWII, had an FCC Ham operator’s license, and was twice married (first to Eleanor, divorced in 27 Sept 1979; second to Hilda A. Stohs, married in 28 Sep 1979. [No known relationship to Randolph’s Stephen James Maddock.]

Alice D. Malleson (1894- ) FOP 13 Jul 1907. Born in New York City. The daughter of Harriet Robinette Mattison (1859- ) and her first husband Philip Arthur Ormand (c1860-1898) Malleson, the latter a physician in New York City. Her aunt, Alice Mattison (1859-1893), was married to William R. Worrall (c1855- ) who, in turn was the brother of *Sarah Ernst Worrall (1870- ), wife of *Charles Francis Judson; Alice D. was the cousin of Helen D. Worrall (1888- ), with whom she visited Gray Knob in 1907.

Elizabeth Walker Marshall (1902- ) FAP 1 Sep 1921; LAP 31 Aug 1924. A native of Portland, Maine. The daughter of Helen M. Walker (1874-1963) and Frank Dennett (1870-1949) Marshall, the latter a Portland lawyer. She was educated at Smith College (AB, 1923). At Gray Knob with members of Blatchford family and others.

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Genevieve Frances Mathews (1890-1965) FOP 25 Aug 1909. A native of Campton, NH. The daughter of Caroline Augusta Maynard (1866- ) and Ferdinand Schuyler (1854-1938) Mathews, the latter a Cambridge, Mass artist, naturalist and author of fieldbooks on American wild flowers and the songs of birds. Genevieve graduated from Radcliffe (BA, 1912) where, in 1912, she held a fellowship at the Harvard College Observatory working on the measurement of variable stars. Around 1913 Genevieve and her Radcliffe classmate *Margaret “Peggy” Allen (1888- ) bought “Sorgenfrei”, the cottage on Randolph Hill built in 1901 for Mrs. Lillian Schaufller. In 1916 Genevieve married Francis Alley “Frank” Hubbard (1890-1940), a Harvard-trained electrical engineer. In 1917, Frank’s brother Roger Sanford Hubbard (1888- ), a biochemist, married Peggy Allen; Roger and Peggy were the parents of later Randolph residents Fred Hubbard (c1925-2009) and Barbara Hubbard Wilson (1921-2007); Genevieve was their aunt.


Adele Elizabeth McKinney (1887-1975) FAP 11 Aug 1909; LAP 24 Aug 1920. A native of Cleveland, Ohio. The daughter of Kate S. (1855- ) and Harry (1856- ) McKinney, the latter an inspector in a Cleveland coal shipping company. She received her AB from Vassar (1909) and studied at Teacher’s College, Columbia University. In the1920 census she was described as “social university investigator,” and had published studies on the National Consumers’ League (1910), a Michigan eugenics survey (1912), and the relationship between public libraries and public schools in Cleveland. In 1909 she visited Gray Knob with Sarah and Mrs. Hincks. In 1920 she was living in Manhattan with the family of Willa Roberts, with whom she visited Gray Knob. In 1930 she was a private school teacher in New York City.

Nellie R. McNair (1895- ) FOP 14 Aug 1930. Born in Scotland; came to US in 1901. Daughter of Jeannie A. (c1870- ) and Allen C. (c1865- ) McNair, the latter a marine engineer living in Boston. In 1930 Nellie was a junior high school teacher in the Boston area. Was at Gray Knob with AMCers Dr. and Mrs. C.H. Babbitt.

Thomas Means (1889-1961) FOP 22 Aug 1919. A native of New Haven, Conn. The son of Katherine Elizabeth Gower (1864- ) and Stewart (1852- ) Means, the latter Rector of St. John’s Church in New Haven. Thomas received his BA from Yale in 1910 with a joint major in classics and music. After spending some years teaching in a New Haven prep school he joined the faculty at Bowdoin College (1934-54) as Professor of Greek Language and Literature. Around 1925 he married Betsy (1891- ) with whom he had one child, Patricia (1927- ). In August 1919 Thomas was at Gray Knob with his sister Margaret Stewart Means French and her husband Robert Dudley French (1888- ).

Betty/Betsy Means (1891- ) FOP 20 Aug 1922. A native of Michigan. She was the wife of Thomas Means.

Helen Gower Means (1892-1993) FOP 19-20 Sep 1920. A sister of Thomas Means. She spent most of her life in the New Haven area where, in 1930, she was living with her parents and working as an occupational therapist in a local hospital. In her 1920 visit to Gray Knob she was in the company of her sister Margaret French and the latter’s husband Robert.

Katherine Glenn Means [usually went under the name of “Glenn"(1894-1991) FOP 19 Sep 1926. A sister of Thomas Means. She spent most of her life in New Haven working as an artist. In her 1926 visit to Gray Knob she was in the company of Margaret and Robert French.
Howard Earl Merrill (1897-1962) FOP 16-17 Dec 1931. Native of Belknap County, NH. The son of Harriet Edith “Hattie” Leavitt (1876-1927) and Austin Walter (1871-1941) Merrill, the latter a miller and farmer in various towns in New Hampshire. In 1930 Howard was working as a laborer on his brother-in-law’s farm in Belmont, NH. In the winter of 1931-32 Howard Merrill spent a month at the Log Cabin trapping, as noted in his Gray Knob log entry. From 15 Dec 1931 to 15 Feb 1932 he kept a diary that eventually turned up in the Boothman archive; in 2008 Sally Boothman Glines gave the diary to the RMC archive; in November 2008 it was transcribed and edited by the RMC archivist, Al Hudson. The second and third entries appear as follows:

Dec 16: Very cold at daylight. Wind blowing hard. Looks like more snow is coming. After looking over my traps, up the Randolph Path. I went up the Montevideo Trail and turned off at Lowe’s Path ... Leaving Lowe’s Path on my right, I soon discovered a fine little camp under the ledges and went in, signing the register. Found it was Grey Knob Camp...

Dec 17: Went up the R. Path to look over my traps. No signs of fur bearers. Too cold. Went up to Grey Knob again and continued on down the Spur Trail for a half mile or so. Nothing but rabbit tracks...

When Howard signed the Gray Knob log he described himself as “trapper; RMC; Laconia, NH”.

Malcolm Hampton Merrill (1904-1992) FOP 19 Sep 1925. A native of Biddeford, Maine. The son of Harriet Hampton (c1878- ) and Harry Leroy (1875- ) Merrill, the latter a confectioner and, later, a hotel proprietor in Biddeford. Malcolm graduated from Dartmouth (1926) and then returned to Maine to become a manager in his father’s hotel. On his one trip to Gray Knob Malcolm was in the company of two Dartmouth classmates: Alphin T. Gould and Fred P. Gurney.

Marianna M. Middlebrook (1887- ) FOP 7 Aug 1909. Daughter of Martha Jones and Frederick J. Middlebrook. In 1909 she appeared and Gray Knob with George Huntington Richards (1882- ), and in 1910 the two were married. Through the marriage of George’s sister Anna May (1887- ) to Henry Lloyd Folsom (1888- ), Marianna was linked to the Randolph’s Folsom and Peek families.

Mr. Milner. This is most probably Thomas Milner (1868-1953) FOP 21 Jul 1919. Tom was born in Nova Scotia, but by 1900 was a farmer in Randolph. In 1901 he married Carrie M. Lowe (1863-1951), the daughter of trailmaker and guide Charles E. Lowe (1838-1907). In his one appearance in the Gray Knob log, Tom was working with his brother-in-law Thaddeus S. Lowe (1861-1939) making repairs on the cabin; at that time Thad was part owner of Gray Knob.

John C. Molinar (c1902- ) FAP 6 Aug 1914; LAP 8 Jul 1930. Born in Malden, Mass. The son of an Italian mother, Clara T. Cavalle (c1870- ), and a Swiss father, Angelo John (c1874- ) Molinar, the latter a sometime hotel waiter in Malden (1910) and manager of a confectionery store in Livermore Falls, Maine (1930). John was educated at MIT (1922), and spent his professional life as a sales engineer of small tools in New York City and in Athol, Mass, where he was vice president of Union Twist Drill Company (1930).

Warren Edward Montsie (1893-1969) FOP 24 Jun 1926. A native of Waltham, Mass. The son of Lena Schaeffer (French-born; 1869- ) and Edward C. (1864- ) Montsie, the latter a bank clerk in Waltham. Warren received a BS from Dartmouth (1915), and joined the faculty there in 1916, teaching French and, in the early years, German. Apparently he received an MA from Harvard in 1918. In 1928 he married Ethel May Whitney. In his one appearance in the Gray Knob log he was accompanied by Richard R. Frame (Dartmouth, 1918).

George Foot Moore (1851-1931) FOP 3 Aug 1917. Born in West Chester, Penn. The son of Harriet Foot (c1830- ) and William Eves (c1823- ) Moore, the latter a Protestant minister. George graduated from Yale (1872) and Union Theological Seminary (1877). He served as pastor...
of the Putnam Presbyterian Church, Zanesville, Ohio 1878-1883. In 1884 George joined the faculty at Andover Theological Seminary and served as its president 1889-1901. In 1902 he was appointed Professor of Theology at Harvard and, in 1904, became Frothingham Professor of the History of Religions there. He was a noted scholar of Semitic languages, Old Testament literature, and the history of religions. For many years he edited the Journal of the American Oriental Society, and served as the Society’s president in 1911-12. He was also editor of the Harvard Theological Review 1908-14 and 1921-31. In 1878 George wed *Mary Hanford; they had one child, *Albert Hanford Moore.

While at the Andover Seminary he became a close friend and professional associate of semiticist and archaeologist Charles C. Torrey who, in 1900, was appointed Professor of Semitic Languages at Yale and became founding director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. By the late 1800’s both Torrey and, after him, Moore had become regular summer visitors to Randolph, where they stayed at the Mountain View House. In the late summer of 1899 Moore and Torrey contracted with John H. Boothman to build them a cabin near Spur Brook opposite Chandler Fall at the 3200 foot level on the northern slope of Mt. Adams. "Spur Cabin" was completed in June 1900 and was formally occupied by assorted members of the Torrey and Moore families in July of that year. From 1900 until 1929, when the sadly deteriorated structure was razed by the USFS, the cabin was a much visited site on one of the major paths to the summit of Mt. Adams. In 1914 George Moore built a house on Randolph Hill; this house has been owned most recently (2000- ) by John Tremblay. [In 2009 the RMC Archive published *Spur Cabin Registers: 1900-1916* that had been transcribed and edited by Al Hudson.] While the names of Moore and Torrey do not appear frequently in the Gray Knob logs, they and their guests from Spur Cabin dropped by quite regularly during day trips.

Mary Soper Hanford Moore (1854- ) FAP 29 Aug 1910; LAP 3 Aug 1917. A native of Wisconsin. The daughter of Mary Ann Chester (1824-1895) and Albert Gallatin (1822-1864) Hanford, the latter a well-to-do “nursery man” in Waukesha, Wisc. In 1878, at age 21, she married George F. Moore and became the mother of Albert H. Moore. Mary’s Randolph adventures can be gleaned in *Spur Cabin Registers*. She was a founding member of the RMC.

Albert Hanford Moore (1883- ) FAP 31 Jul 1906; LAP 7-8 Sep 1912. The son of Mary and George Moore, Albert was born in Zanesville, Ohio the year before his father moved to Andover, Mass. He was educated at Harvard: BA (1905), MA (1906); he did graduate work in Botany until 1909 (no degree). In 1906 he gathered plants in Bermuda. Between 1909 and 1915 he worked in Germany and, in the US, assisted Randolphian *Arthur S. Pease in the early phases of the latter’s *Flora of Coos County*. In 1915 he returned to Cambridge and set up a photographic and photostatic service at the Harvard Library. By 1917 he had acquired a wife, Margaret D. (1881), and was working at the industrial headquarters of the B. F. Sturtevant, Co. The 1920 census finds him working as “secretary to his father”. Little else is known of Albert other than he moved to Portsmouth, NH in 1926 and was still living there during WWII. He continued to summer in the family’s Randolph cottage into the 1990s. Albert was a founding member of the RMC. His trail making activities are detailed in *Spur Cabin Register*.

Rebecca D. Moore (1877-1935) FOP 10 Aug 1926. Born in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada. The daughter of Jessie Waite Deming (1856- ) of Calais, Maine and Harry Hazelwood (1847- ) Moore, the latter a cabinet maker in St. Stephen. She emigrated to the US in 1895 and attended Wellesley College. In 1900-1910 was a public school teacher in Boston. In 1920-1930 Rebecca was an editor at Publishers Weekly in Manhattan, NY.

Lenore Morrisette (c1917- ) FOP 27 Aug 1933. A native of Berlin, NH. She was the daughter of Canadian-born Anna Ladoucier(1876- ) and Peter [Pierre](1863- ) Morrisette, the latter a grocer in Berlin. In 1939 Lenore was a clerk in the Morrisette Bros. store. In 1940 she married Oscar Rendeau (1917-1960). In her one appearance at Gray Knob she was accompanied by Berliners Virginia Pickford (c1916- ) and Sheldon Locke (1916- ).
Mrs. Anson Daniel Morse (née Margaret Duncan Ely) (1855-1940) FOP 7 Sep 1915. Daughter of Zebulon Stiles Ely (1829-c1903), a highly successful Chicago/New York merchant, and his first wife Sarah Duncan (1824-1880). She was educated at Mt. Holyoke (1876). In 1878 Margaret married Anson Daniel Morse (1846-1916), a noted Amherst College historian. They had six children, including *Katharine Duncan and *William Northrop Morse.

William Northrup Morse (1882- ) FOP 4 Oct 1919. Born in Amherst, Mass. A son of Margaret and Anson Morse. He studied at Amherst College: BA (1904), MA (1905). Around 1909 he married *Margaret Howard Hincks (1883-c1919). In 1920 William, described as “writer/at home”, was widowed and living in Amherst. Later he was Fletcher Professor of Rhetoric and Debate at Tufts University (1930-1934), and in the 1940s was on the faculty of Middlesex University.


Katharine Duncan Morse (1888-1975) FOP 7 Sep 1915. A daughter of Margaret and Anson Hincks. She attended Smith College (AB, 1910) where she wrote poetry for the college monthly journal. Katharine was on the YMCA staff in France (Nov 1917-May 1919) about which she published a book, *The Uncensored Letters of a Canteen Girl, 1920. In the 1920s and 1930s she wrote books and poetry in Amherst, Boston, and New York.

Mr. Mudge is Alfred Eugene Mudge, Jr (1882- ) FOP 27-28 Aug 1922. Born in Brooklyn, NY. The son of Mary G. (1846- ) and Alfred Eugene (1845-1903) Mudge, the latter a distinguished New York lawyer. Alfred, Jr was educated at Cornell (AB, 1904) and followed his father as a lawyer. In 1910 he married Alice May Horton (1884- ), the sister of *Douglas Horton (1891-1968) and Irene Horton (1881-1942); In 1906 Irene married *Clare J. Crary (c1880-1975). The Mudges have summered in Randolph for many years and, in 1957 built a house designed by Gilbert Horton “Bert” Mudge (1915-1971), a son of “Mr. Mudge”.


Mildred Nason (1892-1978) FOP 10 Aug 1910. Born in Salem, Mass. The daughter of Anna M. (c1869- ) and Benjamin (c1866- ) Nason, the latter a banker in Salem. Educated at Radcliffe (1915), in 1920 Mildred was a Red Cross social worker in Salem. Around 1921 she married physician George H. Barksdale and settled in Charleston, West Virginia.

Edith Walker Ney (1890-1980) FAP 3-4 Sep 1925. Born in Buffalo, NY. The daughter of Angeline Walker (1862- ) and an unspecified father. In 1910 she was living with her mother and step-father Frank L. Danforth, the latter a Buffalo real estate agent. Around 1913 Edith married George Raymond Wilkins (1883- ) and with him had a son, *Edward Walker Wilkins (1914-1984). In 1920 Edith and Edward were in Buffalo living with her mother Angeline and Frank Danforth. By around 1923 Edith had married Paul Sprague Ney (1879-1924), member of a leading Hartford, Conn family; for both Edith and Paul it was a second marriage. By his first wife, Bertha Bigelow Beecher (1888-1966), Paul had four children: Bertha “Bert” (1910- ), Gail Beecher (1911- ), Paul Sprague (1913-1982), and Roxanna Beecher (1916-1983) Ney; Edith became their step-mother. Thus, we find “Edith Walker Ney” in the 1925 Gray Knob log entry. Paul Ney died in December 1924, and by August 1926 Edith had taken a third husband, Carroll Clark Hincks (1889-1964), only son of Gray Knob’s co-owner. [On 4 Sep 1926 the name “Edith Walker Hincks” appears in the log book.]


Annie Robart Nichols (1871- ) FAP 11 Aug 1909; LAP 13 Aug 1909. Born in Newark, NJ. The daughter of Mary Elizabeth “Minnie” Tomkins (1849-1900) and Walter Smith (1841-1921) Nichols, the latter a mathematician, actuary, journal editor, and consultant on mathematical, legal and insurance topics to businesses and large corporations. We don’t know much about Annie other than in 1912 she was still living in Newark with her father and several brothers with no occupation mentioned.

Margaret Jenner Nichols (1902- ) FOP 7-8 Aug 1909. Born in Newark, NJ. A sister of Annie Nichols. Little else is known.

H.P. “Big Chief” Nichols [possibly Dr. Hayes P. Nichols] FOP 7-8 Aug 1909. Almost nothing known about this individual. However, since he appears at Gray Knob with Margaret Nichols it is assumed that they are related, but just how is a mystery.

Alfred Chase “A.C.” Nickerson (1847-1923) FAP 31 Aug 1908; LAP 2 Sep 1908. Born in Nantucket, Mass. The son of Eliza J. (c1828- ) and Franklin (c1819- ) Nickerson, the latter a Nantucket grocer. A.C., as he was always known, was a Unitarian minister. In 1870 he was a divinity student in Cambridge, Mass. Over the years he served churches in Templeton, Mass, Exeter, NH and Plainfield, NJ. From his time in Exeter he was a friend of George N. Cross, who owned Burnbrae cottage in Randolph. Around 1879 he married Ruth E. Chandler (c1854- ). In 1898 A.C. rented the Buzzell farm and then, sometime before 1906, built a house that was later bought by Douglas Horton in 1923. A.C. and Ruth joined the RMC in 1913.

Ruth Ella Nickerson (c1854-c1925) FAP 31 Aug 1908; LAP 2 Sep 1908. Born in Farmington, Maine. The daughter of Elizabeth H. (c1826- ) and David H. (c1822- ) Chandler, the latter a Farmington merchant. Around 1879 she married Alfred Nickerson and, with him, summered in Randolph for many years and joined the RMC in 1913.

John Nolen, Jr (1898-1986) FOP 4 Sep 1931. Born in Ardmore, Penn. The son of Barbara and John (1869-1937) Nolen, the latter America’s preeminent city/regional planner in the first part of the 20th century. John, Jr followed in his father’s footsteps and was, for decades a civil engineer and urban planner in Washington, DC. In 1928 he married Eleanor Weakley.

Eleanor Weakley Nolen (1905-1942) FOP 4 Sep 1931. Born in Cincinnati, Ohio. The daughter of Maud (c1885- ) and Robert B. (c1884- ) Weakley, the latter an export financier in Cleveland, Ohio. She was trained as a librarian. In 1928 she married John Nolen, Jr. Around 1932 the couple moved from Philadelphia to Washington, DC where Eleanor joined the staff of the Library of Congress.

William Gray Nowell (1838-1929) FAP 7 Sep 1906; LAP 4 Aug 1907. [His name rhymes with “growl.”] One of the grand old men of the Randolph mountain scene. A native of Portsmouth, NH. The son of Frances F. (c1813- ) and Anthony F. (c1806- ) Nowell, the latter a Portsmouth dry goods merchant. William was educated at Bowdoin (AB, 1859; MA, 1862) and Harvard Divinity School (1858-1862). He served as a Unitarian minister in Rockport, Illinois; Ware, Mass; Calais, Maine. While at Harvard he studied geology with Prof. Agassiz and Italian with Prof. Lowell. He became a peripatetic high school teacher in Calais, Maine; Malden, Mass; Boston, Mass (English High School); Albany, NY (Female Academy). He was superintendent of schools in Weymouth, Mass for two years and president of the State Normal University of Delaware (1880). He summere in the White Mountains from 1873-1907, often at Randolph’s Ravine House. He was active in the AMC planning new trails. In 1876 Nowell and Charles E. Lowe blazed and cut the first path, now known as Lowe’s Path, from the Randolph valley to the summit of Mt. Adams. For many summers after 1889, Nowell made his headquarters at the Log Cabin that he had had built on the site of the original AMC Camp on Lowe’s Path. Nowell Ridge is named for him and, in the early days, Adams 4 was known as Nowell’s Peak, and the two little summits on it were called “Gracie” and “Fred” after his two children. After 1902, as
age crept up, Nowell spent little time at the Log Cabin, and gave rights to its use to the Charles Stearns family. Nowell’s 1907 entry in the Gray Knob log may have memorialized his last visit to the high camps. Around 1868 Nowell married the author (1842-) Harriet Putnam Hill with whom he had two children: Fred (c1869-) and Grace (c1883-). [See Judith Maddock Hudson’s biographical sketch in *Peaks & Paths: A Century of the Randolph Mountain Club*. RMC, 2010, pp 219-220.]

**Frank O’Brien** (1883-) FOP 12-18 Jul 1916. Born in Crown Point, NY. No records of parents have turned up so far. Frank was educated at Phillips Andover (1902) and Yale (1906), where he was elected to Skull and Bones, and named a 4-year All-American shortstop. In August 1919 he married Dorothy Cutter Dole: They spent seven days of their honeymoon at Gray Knob; they had one child, Frank, Jr. Frank, Sr spent most of his professional life teaching English at Phillips Andover.


**Agnes B. “Dolly” Ogilby** (c1920- ) FOP 25-27 Jul 1933. Born in Brookline, Mass. The daughter of Ann Elizabeth Freeman (c1888- ) and Henry McFarlan Drinckerhoff (1866- ) Ogilby, the latter an Episcopal minister in Brookline. Agnes married Lawrence Weatherbee Jones; they had a daughter, Lisa, who married Steve Teczar of Randolph. Agnes’s brother, John David Ogilby (1915-c1966) who, with his wife Lydia, had a daughter Lydia who married Dykstra Eusden, son of John and Josie Eusden. As summer residents of Randolph, the Ogilbys go back to the 1930s (Agnes’s parents were RMC members) and the Eusdens to the early 1960s.

**Rudolph Ruprecht “R.R.” Osgood** (1901-1976) FOP 30 Aug 1922. Born in Cambridge, Mass. The son of Therese Ruprecht (c1863-c1931) and the eminent Harvard mathematician William Fogg (1864-1943) Osgood. Rudolph received his BA from Harvard (1924), an MD from Rush Medical College (1929), and was an Instructor in Pathology at Harvard Medical School. Later he was a physician at Fall River, Mass. The one time he appears in the Gray Knob log he is accompanied by his second cousins Ellen Devereux Koopman (1898- ), Bernard Koopman (1900-1981), the latter on his way to becoming a top mathematician), and Julia Bryant Collier (1888- ). Through the Koopmans, R. R. Osgood’s family had many kin connections in the Randolph summer community.

**Olive Otis** (1895- ) FOP 28 Aug 1909. Born in Boston, Mass. The daughter of Marion B. Faxon (1866- ) and Boston physician Edward O. (1848- ) Otis. Marion was the sister of Henrietta P. Faxon (1876- ), wife of *Arthur Stanley Pease, who was Harvard Classics professor, respected amateur botanist, founding member of the RMC, and 10th president of Amherst College.**

**John Faxon Otis** (1898- ) FOP 5 Sep 1914. A brother of Olive Otis. In WWI he served in France as an American Field Service volunteer with the RAF. In 1926 he married Virginia Dorothy Campbell (1901-1994). In 1930 he was “secretary/association” in Manhattan. At Gray Knob with Professor Pease.


**Mrs. Mary Edith Cholmondeley Thornton Page** (1887- ) FOP 24 Aug 1931. She was born in Eden, Colorado. The daughter of Swiss-born Emma E. (1848- ) and English-born Francis C. (1840- ) Thornton, the latter a farmer in Colorado. Mary trained as a nurse prior to her marriage to Leigh Page (1884-1952), the distinguished Yale professor of mathematical physics. They had three children, *Thornton Leigh, Barbara and Margery Page. In 1927 Leigh and Mary bought “The Hermitage” cottage on Randolph Hill Road formerly owned by C.C. Stearns. In 1941 Mary served on the RMC Board of Directors.

The son of Mary Thornton and Leigh Page. Thornton was encouraged to study astronomy by Randolph scientists John Q. Stewart and *Percy Bridgman. He received a BS in Physics from Yale (1934), went to England as a Rhodes Scholar, and received a D.Phil in astrophysics from Oxford (1938). He taught at the University of Chicago for some years, later worked in Naval research, and then became the chair of the Astronomy Department at Wesleyan University. Thornton spent many summer seasons in Randolph. From 1927 to 1934 Thornton was a self-appointed caretaker at Crag Camp. In 1933 he was on the RMC Board of Directors. While his hut loyalties lay with Crag Camp, he did drop in at Gray Knob from time to time. When the new Crag Camp was dedicated in July 1994, Thornton, at age 81, was among the hundred-or-so folks attending the festivities.

Dr. Eleanor Pavenstedt (1903-1993) FOP 19 Aug 1936. Born in New York City. Daughter of Elizabeth/Lilli (c1875- ) and Edmund (c1868- ) Pavenstedt, the latter a German merchant banker. Although born in the US, Eleanor spent much of her early years in Bremen, Germany. In 1925-26 she was a student at Edward University in Zurich, and in 1929 she received an MD from the University of Geneva. Thereafter, she trained as a psychiatrist and spent her professional life in the US as a staff child psychiatrist at Mass General Hospital (1934-37), James Jackson Putnam Children’s Center (1943-1954), Boston Univ. School of Medicine (1958- ). She was at Gray Knob with age mates Mary W. Blatchford and C. Hammond Blatchford, Jr.

Abby Frances Pease (1856-1928) FAP 24-26 Aug 1908; LAP 17 Aug 1914. Born in Sherburne County, Minn. but raised in Somers, Conn. The daughter of Mary A. Downing (c1819- ) and Elijah (c1819- ) Cutter, the latter a farmer. [The family surname appears as “Cutter” in the 19th C., but becomes “Culter” in some 20th C. records.] In 1880 Abby married clergyman Theodore Claudius Pease (c1854-1893). They had a son, Arthur Stanley Pease. Abby was an avid hiker, and continued to roam about the mountains in her 60s; she was 58 the last time she logged in at Gray Knob. In the log she appears variously as Abby Frances Pease, Mrs. Pease [before 1909 when her new daughter-in-law Henrietta got the unadorned title], and, thereafter Mrs. T. C. Pease. Abby was a founding member of the RMC. In 1912 Abby had John Boothman build her a house in the valley [now owned by the Breunig family].

Arthur Stanley Pease (1881-1964) [He was generally known as “Stanley”] FAP 5 Sep 1906; LAP 16 Aug 1916. He was born at his grandfather’s farm in Somers, Conn. The son of Abby and Theodore Pease. Stanley was educated at Phillips Andover, and went on to study classics at Harvard: AB (1902), MA (1903), PhD (1905). He taught classics at Radcliffe/Harvard (1906-1909), at the University of Illinois (1909-1924), and Amherst College (1924-1927); he was appointed President of Amherst College in (1927-1932). In 1909 he married Henrietta Faxon; they had a daughter, Henrietta, who married physical anthropologist Sherwood Washburn. In 1913 Prof. Pease built a house in Randolph valley that remained in the Washburn family until c1990. He was an avid mountaineer and was active in the RMC: he was a founding member in 1910, he was a member of the Board for 7 terms, and was President 1922-1930, 1936-1937. Although professionally trained as a classicist, he was also an outstanding amateur field botanist who “wrote the book” on the vascular plants of Coös County. He died 7 Jan 1964 in Randolph.

Henrietta Faxon Pease (1876-1931) FAP 29 Aug 1910; LAP 26 Jul 1922. Born in Boston. The daughter of Henrietta B. Cross (c1835- ) and William (c1829- ) Faxon, the latter a highly successful boot/shoe manufacturer and entrepreneur in Boston. She graduated from Radcliffe in 1901. In 1909 she married Arthur Stanley Pease, and thereafter “Mrs. Pease” in the Gray Knob log referred to Henrietta. Henrietta and Arthur had a daughter, also named Henrietta (1912-1985). In 1939 this younger Henrietta married the anthropologist Sherwood Larned “Sherry” Washburn (1911-2000) [brother of mountaineer Bradford Washburn]. After the death of Prof. Pease the Randolph house passed to the Washburn family until c1990. Henrietta (1876) was a founding member of the RMC.

Edith Warren Peck (1880- ) FOP 10 Aug 1926. Born in New Haven, Conn. The eldest daughter of Anna Crossman (1851- ) and clergyman Charles H. Peck. Edith attended Mt. Holyoke College
(Ab, 1901). In 1930 she was a public school teacher in East Orange, NJ, living with her sister Ellen.

**Ellen Rogers Peck** (1884- ) FOP 10 Aug 1926. Born in New Haven. The sister of Edith Peck. She was housekeeper for her father for some years, but in 1930 was living in E. Orange, NJ, and listed as “Manager/Office books”.

**Prof. Henry Augustus Perkins** (1872-1959) FOP 2-3 Sep 1920. A native of Hartford, Conn. The son of the widow Mary Perkins (1854- ). He was educated at Yale (1896) and, in 1900, was working in Hartford as an electrical engineer. He soon took up the academic life: in 1913 he was president of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford; he moved to Trinity College where he was acting president in 1915 and 1919. Around 1904 he married Denmark native Olga Flinck (c1871- ) with whom he had three children: *Henry A., Jr; Edward C.; Evelyn.*

**Henry Augustus Perkins, Jr** (1904-1978) FOP 2-3 Sep 1920. Born in Hartford. The son of Olga and Henry A. Perkins, Sr. In 1930 he was living in a hotel in Brooklyn, NY with an occupation listed as “Clerical/Telephone”.

**Roger Tory Peterson** (1908-1996) FOP 19 Sep 1932. Grew up in Jamestown, NY. The son of Henrietta Badar (c1881- ), a native of Germany, and Swedish-born Charles G. (c1869- ) Peterson, the latter a metal worker in a Jamestown furniture factory. Roger was introduced to both art and birding in his local schooling. Roger was introduced to both art and birding in his local schooling. After attending the Art Students League (1927-28) and the National Academy of Design (1929-31), he went on to become a major American ornithologist, naturalist artist and writer. Two years after Peterson’s visit to Gray Knob, Houghton Mifflin published the first edition of *A Field Guide to the Birds of Eastern and Central America*, and the rest, as they say, is history. The book led to an explosion in the numbers of both birders and naturalist field guides that remains unabated.

**Virginia Pickford** (c1917- ) FOP 27 Aug 1933. A native of Berlin, NH. The daughter of Susan Cooper (c1885- ) and Patrick J. (c1878- ) Pickford, the latter a soft drink bottler/manufacturer in Berlin. We know very little about Virginia except that she was still living in Berlin in June 1953, when she returned to New York after a voyage from Cannes, France.

**Austin Marston Pinkham** (1904- ) FOP 30 Nov 1929. A native of Somerville, Mass. The son of Ann Wouson Marston (1873- ) and Boston lawyer Austin McKie (1871-1969) Pinkham. The Pinkham family began summering in Randolph in 1907 and, in 1912, purchased and refurbished the old Randolph Hill schoolhouse now owned by Ted (the son of Anna Lee Pinkham) and Sandy Wier. At this point, we have no further information on Austin Marston Pinkham.

**Mrs. Pog/Mrs. Pogg** FAP 31 Aug 1911; LAP 15 Aug 1912. Not clear who or what is reflected in this name. Contexts seem to indicate it does not refer to a human, so perhaps it is a dog, or maybe a porcupine.

**Jean Sarah Pond** (1866-1960) FAP 11 Sep 1906; LAP 10 Aug 1926. Born in Platteville, Wisconsin. The daughter of Jean Wilson Baird and Congregationalist minister J. Evarts Pond (1831-1886). She graduated from Bradford Academy in Massachusetts (1885) and returned there two years later as a member of the faculty. She spent much of the next 40 years at Bradford, serving at various times as Asst. Principal and Principal. She used two sabbaticals to complete a BA at the University of Michigan. She seems to have retired by 1930, when she was living with her sister, Elizabeth, in Haverhill, Mass. Jean was a close friend of the Hincks family and, indeed, in the 1900 census was listed as a boarder in their Andover, Mass household. Her name appears more frequently in the Gray Knob log than that of anyone who was not a Hincks. With her she sometimes brought young ladies from Bradford (e.g., *Katharine Fowler and *Frances Chapman, both aged 10, on 21-22 Aug 1912.) Pond was a founding member of the RMC.

**Richard Clement Poole** (1899- ) FAP 17-18 Aug 1921; LAP 5-7 Aug 1921. Born in Gloucester,
Mass. The son of Sarah A. (1877- ) and Gardner (1877- ) Poole, the latter a “vessel owner” in 1900. Richard graduated from MIT in 1921 and, in 1930, was working as a “safety engineer” in Niagara Falls, NY. He had a wife, Marion I. (c1899- ) and a son, Richard C. (c1926- ).

Susan A. Poor (1880-1957) FAP 29 Aug 1906; LAP 9 Aug 1907. Born in Hookset, NH. The daughter of Hattie Stark (1852- ) and Franklin P. (1849- ) Poor. The Poors were an old Hookset farming family. In 1916 Susan married Hamilton Morgan Colby, a farmer in Bow, NH.

It should be noted that there was a close relationship between the Poor family and *William Gray Nowell, trailmaker and owner/proprietor of the Log Cabin. After 1900 the elderly Nowell rarely visited the Log Cabin, but when he did several times in the 1905-1907 period, he was accompanied by Susan Poor, serving as a caretaker/companion. In 1920, Nowell was boarding with Susan’s brother Samuel in Hookset, an arrangement that lasted until Nowell’s death in 1929 at age 90.

Roswell Orcutt Post (1850- ) FOP 10-12 Aug 1908. Born in Logansport, Indiana. The son of Eliza B. (c1818- ) and Martin M. (c1806- ) Post, the latter a Presbyterian minister hailing from Vermont. Roswell himself became a minister serving in Ohio and Illinois. Through two of his sisters, Roswell became connected with two other “Gray Knob families”: *Mary Post (c1848- ) became the second wife of Zebulon Stiles Ely (1819- ); *Lucy Post (1858- ) married *Stanley Coulter (1853-1943). In 1876 Roswell married *Jeanette R. Morhous, and with her had four children: Stanley M. (1881- ), John R. (1883- ), Roswell O. (1886- ) and Higby M. (1894- ) Post.

Jeanette Rogene Morhous (1851- ) FOP 10-12 Aug 1908. Born and raised in Clinton County, NY. She was the daughter of Emily Higby (1827-1859) and John Ransom (1820-1893) Morhous. In 1876 she became the wife of Roswell Orcutt Post.

Florence Belle Potter (1877- ) FAP 31 Aug-8 Sep 1917; LAP 16-18 Aug 1923. Born in Fenton, Mich. The daughter of Delia (1840- ) and Thomas G. (c1832- ), the latter a minister in Lapeer, Mich. She probably received her undergraduate education at the University of Michigan. She was a public school teacher for some years in Ann Arbor. By 1910-1919 Florence was on the U. Michigan music faculty there serving as head of the Public School Methods Dept. By 1920 she was living in NYC and serving as “J.N.C.A secretary” there. In her visits to Gray Knob she seems to have been a particular friend of Sarah Hincks (U. Mich: MA 1914, PhD 1922).

Helen Ide Gray Powell (1888-1978) FOP 24-26 Aug 1919. Born in Passumpsic, Vermont. The daughter of Katherine D. Ide (1863- ) and George Matthew (1864- ) Gray, the latter a dairy farmer in St. Johnsbury, Vt. According to her mother, Helen studied home economics at Columbia University. In July 1918 Helen married Harold G. Powell, who was in the US Army at the time. Helen and her mother were partners in Maple Grove Farms, one of the largest Vermont businesses involved in producing and marketing maple syrup, maple candies and “specialty products”. Helen and Harold were at Gray Knob with Hincks’ close friend Jean S. Pond.

Harold Gates Powell (1890- ) FOP 24-26 Aug 1919. Born in Franklin, Vermont. The son of Elizabeth R. (1859- ) and Charles W. (1861- ) Powell, the latter serving as postmaster in Franklin. In 1917 Harold was working as a laborer in Tulare, Calif, and in July 1918 he was in the US Army headed overseas and married to Helen Ide Gray. In the 1920s he was managing the Maple Grove Farms empire; in 1930 was a cashier/treasurer in a St. Johnsbury restaurant; in the 1940s he was a manager of the St. Johnsbury Trucking Co.

Alfred Newell Pray (1895-1946) FAP 14 Aug 1913; LAP 3 Sep 1914. Born in Brooklyn, NY. The son of Lillian Newell (c1869- ), of Providence, RI, and William Othinal (c1862- ) Pray, a native of New Orleans who appears to have inherited wealth. William and Lillian came to Randolph around 1900 and, in 1903, built a cottage on the hill [now owned by Steve Rounds] near the old Mt. Crescent House. William was also an officer in the Mt. Crescent Water Company. Alfred, his parents, and brother Billy were founding members of the RMC. Alfred was in the class of
1919 at MIT, but it’s not clear if/when he graduated, since he was drafted into the US Army in May 1918. In 1920 he was working as a chemist in a Washington, DC drug store; in 1930 he was a Civil Service clerk in Los Angeles near his father and stepmother Frances. In May 1946 he committed suicide in San Francisco.

**Thomas Feeney Quinn (1919-1992) FOB 5 Jul 1936.** A native of Berlin, NH. The son of Annie Feeney (c1884- ) and Harold M. (c1883- ) Quinn, the latter a Quebec-born paper maker in the Berlin Paper Mill. In 1945 he married Margaret Dorothy Spring. In 1990 he was living in Lyndeborough, NH. He died in Florida in 1992.

**Rev. John H. Quint (1868- ) FOP 12 Aug 1922.** A native of New Bedford, Mass. The son of Rebecca P. (c1824- ) and Rev. Alonzo H. (c1829- ) Quint. John followed his father into the Congregational ministry. In September 1903 he married Grace Lane and with her had a daughter, Elizabeth S. (c1905- ). In 1910 John was living in Brunswick, Maine; in 1920 and 1930 he was a pastor in Chelsea, Mass.

**Grace Lane Quint (1871- ) FOP 12 Aug 1922.** Born 23 Sep 1871 in Gloucester, Mass. It seems likely that her mother was Bertha A. Lane, a Gloucester school teacher in 1880; no record of the father. Grace married Rev. John in 1903. [Note: When the Quints were at Gray Knob they were in the company of “Anne Leighton Lane” of Manchester, Mass. It would seem that Anne is related to Grace Lane Quint in some way, but a specific connection has not yet been established.]

**Elisabeth S. Quint FOP 12 Aug 1922.** Daughter of Rev. John and Grace Quint. In 1930 Elisabeth was a library cataloguer living with her parents in Chelsea, Mass.

**Thomas Middleton Raysor (1895-1974) FOP 6 Jul 1922.** A native of Texas. The son of Mary Elizabeth Matthews (1868-1941) and Paul Montgomery (1863-1928) Raysor, the latter a physician in Bryan, Texas. He was educated at Harvard: BA (1917), MA (1920), PhD (1922), specializing in English literature. He became scholar noted for critical work on Coleridge and Wordsworth. He was on the faculty of U. Minnesota (1923-24), State College of Washington (1924-30), U. Nebraska (1930<), where he was chair of the English Department. While at Gray Knob he was in the company of Ellen Devereaux Koopman (1898-1995); in July 1923 Ellen and Tom were married; they had two children, Cecily Devereaux (1926- ) and Joan Gilmer (1928- ) Raysor. Through his wife, Raysor acquired connections with the *Koopman, *Osgood, *Bridgman, Collier, Ware, Turnbull, and Pfeffer families of Randolph.

**Elizabeth Bingham Read (1875- ) FOP 10-13 Aug 1914.** Born in Everett, Mass. The daughter of Laura E. Bingham (c1846- ) and Josiah Clark (1845- ) Read, the latter a sometime bookkeeper (1880) and private school teacher. Elizabeth is also the sister of *Hazel Temple Read Richards, wife of Rev. *James Austin Richards, who also appear in the Gray Knob log.

**Marjorie Willard Reid (1892- ) FAP 13 Aug 1906; LAP 26 Aug 1916.** Born in Stamford, Conn. The daughter of Kate Willard (1857- ) and Clarence L. (1857- ) Reid, the latter a sometime bookkeeper (1880) and private school teacher. Marjorie became a writer/journalist working with Ernest Hemingway and Ford Maddox Ford. Around 1926 she married Robert E. Rodes, a “Manager/household equipment.”

**James Austin Richards (1878- ) FAP 8 Aug 1914 [as “Rev. Richards Austin”]; LAP 10-13 Aug 1914.** Born in Andover, Mass. The son of Ellen A. and physician James F. Richards of Manchester, NH. Young James was educated at Phillips Andover (1896), Union Theological Seminary (1904) and Harvard (1910). He served as a Congregational minister in Newport, RI; Boston, Mass; Winnetka, Illinois; Oberlin, Ohio. In September 1907 he married Hazel Temple Reed.

**Hazel Temple Richards (1880- ) FOP 10-13 Aug 1914.** Born in Everett, Mass. The daughter of
private school teacher Josiah C. Reed (1841-) and his first wife Laura E. Bingham (1846-). She was the wife of James Austin Richards, and the sister of *Elizabeth Bingham Reed.


Anna May Richards (1887-1968) FOP 7 Aug 1909. A daughter of William and Charlotte Richards. In June 1915 she married Henry Lloyd Folsom (1888-1954), the president of the H&D Folsom Arms Company of New York City. They became the parents of four Randolph denizens: Carolyn “Caro” Folsom Stoddard (1916-2004), Charlotte Folsom Saunders (c1919- ), Eleanor “Hephy” Folsom Barschall (1921-2005) and Henry “Hank” Folsom (1927- ). In 1950 Anna, Carol, Charlotte and Eleanor had a cottage built on High Acres Road that is now owned by Peter and Anne Barschall.


George Huntington Richards (1882-1969) FOP 7 Aug 1909. Born in Bath, Maine. A son of William and Charlotte Richards. Educated at Yale (AB, 1903), George became a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Reynolds, Richards & McCutchen. In the Gray Knob log George’s name appears along with that of *Marianna Middlebrook (1887- ); the two were married in May 1910.

Alice Lillian Ricker (1885- ) FOP 13 Jul 1909. Born in East Peacham, Vermont. The daughter of Carrie J. Esden (1862- ) and William Amasa (1861-1942) Russell, the latter an executive in a New Britain hardware corporation. We know little of her professional career but, given her association with Sarah and Elizabeth Hincks, and the fact that at least two of her sisters received higher education, there is an assumption that she attended college.

Willa M. Roberts (1892- ) FOP 24 Aug 1920. Born in New Haven, Conn. The daughter of Mary E. Morton (1871- ) and Charles E. (1870- ) Roberts, the latter a New Haven storekeeper in 1910 and Manhattan tire salesman in 1920. We know nothing of her educational history, but she spent her professional career in publishing; in 1930 she was editor of an unspecified periodical. On her one trip to Gray Knob she was in the company of Adele McKinnie who, in 1920 was a lodger in the Roberts household in Manhattan.

Stanley Hale Rood (1868- ) FOP 25 Aug 1906. Born in Rutland, Mass. The son of Ellen Louise Miles (c1842- ) and physician James S. (1834- ) Rood. Stanley was a graduate of Worcester High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (BS, 1890). He was a professor of mathematics at Worcester Poly for several years, but resigned in 1896. In June 1897 he married Alice H. Mason. By 1906 they were living in Hartford, Conn., where Stanley spent the rest of his career teaching math and chemistry in a local high school. He was at Gray Knob with Hartford residents William and Edward Lorenz.

Elise R. Russell (1893- ) FAP 12 Aug 1913; LAP 18 Aug 1913. A native of New Britain, Conn. The daughter of Elizabeth Rockwell (1869-1957) and Isaac Daw (1866-1942) Russell, the latter an executive in a New Britain hardware corporation. We know little of Elise’s life after her 1913 appearance in the Gray Knob log but, given her association with Sarah and Elizabeth Hincks, and the fact that at least two of her sisters received higher education, there is an assumption that she attended college.
Jason Almos Russell (1897- ) FOP 26 Jun 1925. A native of Mason, NH. The son of Louise A. Crathern (1864-1928) and Jason (1840-1922) Russell, the latter a lumberman and farmer in Mason. He was educated at Dartmouth (AB, 1920), Colgate (MA, 1925) and Cornell (PhD, 1929; Dissertation: *The Indian in American Literature*). In August 1929 he married Louise Parsons Crathern (1898-1939), and in 1930 joined the faculty of Colgate University. His early publications focused on the study of dialects in New York state.

Mildred Blaine Sargent (1884- ) FOP 7-9 Aug 1909. Born in Boston, Mass. The daughter of Sarah E. (1856- ) and James E. (1854- ) Sargent, the latter a Boston policeman. In 1910 Mildred was an office stenographer living with her parents in Boston.

Rachel Capen Schauffler (c1876- ) FOP 5-6 Aug 1907. Born in Austria. The daughter of Clara Eastham Gray (c1842- ) and Rev. Henry Albert (1837-1905) Schauffler, a long-time missionaries in Turkey. Rachel was the sister of *Robert Haven Schauffler and *Dr. William Gray Schauffler (1863-1933). She was educated at Vassar (AB, 1897), and was the author of *The Goodly Fellowship*, NY, MacMillan, 1912, “a love story of missionary life in Persia”.

Robert Haven Schauffler (1879-1964) FOP 3-6 Aug 1907. Born in Washington, DC. Brother of Rachel and Dr. William Schauffler. Robert graduated from Princeton (BA, 1902) and then studied 'cello in Germany (1902-03). He was also adept at tennis, playing in the 1906 Olympics. In WWI he was an infantry lieutenant in the US Army, participated in the invasion of France, and was severely wounded at the battle of Montfaucon in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. For the most part, Robert spent his life as a writer, editor and lecturer. One of his articles, “Making ends meet on a New England farm,” published in *Success Magazine* (January 1909), was based on interviews with Randolph’s Leighton/Hunt family, though they were thinly disguised as the “Badge/Judd” household in “Laban, New Hampshire.” [Al Hudson has edited and published this article as an appendix to *Companion to the Randolph Diaries of Eldena Leighton Hunt*, Randolph History Project, 2008.] Robert was given the moniker “the Wit” in the Gray Knob entry for 3 Aug 1907.

William G. “Willie” Schauffler, Jr (1892- ) FAP 3 Aug 1907; LAP 18 Sep 1910. Born in Beirut, Syria. Son of Lillian Miner Boswell (1866-1941) and Dr. William Gray (1863-1933) Schauffler; Dr. Schauffler was a physician in Lakewood, NJ, a sometime colonel in the US Army Medical Corps, and Surgeon General of the New Jersey National Guard. In 1901 Lillian built “Sorgenfrei” cottage on Randolph Hill, the summer headquarters for the Schauffler clan and friends, and now the home of Joan Rising. Willie was also the nephew of Rachel L. and Robert H. Schauffler. Willie became a pilot in WWI and was a squadron commander in France; in 1920 Major Schauffler was at Kelly Field, Texas; in 1930 he was identified as “Aviator/Interstate air line.” In the 3 Aug 1907 Gray Knob entry, Willie Schauffler was given the moniker “Alphonse” in juxtaposition to Ridgely O. Bryan’s “Gaston”.

Gerhard L. Schmeisser (1890- ) FOP 2-4 Sep 1915. Born in Baltimore, MD. The son of Louise Gail (1859- ) and Ernst (1851-1923) Schmeisser, the latter a director of the American Tobacco Company. Gerhard was educated at Johns Hopkins and became a mechanical engineer.

Harry Christian Schmeisser (1885- ) POP 2-4 Sep 1915. Born in Baltimore, MD. The brother of Gerhardt Schmeisser. Received a medical education at Johns Hopkins and became a member of the staff of Johns Hopkins Hospital. In WWI he was a major in the Army Medical Corps and served in France.

Horace Van Schnare (1912-1975) FOP 26 Aug 1931. Born in Hyde Park, Mass. The son of Lucy Agnes Stewart (1887-1975) and James Herbert (1879-1975) Schnare, the latter a millwright in Berlin’s Cascade Mill. Nothing further has come to light other than he died in Andover, NH.

Arthur Clark Seelye (1905-1968) FOP 2 Aug 1927. Born in Worcester, Mass. The son of Anne Ide Barrows (c1874- ) and Dr. Walter Clark (1873- ) Seelye, the latter a Worcester physician/surgeon. Arthur was the grandson of Laurenus Clark Seelye (1837- ), sometime president of
Smith College.

**Daniel Sguelloni** (c1917-) FOP 26 Aug 1931. Born in New Hampshire of Italian emigré parents. The son of Michelina (c1889-) and Joseph (c1880-) Sguelloni, the latter a laborer in a Berlin chemical mill.


**Howard Conway Shaub** (c1901-) FOP 26 Jun 1925. A native of Ohio. His parents are not discovered at this time. As an undergraduate he majored in mathematics at Ohio State University (BA, 1920). In 1921 he was at Dartmouth when he was elected to the American Mathematical Society. In 1925, when he signed in at Gray Knob, he was at Cornell. It was from Cornell that “Mr. H.C. Shaub” was appointed Asst. Prof. of Mathematics at Ohio’s Washington & Jefferson College in 1927, where “Dr. Howard Shaub” remained on the faculty for many years. In 1930 he was “Teacher/College” living in East Washington, Penn, the home of Washington & Jefferson.

**Gertrude E. Simonds** (1871-1956) FOP 22-24 Aug 1911. Born in Haverhill, NH. The daughter of Emily E. Carleton (1841- 1933) and Augustus Francisco (1848-) Simonds, the latter a Haverhill merchant in the shoe business. In 1902 Augustus had John Boothman build him a cottage, “Thornbush”, in the valley near the Ravine House; the cottage is now owned by the Lake family. Gertrude was a public school teacher in Haverhill. She never married and in 1930 was living with her mother in Haverhill. When Gertrude was at Gray Knob she was with a group of women who called themselves “the Pillies,” a title defined as “unmanned women.” Gertrude and her father, Augustus, joined the RMC in 1912, followed by Emily in 1914.

**Rexford Simonds** (c1902-) FAP 14 Oct 1917; LAP 27 Aug 1920. Born in Randolph, NH. The son of Randolph farmer Walter Simonds (c1875-) and his second wife, Sarah Gilpatrick (c1873-). In 1923 he married Doris Mabel Adams (1901-1976). They settled down in Hartford, Vt where the 1930 Census found him listed as “Clerk/Wholesale grocery.” On both his appearances at Gray Knob Rex was in the company of Randolph’s Richard Wood (1900-1967).

**Henry Blodget Skeele** (1852-1938) FOP 5 Sep 1923. Born in Hallowell, Maine. The son of Elizabeth Blodget (1822-1906) and John Parker (1825-) Skeele, the latter a clergyman. Henry moved to Savannah Georgia, where he was a manufacturer of bricks. In 1890 he married Edith Elizabeth Case (1861-).


**Lois Rowcliffe Fowler Skeele** (c1897-) FAP 24 Aug 1934; LAP 2-4 Aug 1937. Born in England. The daughter of Mary C. (c1863-) and Harry Keedwell (c1864-) Fowler. In June 1922 Lois married John Skeele and with him had two children: Henry K. and John R. (c1927-) Skeele. Lois was also the sister of *Persis Fowler Guild who, with her husband Baldwin, was among those who visited Gray Knob 24 Aug 1934.

**Elizabeth “Betty” Skeele** (1900-1987) FAP 1-3 Sep 1921; LAP 19 Aug 1925. Born in Illinois. Daughter of Edith Case and Henry B. Skeele, and brother of John Skeele. Betty, the first of the Skeele to turn up at Gray Knob, was an associate of Caroline and Sarah Hincks and the Blatchford family.


**Albert Roy Smith** (1877-) FAP 17 Jul 1908; LAP 16 Aug 1921. Born in Gerlaw, Illinois. The son
of Catherine (c1842- ) and Moses P. Smith, the latter a purchasing agent for the B&O Railroad. Educated at Dartmouth (BS, 1902) and Thayer School of Engineering. In 1905 he joined the engineering faculty of Purdue University. In 1907 he married Mabel Post Coulter. The couple adopted two children: Catherine and Frederick Smith.


Ellen G. Smith (c1879- ) FOP 21 Aug 1915. Born in Ohio. Sister of Albert and *Anne Smith. For many years she was a public librarian in Walla Walla, Washington.

Mabel Post Coulter Smith (1880- ) FAP 17 Jul 1908; LAP 25-26 Aug 1927. Daughter of Lucy E. Post (1858- ) and Stanley (1853-1943) Coulter. Educated at Smith College (BA, 1902). In 1907 she married Albert Smith. The Smiths were connected to *Elys and *Morses when Mabel’s aunt *Mary E. Post (1847-1920)

Catherine Smith (c1911- ) FAP 16 Aug 1921; LAP 26 Aug 1929. Adopted daughter of Mabel and Albert Smith.

Frederick Smith (c1913- ) FAP 16 AUG 1921; LAP 29 Jul 1925. Adopted son of Mabel and Albert Smith.

George Milton Smith (1869- ) FOP 4 Jul 1916. Born in Southington, Conn. The son of Emma H.W. (1841- ) and George F. (1831- ) Smith, the latter a manufacturer of metal fittings and, later, a Southington farmer. In 1898 George M. married *Katharine Ware, the sister of *Olive Ware Bridgman (1881-1972) and Edward Twitchell Ware (1874-1927).

Katherine Ware Smith (c1872- ) FAP 8 Jun 1916; LAP ; 4 Jul 1916. Daughter of Sarah Jane Twitchell (1844- ) and Edmund Asa (c1838- ) Ware; the latter was president of Atlanta University for Colored People (1869-1885). Katherine’s sister *Olive (1881-1972) married physicist *Percy Bridgman; her brother Edward T. Ware (c1874- ), like his father, was president of Atlanta University (1907-1922). In 1898 Katherine married George Milton Smith


Edmand Ware Smith (c1901- ) FOP 4 Jul 1916 . Son of Katharine and George Milton Smith.

[George] Milton Smith, Jr (1902-1998) FAP 8 Jun 1916; LAP 29 Aug 1924. Son of Katherine and George Milton Smith. He was educated at Harvard (AB, 1924); Columbia (Ph.D. in psychology); he also did graduate work at Harvard Divinity School and Union Theological Seminary. In 1968 he retired from CCNY after more than 40 years on the psychology faculty. Milton was a serious mountaineer and, among other things, was a member of the RMC and AMC. Throughout most of his life he hiked in the White Mountains; farther afield, he climbed in the Alps (last at age 84) and in Nepal (last at age 74). He married, first, Frances Brown (1875-1952) and, second, Frances Chase. Around 1952-3 Milton and his sons, Winthrop and David, built a house on Pasture Path that is now owned by Winthrop and Ann Smith.

Henry A. Smith (1861- ) FAP 16 Aug 1908; LAP 17 Aug 1910. Born in Ontario, Canada. For many years Henry was a life insurance agent in Lowell, Mass. In 1886 he married Mary E. Smith. Whenever Mary and Henry were at Gray Knob they were in the company of various members of the Charles Thurston Dole family.

Mary E. Smith (1864- ) FAP 16 Aug 1908; LAP 17 Aug 1910. A native of Massachusetts. Wife of Henry A. Smith. For a number of years she was a public high school teacher in Lowell, Mass.

Katherine N.M. Smith (c1880- ) FOP 11 Oct 1913. A native of Canada; immigrated to US in 1888. In 1910 she was a boarder in Lewiston, Maine and described as a “nurse”. Her name also appears in the Spur Cabin Register in 5 Oct 1910. She was a friend of Randolph’s Boothman family, and of *Eleanor D. Foss of Portland, Maine. She does not appear to be related to any of the other Smith families listed in the Gray Knob log.

Nelson Harvey Smith (1890- ) FAP 13 Sep 1916; LAP 5 Jun 1922. Born in Boston. Son of Nellie Frances Hood (1856- ) and Marcell Nelson (1854- ) Smith, the latter a partner in the Smith-Patterson Boston jewelry firm. Nelson was educated at Harvard (AB, 1913; MA, 1924). In
1909, while still an undergraduate, he had John Boothman build him a cabin, Crag Camp, at an altitude of 4,200 ft. overlooking King’s Ravine. In 1939 Crag Camp was given to the RMC. In 1927, after the death of Prof. Hincks, Nelson bought “Uplook” cottage in the Randolph midlands, and renamed the property “Crag Farm”.

Margaret J. Smith (c1900- ) FOP 5 Jun 1922. Around 1923 she married Nelson H. Smith with whom she had five children: *Caroline, *Marcell, Hood M. (c1927- ), Margaret D. (c1929- ), and Felicite A. (1930- ) Smith; two of them appear in the Gray Knob log.


Marcell Smith (c1925- ) FOP 7 Aug 1934. Son of Margaret and Nelson Smith.

Talbot Truxton Smith (1888-1963) FOP 17-19 Jul 1908. Born in Pontiac, Mich. The son of Ada Louise Legget (1854-1909) and Edward Chester (1845-1923) Smith, the latter a Pontiac bookkeeper (1880) and “steward at asylum” (1900). Talbot may have attended Purdue (he was “from” Lafayette, Ind. in the 1908 Gray Knob log, where he was accompanied by the Post sisters, Lucy Coulter and Mary Ely, who both also hailed from Lafayette). Talbot went into the newspaper business: in 1910 he was a reporter in Flint, Mich; in 1917 he was editor of the Detroit Journal; in 1930 he was a newspaper editor in Tucson, Arizona. Around 1912 he married Constance Fitch (1889- ). [Although other Smiths appear in the Gray Knob log, I have not been able to find a family connection with Talbot.]

Clifton Alden Snell (c1871- ) FAP 15 Jul 1912; LAP 29 Jul 1917. Born in Stockton Springs, Maine. From 1895-1900 he was the first superintendent of schools on Martha’s Vineyard. From there he went on to be principal of Malden High School. In August 1893 he married *Mabel I. Myers. The Snells, who seem to have been friends of the Torreys and Moores, stayed mostly at Spur Cabin and Mt. View House.

Mabel I. Myers Snell (1870- ) FAP 20 Jul 1913; LAP 29 Jul 1917. Born in Searsport, Maine. She was the daughter of Fidelia A. (c1839- ) and William (c1837- ) Myers, the latter a sea captain. She married Clifton Snell in 1893.

Roger S. Sperry (1889- ) FOP 22-25 Jul 1933. Born in Waterbury, Conn. Son of Julia (1850- ) and Mark L. (c1843- ) Sperry, the latter an executive in a Waterbury brass manufacturing company. Roger graduated from Yale (PhB, 1910) with prizes in chemistry, physics and English. He joined the Scovill Mfg. Company, a maker of munitions, as a mechanical engineer, and by 1918 was superintendent of research there. In his trip to Gray Knob Roger was in the company of Carroll Hincks.

Ellen Yale Stevens (1855- ) FAP 22-24 Aug 1911; LAP 27 Aug 1923. Born in Saratoga Springs, NY. The daughter of Catherine (c1823- ) and Edward R. (c1804- ) Stevens, the latter a successful merchant in the book business. Ellen was an educator and is still known for her 1913 book, A Guide to the Montessori Method. In 1920 she was a school principal in Brooklyn, NY. Around 1923 she acquired the cottage built on Randolph Hill for W. O. Pray in 1903; it passed to her niece *Adelia Stevens; it is now owned by Steve Rounds.

Adelia Ross Stevens (1899-1995) FOP 27 Aug 1923. Born in Washington, DC. The daughter of Sarah Moffet (c1861- ) and Charles J. (c1860- ) Stevens, the latter a career US Army officer, and the brother of Ellen Y. Stevens. She was educated at Vassar College (AB, 1921). She inherited the Randolph cottage from her aunt.

Jessie M. Stevens FOP 27 Aug 1923. Since she appeared at Gray Knob at the same time as Ellen and Adelia, I assume that Jessie is related to them; but, just how, is not fathomable at this time. Although Jessie identifies herself (in a rather juvenile script) as living in Englewood, NJ, I can find no record of her there or elsewhere. So, she remains a cipher.

George Franklin Stillings (1881-1965) FAP 3 Jul 1917; LAP 15 May 1918. Born in Ossipee, NH. The son of Theresa A. Lamb (1855- ) and Franklin P. (1855- ) Stillings, the latter a farmer in Meadows (Jefferson), New Hampshire. George spent most of his life in Meadows, and worked
as a house carpenter. His comment on his first trip to Gray Knob: “Killed one porcupine found here.”

**James Marion Stockard** (c1850-) FOP 29 Jul 1910. Born in Chatham, North Carolina. The son of Mary (c1819-) and James G. (c1813-) Stockard, the latter a farmer in Graham, North Carolina. In 1880 James M. was a “manufacturer” in Graham, with wife Caroline (c1859-), a native of Rhode Island, and daughter Alma. By 1891 the family had settled in Providence, RI, where James was the proprietor of a stable; in 1930 he had moved with the times and become a “garage owner”. In his one recorded trip to Gray Knob he was in the company of Nan and Tibby Hincks.

**Vera Stockard** (1891-) FOP 29 Jul 1910. Born in Mapleville, RI. The daughter of Caroline and *James M. Stockard. In 1920 she was living with her father and brother, Claud, in Providence with no specified employment.

**Alice Dean Stockwell** (1903-1987) FOP 25 Jul 1921. Born in Cleveland, Ohio. The daughter of Cornelia (c1876-) and John N. (c1873-) Stockwell, the latter a Cleveland lawyer. She was a pianist. She received her AB from Vassar (1924), where she was a classmate of *Caroline T. “Tottie” Hincks and *Elizabeth Bauman Judson, and with whom she visited Gray Knob. In 1930 she was a music teacher in Shaker Heights, Ohio; by 1940 she was on the faculty of Columbia University. In addition to piano work she may have done some composing, since she was in correspondence with French musician Nadia Boulanger.

**Henry Gordon Sweet** (1904-1975) FOP 5-7 Sep 1921. Born in New York, but spent most of his life in and around New Haven, Conn. The son of Vera Gordon Rowe (1882-1957) and Horace (c1880-) Sweet, with the latter not much in evidence. [The 1920 census lists Vera as “divorced”, while 1927/1931 New Haven directories list her as a “widow of Horace.”] After graduation from Yale (BA, 1926) Henry G. joined the Henry C. Rowe & Company, a firm of oyster growers/dealers operating out of New Haven’s Long Wharf. The company had been founded by his maternal grandfather, Raul Rowe in 1868, and was being run by his uncle Henry C. Rowe. Young Henry became general manager and, later, president the Rowe Company. In the 1950s and 1960s he became a director of the Long Wharf Redevelopment Project.

**Caroline A. “Carrie” Taylor** (1863- ) FAP 25 Jul 1902; LAP 3 Aug 1906. Born in Beaver, Penn. The daughter of Amelia (1832-) and Riley (1826-1909) Taylor, the latter a sometime president of Beaver College and, later, a Methodist preacher in Baltimore. She was also the sister of *Edna Taylor “Ted” Hill. By 1900, Caroline was living in Baltimore, where she spent the rest of her life. In 1910 Caroline was living with her mother and sisters Edna and Julia, next door to the *Minnie Haupt family. In 1904 Caroline built a cottage “Khubsarat” in Randolph valley. Ownership later passed to sister Edna, then passed to the collateral line of Edgar Asahel Taylor (1958-1993) and his widow Margaret Hukill Taylor, who created and sold “Weaves and Tweeds”. In 1991 “Khubsarat” passed to its current owner, Brian Taylor, Edgar’s grandson.

**Charles Cutler Torrey** (1863-1956) FAP 17 Jul 1910; LAP 21 Aug 1918. Born in East Hardwick, Vermont. The son of Maria Thorpe Noble (1834-1908) and Rev. Joseph (1832-1917) Torrey. The Torrey family loved tramping and fishing, and had visited Randolph’s Kelsey Cottage (later the Mt. View House) in 1881; in 1895 the family returned to Kelsey Cottage, which became their headquarters for many summers. The Torreys were also involved in trail building in the Randolph area (Spur Path, Torrey Path, Church Path, Diagonal Path, Pasture Path). In 1899 CC Torrey, in partnership with Prof. George F. Moore, contracted with John Boothman to build them a log cabin near Spur Brook opposite Chandler Fall at the 3200 foot level, and in June 1900 “Spur Cabin” was completed. Charles was educated at Bowdoin College (AB, 1884), Andover Theological Seminary (1889), and University of Strassburg (PhD, 1892), where he specialized in Semitic languages. In 1900 he was appointed Professor of Semitic Languages at Yale, and was the founding director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. In 1911 Charles married *Marian Richards, and with her had a daughter, Anne Noble “Nancy”
Torrey Frueh. In 1932 the Torreys established their own cottage on Randolph Hill. [For further information, see Spur Cabin Registers: 1900-1916, Randolph Mountain Club Archive, Revised Edition, June 2009; Al Hudson, editor.]

Marian Edwards Richards Torrey (1877-1946) FAP 24 Aug 1912; LAP 21 Aug 1918. Born in Hartford, Conn. The daughter of Agnes S. (c1837- ) and Charles R. (c1834- ) Richards, the latter a professor of mechanical engineering at Yale. Marian received a BA from Smith (1899), an MA in philosophy from Yale (1901), and taught at Smith and Williams. In 1911 she married Charles Torrey. She was a writer, with two novels still available: Zandrie, Century Co., 1909; My Outrageous Cousin, NY, Macmillan, 1929.

Mabel Cutler Torry (1897- ) POP 9 Aug 1915. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Chandler Vos and Joseph E. Torrey, the latter a brother of Charles C. Torrey. Mabel’s family lived in England, but during WWI she was sent to the US to live with Charles and Marian.

Ira Winthrop Travell (1868- ) FAP 17 Jul 1911; LAP 5 Aug 1911. Born in Troy, NY. The son of Elvira A. (1834- ), former principal of Female Seminary in Poultney, Vermont, and Ira Rose (c1832- ) Travell, the latter a collar manufacturer in Troy. Ira graduated from Williams College (1890) and went on to a career in educational administration; he served as superintendent of schools in Morristown, NJ (1909-1912) and later, for many years, in Ridgewood, NJ. In 1894 he married *Margaret Belle Ansley.

Margaret Belle Ansley Travell (1870- ) FAP 17 Jul 1911; LAP 28 Aug 1911. Born in Geneva, NY. The daughter of Cornelia Lorraine Atwater (1832-1912) and Marcus (1826-1907) Ansley, the latter a nurseryman in Geneva. In 1894 she married *Ira Travell.

Winthrop Atwater Travell (1902-1956) FOP 5 Aug 1911. Born in Morristown, NJ. The son of Margaret Belle Ansley and Ira Winthrop Travell. As for education, he reported himself to be “a college student in New Hampshire” in a 1922 passport application. He seems to have had an adventurous life: at the beginning, in 1922, he went to Europe as a seaman; at the end, in 1956, he drowned in heavy seas in the Gulf of Thailand while serving as a member of the US Operations Mission in Southeast Asia.

Harry William Trudell (1879-1964) FOP 23 Jul 1911. Born in Richmond, Virginia; around 1890 his family moved to Philadelphia. Son of Fredericka (c1857- ) and Herman “Harry” Matthew (c1854- ) Trudell, the latter a wood turner in a chair factory. Young Harry first worked as a clerk in the chair factory, but then moved on to become a purchasing agent in several leather companies. His real life interests were mineralogy and botany. He was an avid mineral collector in the mid-Atlantic states, became co-founder, in 1916, of American Mineralogist, and, in 1917, was president of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society. In the botanical field he was a noted collector of ferns.

Marion Tupper (1888-1986) FOP 23 Jul 1908. Born in Jamestown, NY. The daughter of Carrie Amelia Hartwell (1864-1959), born in Foochow, China, and Edward A. (1863-1937) Tupper, the proprietor of a drug store in Minneapolis in 1930. In 1910 Marion was a high school domestic science teacher in Minneapolis. Around 1919 she married Calder Blaine Bressler (1882-1942). It may be noted that Marion was a cousin of the *Stearns family: Lucy E. Stearns (1827-1883), her mother’s mother, was the sister of Josiah Milton Stearns (1818-1853), who was the father of *Charles Cummings Stearns (1850-1924), co-builder of Gray Knob; C.C. Stearns was the father-in-law of Helen Stearns, who was at Gray Knob with Marion.

John Fogg Twombly (1870- ) FAP 29 Aug 1906; LAP 7 Sep 1907. Born in Shanghai, China. Son of Susan Cythera St. John (1831- ) and her second husband John Fogg (1826-1884) Twombly. Young John graduated from Harvard (AB, 1894). In 1896 he married Mabel Winch (c1872- ). An 1896 passport application indicated that John, a lawyer, and Mabel were living in Athens. In 1900, they were living with her family in Brookline, Mass. In the 1907 entry in the Gray Knob log Percy Dawson describes John as “a live Esperontist”. Indeed, John was an Esperanto enthusiast, and served, in 1907, as the founding editor of The American Esperonto Journal. He
was also a feminist, and in 1916 was a stockholder in The Woman's Journal.

Daniel Underhill (1874- ) FOP 4 Aug 1917. Born in Oyster Bay, NY. The son of Emma Albertson (1853-) and Samuel J. (1848- ) Underhill, the latter a prosperous Long Island farmer. Daniel was a lawyer; never married, and in 1930 was still living with his mother at Oyster Bay.

Winslow Upton (1853-1914) FAP 5-8 Aug 1912; LAP 8 Aug 1914. Born in Salem, Mass. The son of Sarah (c1821- ) and James (c1813- ) Upton, the latter a Salem merchant and amateur musician. Winslow also studied music but was especially noted as a distinguished astronomer. He was educated at Brown (AB, 1875) and the University of Cincinnati (MA, 1877). After serving as an astronomer in several US Government posts, he returned to Brown in 1883 and, upon its completion, became Director of the Ladd Observatory in 1891. He also served one year (1891) as Dean of the University. Throughout his life he continued to be an active musician. In 1882 he married *Cornelia Augustus Babcock and with her had two children, *Eleanor and *Margaret. Elizabeth M. Hincks was frequently at Gray Knob with the Uptons.

Cornelia Augustus Babcock Upton (1854- ) FAP 5-8 Aug 1912; LAP 13 Sep 1916. Born in Brooklyn, NY. The daughter of Penelope Bennett (1830-1915) and William Henry (1926-1893) Babcock. Married Upton Winslow in 1882. She had a chief interest in the Auxiliary Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church.

Eleanor Stuart Upton (1886-1974) FAP 5-8 Aug 1912; LAP 9-10 Sep 1912. Born in Lebanon Springs, NY. The daughter of Cornelia and Winslow Upton. She was educated at Smith (BA, 1909), Brown (MA, 1910) and the University of Chicago (PhD, 1930). She became a librarian: John Carter Brown Library in Providence (1916-1921); Yale (1921); Forbes Library in Northampton, Massachusetts (1952-1961).

Margaret Frances Upton (1890-1967) FAP 5-8 Aug 1912; LAP 3 Sep 1921. Born in Providence, RI. The daughter of Cornelia and Winslow Upton. She was a biologist educated at Smith (BA, 1912), Brown (MA, 1914) and Yale (PhD, 1925). She taught science and bacteriology on the secondary and undergraduate levels, and worked as a lab technician and research assistant at St. Luke’s Hospital (Newburgh, NY) and Cooley Dickinson Hospital (Northampton, Mass).

Alexander Holdship Ware (1906- ) FOP 9-10 Jul 1925. Born in New Jersey. The son of Alice Holdship (1873-1965), a writer of plays dealing with the African-American experience, and Rev. Edward Twitchell (1874-1927) Ware, the 3rd president of Atlanta University. [Two of Edward’s sisters were married to Randolphians: *Katharine Ware married *George Milton Smith; *Olive Ware married *Percy W. Bridgman.] Alexander was an economist educated at Haverford (BA, 1926) and Columbia (MA, 1929). Among other works, he was the author of The Economics of Soviet Retail Trade, 1926.


Caroline Farrar “Lina” Ware (1899-1990) FOP 19 Aug 1920. Born in Brookline, Mass. The daughter of Louisa Fuller (1871- ) and Henry (1871- ) Ware, the latter a successful Boston lawyer and municipal judge. Lina was a social historian, consumer advocate and political activist. She was educated at Vassar (BA, 1920), Oxford (MA, 1922), Radcliffe (MA, 1924) and Harvard (PhD, 1925). She taught history at Vassar (1925-30, 1932-34), Sarah Lawrence (1935-1937) and Howard (1945-1961).

Arthur Laban Watson (1882-1962) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Randolph, NH. The son of Anna Burbank (1858-1928) and Laban (1850-1936) Watson, the latter a pathmaker and, for many years, the innkeeper at the Ravine House in Randolph. Arthur was a steamfitter/plumber in the Berlin, NH mills. In 1913 he married *Eleanor Foss. By 1942 Arthur and Eleanor had moved to
Bristol, Mass, where he was employed in Braley’s Creamery in N. Dartmouth, Mass.

**Eleanor Foss Watson** (1887-1986) FOP 1 Oct 1921. Born in Portland, Maine. The daughter of Addie M. Dunn (1859- ) and Walter True (1858- ) Foss, the latter a furniture dealer in Portland. She was the sister of Walter G. Foss, with whom she appeared at Gray Knob. In 1913 Eleanor married Arthur L. Watson. In 1910 Eleanor was a public school teacher in Portland, but later she taught in Randolph until her marriage.

**Guy Bertrun Weeks** (1892- ) FOP 15 May 1918. Born at Pinkham Grant, NH. Son of Susan A. (1855- ) and Joseph (1826- ) Weeks, the latter a carpenter in Randolph, NH in 1900. In 1910 Guy was a “hired boy” on a Compton, NH farm; in 1920 he was a farm laborer in Randolph, boarding at the Mt. View House in Randolph.

**John Howell Westcott, Sr** (1858-1942) FOP 4 Aug 1911. Born in Philadelphia, Penn. The son of Mary Dunton (c1828- ) and John (c1825- ) Westcott, the latter a teacher in a Philadelphia private school. John was a Latinist. Educated at Princeton (BA, 1877; MA, 1880; PhD, 1887). He joined the Princeton faculty as Professor of Latin and, later, served as departmental chair. Around 1894 he married Edith Flagg Sampson (Bryn Mawr: AB, 1890; MA, 1894) and with her had three children: *John, Jr, *Lillian Vaughan, and *Mary Dunton Westcott, all born in Princeton, after which Edith disappears from the record. Around 1911 John took a second wife, *Marian O. (c1879- ). The family started summering in Randolph in 1911, and John became a member of the RMC in that year; in 1926 he transferred his membership to his son-in-law, John Quincy Stewart.

**Marian B. Wescott** (1877-1942) FOP 4 Aug 1918. Marian was born in Gardiner, NY. Around 1911 Marian became the second wife of John Westcott, Sr, and she is referred to as “Mrs. J.H. Westcott” in the 1918 Gray Knob log entry.

**John Howell “Jack” Westcott, Jr** (1896-1918) FAP 4 Aug 1911; FAP 12 Aug 1913. The son of Edith Sampson and John Westcott. Jack was in the class of 1918 at Princeton but never graduated. During WWI, in 1916, when he was too young to join the US Army, he served as an AFS ambulance driver in France between November 1916 and May 1917. In June 1917, after returning to the US, he enlisted in the 107th Infantry, was sent back to France, and, on 29 Sep 1918, was killed by machine gun fire in the fighting near Bony, south of Le Catelet, less than two weeks before the armistice. In his 1911 trip to Gray Knob, Jack was in the company of his cousin, *John Westcott “Jack” Gummere; they were referred to as “the two Jacks”.

**Lilian Vaughan “Jill” Westcott** (1898- ) FOP 30 Aug 1918. Born in Princeton, NJ. The daughter of Edith Sampson and John Westcott, Sr. Jill was educated at Vassar (AB, 1920). In 1925 she married Prof. John Quincy Stewart (1894-1972), an astrophysicist at Princeton University. In 1926 they became the parents of John Westcott “Jack” Stewart (1926-2007), who became a fixture in the operation of the RMC for many years until his death. In 1929, with the advent of electricity, Jill and John built a prefabricated house on Randolph Hill, a house now owned by Christine “Tina” Stewart White.

**Mary Dunton Westcott** (1904- ) FOP 15-16 Aug 1918. Born in Princeton, NJ. The daughter of Edith Sampson and John Westcott, Sr. Not much information available on Mary other than Jack Stewart’s remark that in 1929 “I was brought up on the train by my Aunt Mary”.

**Douglas F. Weymouth** (c1902- ) FAP 14 May 1922; LAP 12 Jun 1922. Son of Grace G. (c1873- ) and Fred S. (c1873- ) Weymouth, the latter an estate caretaker in Orange, Mass. In 1932 Douglas was listed as an “oil burner service man” in Orange.

**Merle E. Whitcombe** (c1904- ) FOP 21-22 Sep 1933. Native of New York. The daughter of Grace M. (c1879- ) and William G. (c1873- ) Whitcombe, the latter the president of a paper manufactory in Dedham, Mass. On her one appearance in the Gray Knob log Merle composed a short piece of doggerel and was sketched by *Margaret “Miggy” Arnold.

**Herbert P. White** (1907-1994) FOP 6 Sep 1926. A native of New Haven, Conn. The son of Louise
P. (c1875- ) and Frederick A. (c1863- ) White, the latter the Secretary of the New Haven Water Company. Herbert was an architect and, at the time of his death was living in Branford, Conn.

William J. Whiting (c1883- ) FOP 27 May 1922. A native of Connecticut. We don’t know much about him. The entry in the Gray Knob log indicates that he lived in New Haven, Conn; he also signed the Spur Cabin Register on 8 Sep 1910 as being from New Haven. In 1910, as “W.J. Whiting” he was a founding member of the RMC with a Yale College address. William was a member of the RMC on and off over the years: in 1926, 1933, and 1936 his residence was given as Washington, DC. In the 1930 census he was living in Washington and his occupation was given as “Engineer/US Govt”. He was married to *Mary Hartley Whiting.

Mary Hartley Whiting (c1887- ) FOP 27 May 1922. A native of Connecticut. As “Mrs. W.J. Whiting” Mary was first recorded as an RMC member in 1913 but with no residence specified; a 1936 RMC membership card for “Mrs. W.J. Whiting” has her living in Washington, DC.

Ella Goodenow “Nellie” Willcox (1854-1940) FOP 4-6 Sep 1911. Born in Kennebunkport, Maine. The daughter of Anne Augusta Holmes (1829-1920) and William Henry (1821-1904) Goodenough, the latter a Presbyterian clergyman (AB, NYU, 1843; Union Theol. Sem, 1846). Ella was a teacher in Malden, Mass. In 1906 Ella and her sister Mary (c1856- ) built a cottage on Randolph Hill Road. In 1910 she was a founding member of the RMC.

Walter Francis Willcox (1861-1964) FAP 4-6 Sep 1911; LAP 3 Sep 1914. Born in Malden, Mass. The son of Anne and William Henry Willcox, and brother of Ella. Walter was a statistician educated at Amherst (AB, 1884; MA, 1888) and Columbia (LLB, 1887; PhD, 1891). He was on the Cornell faculty from 1891-1931, specializing in demographic statistics. He married Alice Eloise Work (c1866- ) and with her had: Bertram Francis, *Mary Goodenow, *Alanson, *Bertram and William Bradford (c1908) Willcox.

Bertram Francis Willcox (1895-1987) FAP 4-6 Sep 1911; LAP 13 Sep 1916. Born in Ithaca, NY. The son of Alice Eloise Work (c1868- ) and Walter Francis Willcox; brother of Alanson, and Mary G. Willcox. Bertram was a lawyer educated at Cornell (AB, 1917) and Harvard Law School (LLB, 1922), where he was president of the Law Review. During WWI he was an AFS ambulance driver and a Captain in the Red Cross. He was in private practice (1923-1943) specializing in labor law, and then joined the Cornell faculty (1946-1967). He married Katherine Webster Leckie.


Alanson Work “Alan” Willcox (1901-1978) FOP 13 Sep 1916. Born in Akron, Ohio. The son of Alice and Walter F. Willcox, and the brother of Bertram and Mary. A lawyer educated at Cornell (AB, 1922) and Harvard Law School. In 1940 he was the principal attorney for the Social Security Agency in Washington, DC.

Edward Walker Wilkins (1914-1984) FAP 30 Jul 1929; LAP 30 Aug 1931. Born in Buffalo, NY. The son of Edith Walker (1890-1980) and George Raymond (1883- ) Wilkins, the latter a real estate agent in Buffalo. [Note: Edith Walker later had two Connecticut husbands: The first, Paul Sprague Ney (1879-1924); the second, *Carroll Clark Hincks (1889-1964). See entries under Ney and Hincks above.] In 1920 Edward was living in Buffalo with his mother and her parents Angeline and Frank Danforth. In 1930 he was still in Buffalo, but living with his father George. When he died in 1984 in Cheshire, Conn, he was described as “Quality control engineer, Pratt & Whitney.”

Mary Peabody Williamson (1881-c1939) FOP 19 Aug 1918. Born in Glenville, Ohio. The daughter of Mary Waters Marsh (1852-1885) and Samuel Eladsit (1844-1903) Williamson, the latter an attorney in Cleveland, Ohio. Mary attended Bryn Mawr (1899-1901) as part of the class of 1903. A scholarship was established in her name at Bryn Mawr by a 1939 bequest.

Howard was a pianist and composer. Educated at Yale School of Music (BM, c1934) and the University of London (PhD, 1948). He was on the faculty of Ohio State University (1938-1942) and, after WWII service, at Florida State University (1949-1964). On his visit to Gray Knob he was in the company of *Samuel E. Grumman, his piano teacher at Yale.

Benjamin Severance Winchester (1868-1955) FOP 23-25 Aug 1926. Born in Bridport, Vermont. Son of Catharine M. (c1820- ) and Warren W. (c1823-1955) Winchester, the latter a clergyman. Like his father, Benjamin was a minister, and one who was deeply involved in modernizing and shaping the discourse on religious education. He himself was educated at Williams (BA, 1892) and the Chicago Theological Seminary (BD, 1895; DD, 1909). In 1908 he was pastor of the Winnetka Congregational Church. He was on the faculty of the Yale Divinity School (1915-1918). In the 1920s he was a minister in Fairfield, Conn. Around 1897 he married *Pearl A. Gunn and with her had five children: *Margaret, Katherine (c1901- ), *Pauline, *Alice and *John H. Winchester.

Pearl Adair Gunn Winchester (1874-1971) FOP 23-25 Aug 1926. Born in Joliet, Illinois. Daughter of Catharine (c1842- ) and Thomas M. (c1840- ) Gunn, the latter a clergyman in Joliet. Pearl was educated at Smith (AB, 1895). Around 1897 she married Benjamin S. Winchester

Margaret Winchester (1898-1995) FOP 23-25 Aug 1926. Born in Snohomish, Washington. Daughter of Pearl and Benjamin. She was educated at Mt. Holyoke (AB, 1918). In 1920 she was a public school teacher in Fairfield, Conn; in 1930 “Director/Church education” in Manchester, NH.

Alice Winchester (1907-1996) FOP 8 Sep 1918. Born in Winnetka, Illinois. Daughter of Pearl and Benjamin. Alice was educated at Smith (AB, 1929). She was editor of Antiques magazine (1938-1972) in New York City. In 1951 Alice (author) and her sister Pauline (illustrator) teamed up on a book, How to Know American Antiques.


Katherine A. Wood (1906-1988) FOP 8 Sep 1918. Born in Randolph. Sister of Effie Wood, et al. She was educated at Smith College (AB, MA) and then returned to Randolph. In 1947 Katherine succeeded her mother as postmistress, a position she held for over 30 years until the Randolph post office was closed in 1978.

Richard George Wood (1900-1967) FAP 4 Jul 1917; LAP 12 Jun 1927. Born in Randolph. Brother of Effie Wood, et al. Richard was educated at Harvard (AB) and Yale (M. Forestry). He was a professional historian specializing in forests of New England, especially Maine. By 1945 he was an editor and archivist at the National Archives in Washington, DC. In 1938 Richard married Ruth Leavitt Cherry. He appears in the Gray Knob log at least 14 times over a ten year period.

Nathan E. Wood (1849-1937) FOP 24 Jul 1912. Born in Forestville, Chautauqua, NY. The son of Berenthin M. (c1821- ) and Nathan (c1807- ) Wood, the latter a Baptist minister. Like his father, Nathan E. was a Baptist minister as well as an educator. He was educated at the University of Chicago (AB, 1872) and Union Theological Seminary of Chicago. In 1877 he became principal
Nathan Robinson Wood (1874-1961) FOP 24 Jul 1912. Born in Wyoccua, Wisconsin. The son of Alice Robinson Boise (1846-1919) and Nathan E. (1849-1937) Wood, the latter Prof. of Theology and President of Newton Theological Institution. Nathan R. was a Baptist minister and educator. He was educated at Harvard, Newton Theological Institute, and in Germany. In 1908 he joined the faculty of Gordon College, a Christian college in Wenham, Mass., and served there for 36 years, first as a teacher (1908-1910), then as Dean (1910-1919) and, finally, as President (1919-1944). Around 1899 he married Isabel Warwick Bliss.

Isabel Warwick Bliss Wood (1874-1961) FOP 24 Jul 1912. Born in Brooklyn, NY. The daughter of Abbie M. Richards (1845- ) and William (1840- ) Bliss, the latter a New York lawyer. She was educated at Brown (AB, 1895). Isabel was a member of the staff of Gordon College, teaching literature and French, and serving as Dean of the faculty. She married Nathan R. Wood.


Leroy Reynolds “Roy” Woodard (1903- ) FOP 10-12 Aug 1923. Born in Brockton, Mass. The son of Eva V. (c1881- ) and Charles F. (c1883- ) Woodard, the latter a craftsman and partner in a Brockton last factory. In his youth Roy and his brother Rodney (c1905- ) worked in the AMC hut system. Roy was an artist who, for awhile in the 1930s, lived in the loft over Randolph’s town hall; he designed the original Randolph boundary road sign, and designed/produced a pamphlet advertising the town’s potential for outdoor activities. He married fellow artist *Margaret H. “Miggy” Arnold.

Helen D. Worrall (1888- ) FAP 13 Jul 1907; LAP 18 Jul 1910. Born in Kentucky. Helen was the daughter of Alice Mattison (1859-1893) and William R. (c1855- ) Worrall. William was the brother of *Sarah Ernst “Sallie” Worrall (1870- ), who married *Charles Francis Judson (1869- ). Alice’s mother died in 1893 and, after her father remarried, Helen lived in Manhattan with her aunt Harriet “Hattie” R. Mattison Malleson. In 1900 she was going to school in Manhattan; she graduated from Barnard (AB, 1910), and in 1911 married Clarence M. Haight (1885- ), a mining engineer in Franklin, NJ.
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*Note: In 1926 Edith Walker married Carroll C. Hinks as her third husband. At that time she had one son (Edward Walker Wilkins) and four step-children ("Bert", Gail, Paul and Roxanna Ney). She had no children with Carroll Hinks.