



Waterford Echoes

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Waterford Historical Society

Papoose Pond

Named for a drowned papoose according to Town History

My family's connection with the Pond started in 1908. My father bought land on the south side of the Pond from Mrs. Burnham.

At that time there were about 4 cottages on the Pond, one cottage owned by the Noble Family from Norway was originally built on the South side of the pond on land of the Knight family but they were not able to buy the land. Moved the cottage across the pond on the ice in the winter to its present location and is presently owned by Phil & Eleanor Noble of Raymond. Another cottage was owned by the Owl Club, later by George Brownell of N. Waterford. At present there are about 11 cottages on the south side and 21 on the N. side. This does not include Papoose Pond Camping Resort.

Papoose Pond Camps. 1925 - 2 Cottages built - one cottage was 2 stories - both with fireplaces. No electricity. One outside hand pump between the 2 cottages. Toilets were outside privys. 1928 - 2 more cottages added, same type. 1931 - 2 more. 1928 - roadside store was added, also bath houses & small office. Later 4 small overnite cabins. Cottages on the shore rented for \$15.00 to \$25.00 for a weekend.

1933 - Store building enlarged and living quarters added, also a garage at this time. My family lived there during the winter months.

1938 - Electricity came to Papoose Pond area and by '39 the telephone was added. Before that time the telephone was the Albany line which went to Albany then to N. Norway and then to New England. Not very satisfactory service. We always had an ice house and ice was harvested during the winter and delivered to the cottages several times a week. We also sold ice to other cottage owners. 1943 - my folks sold out to people by the name of Nunn who ran the area till 1949 when they sold to Francis Andrews of Mass. who came from Norway originally. The cottages were modernized with running water & flushes. Andrews leased land from Chadbourne, on the south side of Norway Road and built a hall used for square dancing and other amusements. During the 1950's Andrews developed camp sites for tenters and later it was more for trailers and motor homes. Andrews sold to the Strauss family two years ago.

During the summer there are 600-700 people at the resort. Papoose Pond has a tidal stream at the N.W. end that fluctuates with the level of the pond and the river, as the river rises the water flows into the pond and when the river drops the water flows from the pond.

In the days of the dam and the sawmill at N. Waterford the water in the pond would rise during the day and drop back again at nite.

During a heavy rain or flood the water pours into the pond rapidly causing boats not hitched to float away.



PAPOOSE POND CAMPS

PAPOOSE POND

Waterford Twp., Oxford Co.
U.S.G.S. Norway, Me.

Fishes

Smallmouth bass	White sucker
White perch	Creek chubsucker
Yellow perch	Minnows
Black crappie	Golden shiner
Chain pickerel	Common shiner
Hornpout (bullhead)	Fallfish
Eel	Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 64 acres	Mostly Sand Shore - 25' deep
Temperatures	75 Acres
Surface - 71° F.	480' above Sea Level
14 feet - 70° F.	
	Maximum depth - 15 feet

The cottage we have on the pond which has a floor height of about 8' above normal summer pond level has had 2 1/2 feet of water in the cottage twice since 1930, the flood of 1936 and also of 1953.

The pond makes an ideal place to start a canoe trip down Crooked River to either McIntire Bridge or Route 118 to Norway. Anyone doing this will find out why the river gets its name.

By Raynor K. Brown

Waterford Historical Society Meetings 1987

April 9 Meeting at home of Oscar and Mary Andrews at North Waterford. Discussion of repairs and heating system for North Waterford building. cataloging of collections. sending delegates to Oxford County League of Historical Societies. condition of garden at Mary Gage Rice Museum and condition of Memorial benches at Werner Children's Park. These matters are to be taken care of in due time.

May 14 Meeting at home of Bill and Joan Fillebrown. It was decided to have necessary electrical work done at North Waterford. Gardening at Rice Museum done by Agnes Lahti. Raynor Brown has planted trees at N. W., one fir and one black spruce. Program: "Oxford Hills Then and Now". *Then* was a video tape of the logging industry "Stumps to Ship". *Now* was a video tape "The Best Kept Secret in Maine", of Maine industries which included ice harvesting at Keoka Lake. Some of the participants were easily identified. Several members brought "then and now" pictures and interesting memorabilia. Gifts received from Mr. Clyde Kimball, Ava Hunt.

June 11 Pot luck supper at North Waterford. All business reports on Werner Park benches, heater, window boxes at Rice Museum, need of replacing some window shades, addition of hand rail at entrance.

July 9 Pot luck supper at North Waterford. Two handrails have been installed by Raynor Brown and Oscar Andrews, so front entrance is much improved. Gifts from Walter "Bud" Hamlin (now deceased) were presented by Oscar Andrews. Margaret Sawyer submitted a letter of resignation as editor and compiler of the society's news letters. Mrs. Wheeler presented an excellent illustrated lecture of an African safari taken by seven members of her family.

August 16 Pot luck supper at North Waterford with the Finnish-American Heritage Society as guests. They presented several of their folk dances and piano duets. Some were dressed in native costumes and others in the society costume. There was also an interesting display of Finnish artifacts.

September 10 Pot luck supper at the North Waterford building. Business meeting. Gifts received from the family of Ober Kimball many and varied including valuable books, journals and documents. Also gifts from Mary Anne Durgin, and Alfred Wiles.

Mrs. Margaret Werner presented a most interesting lecture on "The Evolution of Jewelry Through the Ages." She displayed many examples of jewelry which she designed and created.

October 8 Meeting held a Bear Mt. Inn. Mrs. Werner reported benches at Werner Park have been refinished by Mr. Forrest Sawdo - no fee charged.

Gifts from:

Happy McDaniel - Flora Abbott's post master appointment document of 1932, Mr. & Mrs Charles Hamilton's daughter in their memory, and a letter written by Alice Flagg about her stay at Rydall Mount.

Agnes Lahti and William Fillebrown presented a program giving information about prices and values in the 1800's using account books kept by Mr. C. D. Morse and a detailed account of the evaluation of the estate of Mr. Chaplin.

November 12 Meeting at Wilkins House at Waterford Flat
It was decided the society would recess during January and February.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As my second year of being president of the Waterford Historical Society progresses, I would ask for some help.

No. 1 - I would like some help in inviting new people into our membership.

No. 2 - I would like some help in the tremendous task of cataloging our collection of artifacts.

No. 3 - Let's have some enthusiasm in accomplishing these requests. Come and join in. Our meetings are always the second Thursday evening, except January & February.

Joan Fillebrown

Sawyer's Keds Finish The Race

BOSTON - The Keds were soaked. Soaked, but still the closest thing to running barefoot that Margaret Merry Sawyer knows.

Sawyer, 73, of Waterford, ran Monday's Boston Marathon in 6 hours, 36 minutes. She ran the entire 26.2 miles in a 5-year-old pair of white Keds.

"My feet feel great," Sawyer said, "I jogged most of the way."

For Sawyer, Boston has been a lifelong pursuit. "Even way back in the '30s I think I saved some Boston Marathon articles, because I thought how great," she said. "And I kind of thought how wonderful it would be to run in it."

Sawyer, wearing bib number 312, started near the end of some 7,000 registered runners - and the several thousand more who jump in without qualifying. The crowd was so thick she said, it took 66 minutes for her to reach the 1-mile mark. "We had to walk," she said. "There was no place to go."

April 19, 1988

- Sara Hobson

Gifts:

Account book or ledger of Stanwood House in South Waterford 1873 given by Mr. David Erickson.

Bill Fillebrown presented a program about his grandfather's (C.D. Morse's) undertaking business at the turn of the century. All phases of the business were completely covered with facts, figures, and procedures all authenticated by material collected over a period of years. -A wooden casket was given to the society.

December 10 The meeting was held at the home of Robert and Mary Ross. Agnes Lahti was honored for her many years served as secretary of the society. She was presented a corsage and "toasted" with a napkin holder that looked like two pieces of toast. Rev. Donald McAllister presented a program on Norway, Maine, its business, buildings and progress made from 1786 to 1986. Refreshments served.

200 YEAR FARMS

Ceremonies for farm families, with farms that have been in the same family for at least 200 years, were held at the Agricultural Service Center on April 20.

Many thanks to the six families who were honored on this day. Also thank you to all who came to congratulate the recipients.

The farms honored were: Robinson-Parsons Homestead Farm, South Paris; Kimball Farm, Rumford; Record-Trundy Farm, Buckfield; Rice Hill Farm, Waterford; Young Farm, Buckfield; Jones Farm, North Waterford.

The ceremonies were planned by The Oxford County Food and Agriculture Council.



Lauris and Alma Millett

Waterford Couple Feted on 60th

Lauris and Alma Millett of Plummer Hill in Waterford celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

The couple was married at Waterford by Reverend Arthur Townsend and have made their home there ever since. They are the parents of four children, Veda Taker of South Paris, Curtis, David and Gilbert Millett, all of Waterford. They have 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The couple enjoyed a get-together of family and friends on Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Millett.

June 11, 1988

Join the Waterford Historical Society. Check appropriate category and mail to Box 2, Waterford, ME, 04088.

Name _____

Address _____

MEMBER CLASSIFICATION

_____ Life-Couple	\$75.00	_____ Senior Citizen	\$ 1.00
_____ Life	\$50.00	_____ Student	\$ 1.00
_____ Patron	\$25.00	_____ Sustaining	\$ 2.50
_____ Honorary	\$35.00	_____ Contributing	\$10.00

IN MEMORIAM

Jane W. Hammett, Life Member
Dorothy Davis, Life Member
Lawrence Lundstrom
Joseph Blackham
William S. Tacey, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Velma A. Thompson, Dryden
Mary Jacobson Emery

CURRENT MEMBERS

Mary U. and Oscar K. Andrews, N. Waterford
Eleanor Blackstone, S. Waterford
Helen and Philip Buchert, Waterford
Anita T. Cook, S. Paris
Orris Durgin, Bridgton
Vera M. Emerson, Norway
Dorothy Erickson, N. Waterford
Charles A. and Mary T. Fillebrown, Waterford
Elizabeth Foster, E. Waterford
Annie H. Gardner, S. Waterford
Mildred Glynn, Five Kezars and Bradenton, Fla.
Lillian Hendrick, N. Waterford
Merrylyn S. Hilton, E. Winthrop
Edith and Prentiss Kimball, S. Waterford
Marjorie and Hervey Kimball, N. Waterford
Gladys Knight, N. Waterford
Agnes Lahti, E. Waterford
Doris K. & D. Elford McAllister, N. Waterford
Irene and Curtis Millett, Waterford
Jennifer Millett, Waterford
Nancy Millett, Waterford
Maisie Murch, E. Waterford
Leona Perry, E. Weymouth, Mass.
Ginny Lou Raymond, Lynnfield, Mass.
Isabelle J. Rolfe, N. Waterford
Margaret M. Sawyer, Waterford
Sylvia Sebelist, Waterford
Margaret S. Werner, S. Waterford and Coconut Grove, Fla.

LIFE MEMBERS

Eva K. & Malcolm J. Bean, Waterford; George Brett, Cape Elizabeth & Waterford; Georgia & Raynor K. Brown, N. Waterford; Keith F. Brown, San Diego, Cal.; Royce F. Brown, Omaha, Neb.; Chapin & Virginia M. Cutler, Palo Alto, Cal.; A. L. Hammett (Tom), Madison, Ga.; Chester & Eleanor T. Howard, Attleboro, Mass.; Idamai (Betty) Howe, N. Waterford; John G. Howe, N. Waterford; Rachel R. Deans, S. Portland; Hazel DeMerritt, Saco; Stephen B. Dewing, Waterford; Joan & W. William Fillebrown, Waterford; Beatrice V. Fitts, East Hampton, Mass.; Linda H. Kilborn & D. Bruce Peterson, Berwyn, Penn.; Lois J. King, Waterford & West Haven, Ct.; John Klepinger, S. Waterford & Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Miriam S. Monroe, S. Waterford & Harrison; John C. & Karin N. O'Brien, Waterford & Old Deerfield, Mass.; Charlotte L. Orr, W. Trenton, N.J.; Richard Perkins, Norway & Redington Beach, Fla.; Albert H. Rice, Waterford; Ella E. Rice, Fairfield, Ct.; Mary & Robert Ross, Waterford; Ruth E. Rounds, Waterford & W. Haven, Ct.; Fred F. & Marjorie W. Stockwell, Waterford & Grantham, N.H.; Wm. F. & Sara G. Stockwell, Waterford & Deerfield, Mass.; Thora H. Wardwell, Five Kezars & Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Margaret F. & Wm. A. Wheeler, III, Waterford & West Boxford, Mass.; Angela Wiesman, Worcester, Mass.; Keith G. & Lieselotte H. Willoughby, Waterford & Waban, Mass.



Doctor Hubbard at work

Vern Maxfield, our former town clerk, was selected from a field of 14 applicants as town manager of Woodstock. We know that he will serve them as cheerfully and effectively as he did here.

Marjorie Kimball was recently honored by the Waterford Grange for 50 years of service. We proudly add our congratulations.

Recently Father Donald McAllister of Norway and several society members catalogued the Bisbeetown, Woodlawn and Elmvalle cemeteries. These records are now available at the No. Waterford Society museum.

THE DOCTOR'S WHIRLIGIG

The Doctor made a whirligig:
He made it for the kids:
He made it in the winter
Upon our lake's iced lid.
First, he took a solid post
About five feet long
Which he stood upright
In a hole chopped in the ice.
Then when the cold
Had hardened the ice around the post,
And the post was there to stay,
He fastened at the top
A long and slender birch tree
Its butt held by a bolt.
Then near the end that's slender
He fastened on a sleigh.
With this last maneuver
The whirligig was done.
Not quite, two things were needed
Power and the kid.
The kid was any child
Who happened to come by.
The power was a person
Stationed at the post
To push against the birch tree
Which held the sled and kid.
Faster yet and faster
Went the sled upon its path
Until the child would yell
For mercy, to slow the whole thing down
I don't know who had the most fun
The Doctor - or the kids.

Dedicated to the memory of
Dr. R. E. Hubbard

Virginia Tyler Cutler

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