

Sebago Historical Society Presents

Part 1 of

Early Stores and Industries



FITCH BROS. STORE, EAST SEBAGO, ME.

Cannot go to Portland this winter too cold.
Any snow over there? W. E. D. 1907

January 2003



*The LaGrove Sanborn Store
by the brook in East Sebago
was on the corner of Routes
114 and 11. Pictures were
taken in the 1920's.*



February 2003



In the late 1890's, in the Convene section of town, John F. Haley operated his photography shop in this building. Fred Usher ran his store at that same location from the mid 1940's to 1972. This property is currently owned by Brian O'Donnell and Sandy Putnam.



*Left:
J.F. Haley
is the
photographer
in this
photo.*



Photographed
BY
J. F. HALEY.
Convene, Maine.

March 2003

This property was known as Stacy's Store in Mud City. It was a general country store owned and operated by Harold (Stub) and Barbara Stacy from the 1930's through 1965. The buildings were built in 1877 by Joseph and S. H. Bickford. The Bickfords operated a store in what Stacys used as their garage. The property is presently owned by Richard and Alice Lutz.



Stacy's - Mud City 1939



Above: Betty Usher, 1949

Left: Stub's Grandson, 1966

Far Left: Stub Stacy, 1965



April 2003



William Fitch built the first grist mill and saw mill in Sebago near this stone bridge on Marriner Road in 1798. This location is now known as Mud City Pond at Sebago Center.

May 2003



This building in East Sebago known as the Hoot Owl was operated as a bakery by Will Martin in the '30's. It was later run as an ice cream parlor.

June 2003

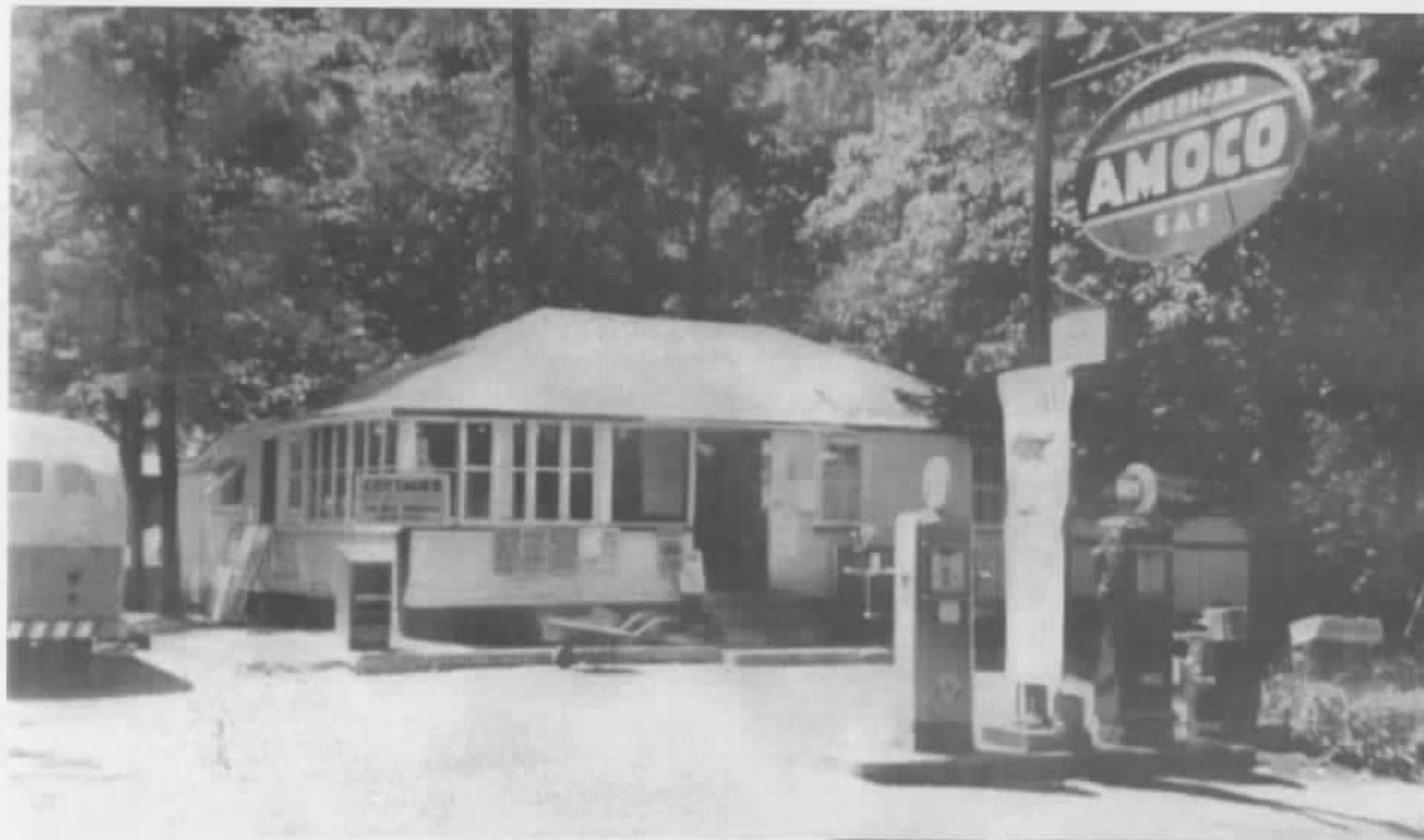
Early photo - 1910



Walter & Alice Batchelder operated an ice cream parlor at this site across from Nason's Beach in North Sebago from 1910 - 1932. It was run as a bakery/ convenience store by Dot Shaw in the late 1930's.



July 2003



Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Barnes ran this store in Long Beach in the mid 20's. It was sold to Ken and Dorothy Jordan in 1950. In 1957 it was purchased by Carroll and Barbara Cutting who are still operating it.



August 2003



What was known as Shaw's Store in North Sebago was built by George Robinson and was later sold to Irwin McKenney in 1910. He moved it to its present location where it burned in 1913. It was rebuilt in 1914. Chesley Shaw purchased it in 1922 and ran it until 1950. It has been run by several people and is now known as Gemme's.

Right: Store in 1919



September 2003



The only known commercial orchard in Sebago was started in the 1930's by Edward Douglas. The ownership changed in the 1940's to Robert Waterman, then to John Gyger. John and Ellen Lucy currently own and operate part of the original property.

October 2003

Late 1800's



Recent photo



This is an early blacksmith shop located up on the ridge (Hancock Pond Road) in West Sebago. It was later owned and operated by Louis Cressey from 1925 until his retirement. The building is still standing and is owned by a grand-nephew, David Chessey.

November 2003



Irish's Filling Station

Esso Gasoline

Atlas Batteries

Kawabe Motor Oils

INSPECTION STATION

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Maine

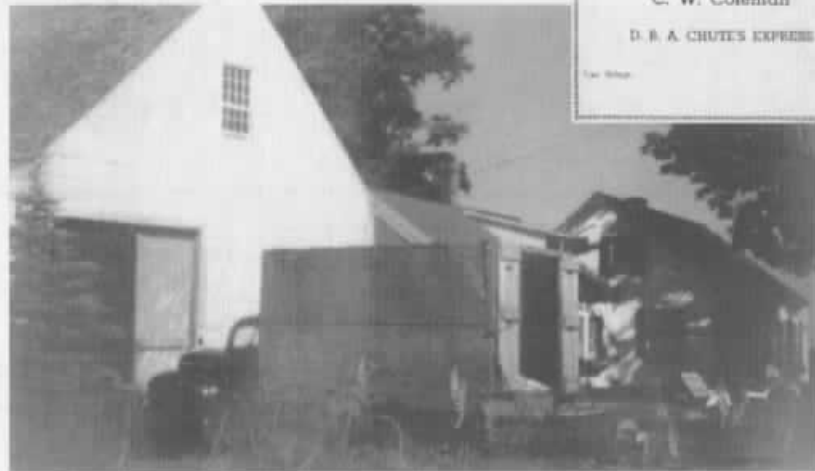


The Old Town Hall pictured on the left was owned by J. M. Young, and operated as a general store in 1877. The adjacent property was sold to James Young in 1864, later to Joseph Brown, and then to Mr. and Mrs. Clem Poor who ran it as a general store. Their daughter sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Irish who ran it as a garage and filling station. Present owners of this location in Mud City are Tiffany Townsend and Lisa McLaughlin.

December 2003



This garage in East Sebago was built by Raymond Harmon. Ben Hardy later owned and operated it as a garage for 29 years. his son-in-law, Leon Holbrook, ran it before selling to Nelson Peter, Sr. He sold it to Raymond Harmon, son of the first owner. It is presently owned by David Shea.



Property of
C. W. Coleman
 D. B. A. CHUTE'S EXPRESS
 Tax Dept. _____ Miles _____

Chute's Express, owned and operated by Lester Chute, ran a daily trucking business from Sebago to Portland. It was purchased by Charles Coleman in the mid-40's and was in operation until the early 60's.



This oil business was started by Lester and Ralph Irish in the mid-50's. It was later run by Ralph and his son, Charles. It was in operation approximately 20 years.



This antique shop was opened in 1950 by Frances (Mollie) Lane. Present owner of the building is Nancy Sosman.



Richard's Dairy Delight was opened in 1954 by Edward Richards with one ice cream machine and expanded into a thriving seasonal business. It was sold and is now owned and operated by Brian & Linda Coffey.





This building was Chester Wormhood's office for his garage business in the 1920's. In 1960, it became Ruth Shaw's Beauty Shop and is still in operation by Ruth today.



In 1946, Betty Paine opened a gift shop in this little cabin. Having out-grown its space after two years, the business moved next door to the farmhouse. In 1952, her mother continued this business.



This store was originally built and operated as Anderson's Texaco Station. It has been operated as a snack bar, grocery store and many other businesses. Formerly known as Corner Cooler, it is presently named Sebago Outdoors and is owned and operated by Tom and Trevor Clow.



The business was started by Dorothy Jordan in the early 50's. The office is now owned by her nephew Steve Titcomb and his wife Elaine.



Carl's Boathouse East Sebago, Maine



Bunk & Carl Martin at old boathouse
East Sebago Maine

The famous Sebago boats were first built in the early 1900's by Carlton D. Martin in this building which he erected. He continued building boats at this same location into the 1940's. There was a dance hall upstairs. Music for dancing was provided by Nellie Cartret at the piano, Edson Brown on drums and Oscar Martin on the fiddle.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed toward this calendar with photographs and information, which is as accurate as we can determine.

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