

**A Small Tribute to "AUNTIE"
Frances S. Worcester**



Frances Sawyer Worcester was born April 6, 1905 the daughter of Annie and John B. Sawyer. She was educated in the Jonesport schools and graduated valedictorian of her class from Jonesport High School in 1923. Frances furthered her education at the University of Maine at Orono. The choice of college was her parents. As Frances says "It was a family understanding that she go to college". She studied Spanish and French. Back then the proper occupation for women was teaching, but she had no intention of being a school teacher.

From the collection of Donnie Woodward

Homer and Frances (Sawyer) Worcester with grand nephews and nieces



From the collection of Nancy Sawyer

Frances and Dorothy Sawyer (sisters)





Doff Duke and Francis

Dorothy



Francis

From the album of Annie (Sawyer) McMichael



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Frances V. Sawyer Worcester (Auntie) was a women's libber before there was such a concept. When Uncle Homer worked for the Farmers' Home Administration, Auntie took what was intended to be his job working in the insurance business, which in those days, meant going "on the road" to sell policies and collect payments. She could speak the best of grammar with an English teacher, and she was a master of the "Downeast lingo" with the best of them. There is not one of us who, as a child, did not raid her plentiful candy jars until we were sick, and there is not a female among us who didn't have her fingernails and toenails painted bright red when we were with her. She wanted us to have a good time when we came to visit her, and that we did. She was blessed with a great sense of humor and all of us have probably laughed more at her and with her than with anyone else we have known. She was also a cracker jack cook. Auntie was fun. I think we all came to believe she would live to be 100, and she almost made it.

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