

Francis Atwood Clark
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George Washington Clark with son Francis Atwood Clark. George Washington Clark was born June 10 1846 in Hyde Park, VT, which was before the Civil War. His first wife and son died early and his marriage to Blanche June 1 1905 was his second marriage. G W was an exceptionally successful business man, a civic leader, and a philanthropist.



Francis standing with sister May Elvira Clark seated. Christmas 1908.



Francis in 1923 at Lake Eden, VT. I need to know why he was here.



Francis Atwood Clark, aka Brush, as I first remember him.



Francis and Esther Wheeler at Ocean Park, Maine probably 1924 or 25. Esther Wheeler was a relative and more pictures and information on her will be in another section.



This is the cottage on the beach as in the above picture. George Washington Clark took his family to Ocean Park, Maine every summer where they rented this cottage. Blanche, Francis and May would go with their steamer trunks by train from Morrisville, VT to Old Orchard, ME stopping in St Johnsbury, VT at noontime where they would have lunch at the hotel. It was an all day train trip.



Blanche Atwood Clark about 1925 in her backyard at Morrisville, VT. Note the laundry line and woodpile.



Francis and May at Burt and Susie Clark's farm. Burt farmed with his son in law Lackey, husband of their only daughter Ruth.



1927 at the Stevens home on 72 Mt Vernon St West Roxbury, Mass. On the left is Bertha Reese Stevens, Joe's mother. I believe Francis is just visiting at this time.



Francis did the writing on this post card of the Stevens home. It shows where he slept and studied in the attic at upper right. In the lower left was the smoking room and above that the living room. Above that is the rented floor. Bertha Stevens rented the second story after Dr Stevens died and Esther had left for college.



Francis in 1934, probably.



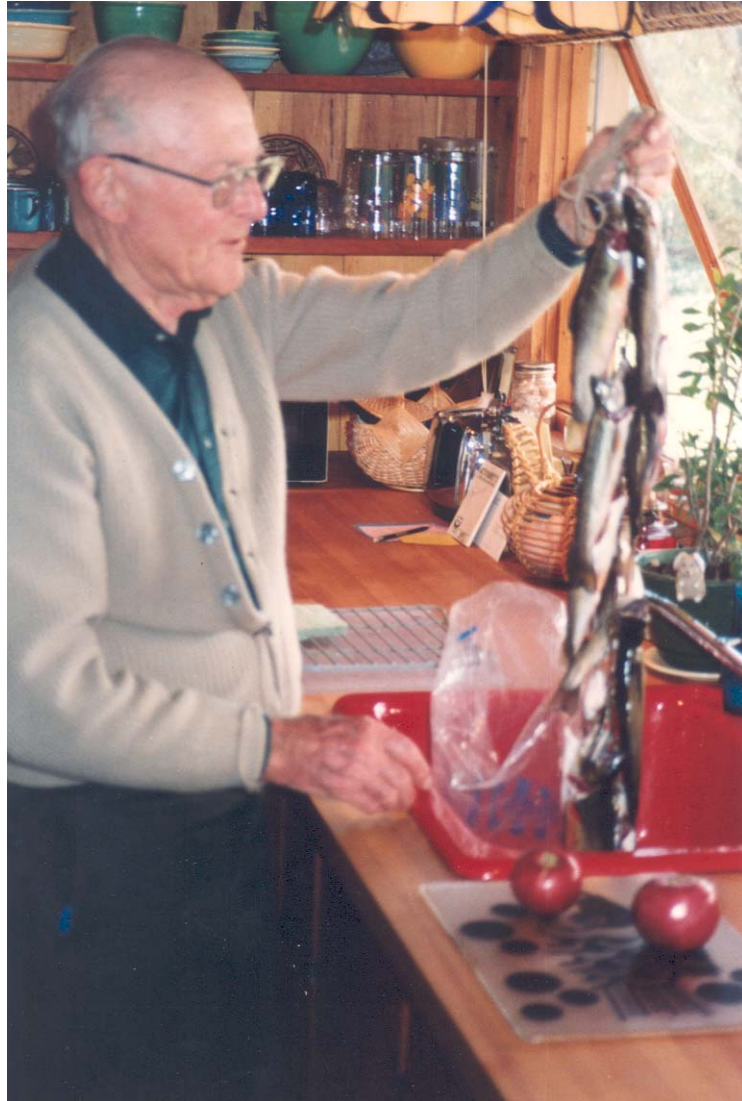
An unusual color picture of Francine on left and Harold Clark.



Sunday morning August 18, 1954 in Brush's writing. The ink writing on the photo in the gable of the camp is ITLDO, it will do. Robert is on the left, Carolyn standing and Jean lying down. Brush continued to take his own family to the beach each summer. He often would take Murray and I to the beach when we were younger. And of course there would be day visitors. Swimming, beaching, eating clams and lobsters, and visiting the pier were favored activities.



May and Brush with ???. Horses were a favored Garfield activity during these years.



Here is a fast forward to 1987 and one of Brush's favorite activities, which was taking brook trout out of Mud Pond. This was a real good catch. The picture is taken in Murray and Carrie's home they built on Collins Pond. In Brush's writing it says that he dropped off some of the trout to May and Joe down at Cilley Hill in Jericho, VT.



Feb 13, 1994 Carolyn's graduation from Woodbury Collage at VT College. From the left, Bridgette Page, ??, Mrs. Brown, May, Francis, Jean, Carolyn and Francine.



The Clark home living room in the summer of 1994 showing from the left Patricia Stevens, May, Francis, Jean.



This is summer 1994 and is May, Brush and myself in front of the fireplace at the Clark camp in Garfield, VT. The stone fireplace was put in by Brush and Jean and I forget the name of the mason who did the work sometime in the late 1940s. The rocks were collected by Brush and Jean and the fireplace was constructed with a Heatolator steel insert and the ducts you see at the top of the picture. It worked very well, and is still in use today.



These two pictures taken at the Clark home in 1999 are somewhat of a production instead of a regular snapshot. I had come into the house to take a picture of Brush and found him looking out the window. I said, "Just hold right there a minute, Brush" and took this pensive picture. I then went out to the flower shop and posed Jean in a similar pose to make the pair of pictures.



This is one of my last trips with Brush. We went up camp road to check out Murray's headstone. It was not in place when we were there, but was in place the next day for Murray's service.

Comments, additional pictures, and stories are invited.

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