

clearing in that part of the town, but it is now a very fine farming section. Mr. Charles E. Creasy now lives upon the farm commenced by his father, and has a very handsome farm with a good stand of buildings. Mr. Winslow has also a fine farm on the opposite side of the road. He was engaged in hop raising for a number of years and found it a profitable business for a time.

Mr. Alexander Ross came to Mapleton in the spring of 1864 and bought a lot on the Creasy Ridge about two and one-half miles from Presque Isle village. When he bought the lot there were but ten acres cleared upon it and no direct road leading to Presque Isle. He now has a good road to the village and has one of the finest farms in this section. Mr. Ross is a good farmer as well as a good citizen. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the North Aroostook Agricultural Society and is one of the "old reliables" in Grange work.

A short distance west of the mill a road runs in a northerly direction across to the old State Road through a very fine farming section. Mr. S. H. Waldron, a veteran of the war, has a large farm upon this road with an attractive set of farm buildings. There are numerous other good farms on this road and also on the other cross roads throughout the town.

Mapleton was first organized as a plantation in 1869, and George L. Emerson, A. H. Thompson and Shepard Packard were chosen assessors, and Chas. M. Spooner, clerk. The town was incorporated in March, 1880, at which time it had a population of 705 and a valuation of \$51,642. The population in 1890 was 832, and the valuation \$138,338. The rate of taxation was eleven and two-tenths mills on a dollar.

MORO

In the western part of Aroostook County and lying along the border of Penobscot County is the township formerly known as Rockabema, but now the plantation of Moro. This township is No. Six, Range Five, and is directly west of Merrill Plantation, north of the town of Hersey, and has for its northern boundary the unsettled township No. Seven, Range Five. The old Aroostook road, the mail route from Patten to Ashland, traverses the town, entering it about a mile and a half from the southwest corner and continuing in a general northeasterly direction entirely across the town, crossing its north line a little more than a mile from the northeast corner of the town.

The first settlement of the town dates away back to the stirring times of the Aroostook War, and the first settler who established a residence here was Mr. Isaac Lewis, who came from the town of Clinton in 1838 and settled in the extreme northern portion of the town. Mr. Lewis cleared up a large farm upon which he lived for about twelve years, when he moved to Patten and afterward to Pennsylvania. His daughter, Mrs. Wm. S. Chase, now lives on a farm near where her father made his first settlement.

In 1839 Mr. John Hale came from Detroit and settled near Mr. Lewis. He was a single man and after making a considerable clearing moved to Sherman and afterwards to Dyer Brook, where he died.

Joseph Baston came from Fairfield in 1840 and settled in the northeast part of the town on the lot upon which Mr. Chas. E. Baston now lives. He cleared up this farm and lived upon it until his death some twenty-eight years ago. Mr. George Baston came with his father to Moro and in 1850 settled on the lot opposite his father's, where he cleared up a large farm, upon which he now lives. The farm contains 215 acres of good land, situated upon a handsome ridge. J. W. Baston, George N. Baston and Lewis W. Baston, all live on good farms near the old place.

Jonas Hale, a brother to John Hale, came to Moro in 1842 and settled on what is now called the Bryant place, next to the south line of the town, and on the east side of the Aroostook road. Here Mr. Hale made a clearing and lived upon the lot some twelve years, when he moved to Sherman. Mr. Horace Darling now lives on this farm.

Mr. Henry T. Knowles came from the town of Corinna to Moro in 1843. He first settled upon the lot in the northeast corner of the town where Mr. Wm. S. Chase afterwards lived. He cleared a farm and built a house upon this lot and lived there until about 1850, when he moved to the Lewis place on the Aroostook road. He enlarged this farm, rebuilt the barn and made other improvements and lived upon the place nearly thirty years, when he moved to a lot just across the line in the unsettled township No. Seven, Range Five. Here Mr. Knowles made a good farm upon which he lived until his death some seven years ago. His son, Henry F. Knowles, now lives upon the Lewis place and also has the farm adjoining in No. Seven. He is located sixteen miles from Patten on the mail route to Ashland.

Mr. Calvin Bradford came from the town of Turner to Patten in 1838. In 1839 he moved to Township No. Seven, Range Five and took a lot near the Knowles place, where he cleared about forty acres and lived there until 1844, when he removed to Moro and settled on the Aroostook road, something less than a mile north of the south line of the town. Here he made a good farm and lived upon it until his death in 1875. His son, Ezekiel F. Bradford, lived with him and had the active management of the farm for a number of years before his father's death. He has since enlarged the farm, which is now one of the best in this section. It contains 500 acres of excellent land, with 175 acres cleared.

Mr. Elisha Brown came from Sherman and settled in Moro in 1845. Mr. Brown had formerly lived in the town, having been in the employ of Mr. Isaac Lewis, the first settler. Mr. Brown took a lot on the Aroostook road a mile and a half north of Mr. Bradford's. Here he made a good farm and built a set of buildings. He lived upon the farm until his death some eighteen years ago. Mr. Robert Kennedy now lives on this farm.

Mr. Daniel Darling came from the town of Hartland in 1840 and first settled in the town of Hersey, where he lived four years, and in 1844 moved to Moro and took a lot on the Aroostook road a short distance north of Calvin Bradford's. Here he cleared a farm upon which he lived until his death in 1863. His grandson, Lysander Darling, now lives on this farm. He has 75 acres of good land with 40 acres cleared, and has a good set of buildings. Mr. Patrick Darling, a son of Daniel Darling, came from Hartland in 1838 and worked upon the Aroostook road, which was then being constructed. Mr. Ira Fish of Patten was agent for the construction of this road in that vicinity. Mr. Darling worked on the road in Benedicta, in Mt. Chase and in Moro, and in 1840 settled on a lot in the town of Hersey, where he cleared some 10 acres and built a log house. He lived there until 1845, when he moved to Moro and bought of Samuel Chase the lot next north of Mr. Daniel Darling's. There was a small improvement upon the lot and Mr. Darling here made a good farm upon which he has lived ever since. He is now 77 years old and is one of the oldest living residents of the town. He has 200 acres of land with 75 acres cleared, and has a comfortable set of buildings. The farm is somewhat stony in places, but is good, strong, productive land and raises good crops of hay and grain.

Mr. Josiah Bates came from Palmyra in 1845 and first set-

tled in the town of Hersey, where he lived two years and in 1847 moved to Moro and settled on the lot next north of Elisha Brown's. Here he cleared a farm upon which he lived until his death some twenty-two years ago. His son, Albert H. Bates, now lives on the farm.

Mr. Chas. Chase has a good farm. He has also a clapboard and shingle mill on the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag, which stream the Aroostook road crosses near Mr. Chase's farm. In this mill is one shingle machine, a clapboard machine and planer.

After crossing the West Branch the road ascends a steep hill, near the top of which is the farm of Mr. Benj. Brown. Mr. Brown was a soldier in the 31st Me. Regiment and settled on this lot in 1870, and has made a good farm.

The State road, so called, runs from Smyrna Mills in a due east course on the town lines until it intersects the old Aroostook road. This road runs along the south line of Moro Plantation and is settled for the greater part of the distance across the town. Mr. Solomon Bates was the first settler in Moro upon the State road. Mr. Bates came from the town of Fairfield in 1851 and settled on Lot No. 82, which was one of the public lots reserved for school purposes. The State road had then been cut through but was not passable for carriages. It is now a good turnpike road for its entire distance from Smyrna Mills to the Aroostook road. Mr. Bates cleared a farm of ninety acres of good land and lived on it ten years, when he moved across the road into the town of Hersey, where he still resides.

Mr. George L. Bates came from Fairfield in 1851 and made a clearing on the lot adjoining Solomon Bates. He remained some three years and removed to Hersey. Mr. Robert Sturtevant came from Waterville the same year and made a clearing near where the State road crosses the West Branch. He remained some six or seven years and returned to Waterville.

Mr. David B. Bates came from Hersey to Moro in 1851 and made a clearing on the west half of the lot adjoining Solomon Bates. In 1864 he sold his improvements to Solomon Bates and took the lot next north of Solomon's on which there was a good mill privilege. In 1867 David B. Bates and Smith Gilman built a mill on Mill Brook, which runs across the last mentioned lot and empties into the West Branch a short distance below.

Mr. William Jameson came from the town of Lee in 1860 and made a clearing on the lot next west of Robert Sturtevant. He stayed a year and then went into the army and never re-

turned to Moro.

Mr. John Doe came from Kenduskeag in 1860 and took the lot west of Mr. Solomon Bates. Mr. Doe made a large clearing and lived upon the farm until 1886, when he sold it to Mr. Chas. U. Brewer, and moved to Hodgdon and afterwards to New Limerick. Mr. Brewer still lives upon the farm.

Mr. Granville Gary came from Lincoln in 1868 and settled on the lot next west of John Doe. He remained some five or six years and sold to Mr. Cyrus Wade and returned to Lincoln. Mr. Robert Palmer now lives on this farm.

Mr. George Cole came from Patten in 1874 and settled on the lot next west of Robert Sturtevant. He remained four years and sold to Mr. H. J. Palmer and moved to the West. Mr. Palmer still lives upon the farm.

In going to Moro from Smyrna Mills by the State road, after passing the Stephens settlement in Dyer Brook, the road descends a steep hill and then runs for some distance through a piece of woods on low land. Coming out of the woods we find a few small clearings, with log houses and few improvements, until we come to the West Branch of the Mattawamkeag, which the State road crosses a short distance from the town line.

The township was surveyed and lotted in 1833, by Rufus Gilmore and was first organized as a plantation under the name of Rockabema, in 1850. In 1860 the name was changed to Moro. Though not ranking among the best Aroostook townships for agricultural purposes, yet the settled portion of the town contains many good farms and comfortable homes and the social and moral standing of the citizens is of the first order.

MACWAHOC

Leaving Reed Plantation, as we journey southward, the old Military road runs for some two miles across the southeast corner of North Yarmouth Academy Grant, an unsettled township, and then enters Macwahoc Plantation. Like many other towns in Aroostook County, the first opening made in the wilderness in what is now the thriving plantation of Macwahoc was for the purpose of manufacturing lumber.

As early as 1829 or 1830, Messrs. Thayer and Jewett built a mill on the Macwahoc Stream, about a mile above its junction with the Molunkus. The Military road crosses the Macwahoc Stream near this mill. It contained originally only an up and down saw. After a number of years Messrs. Edward and