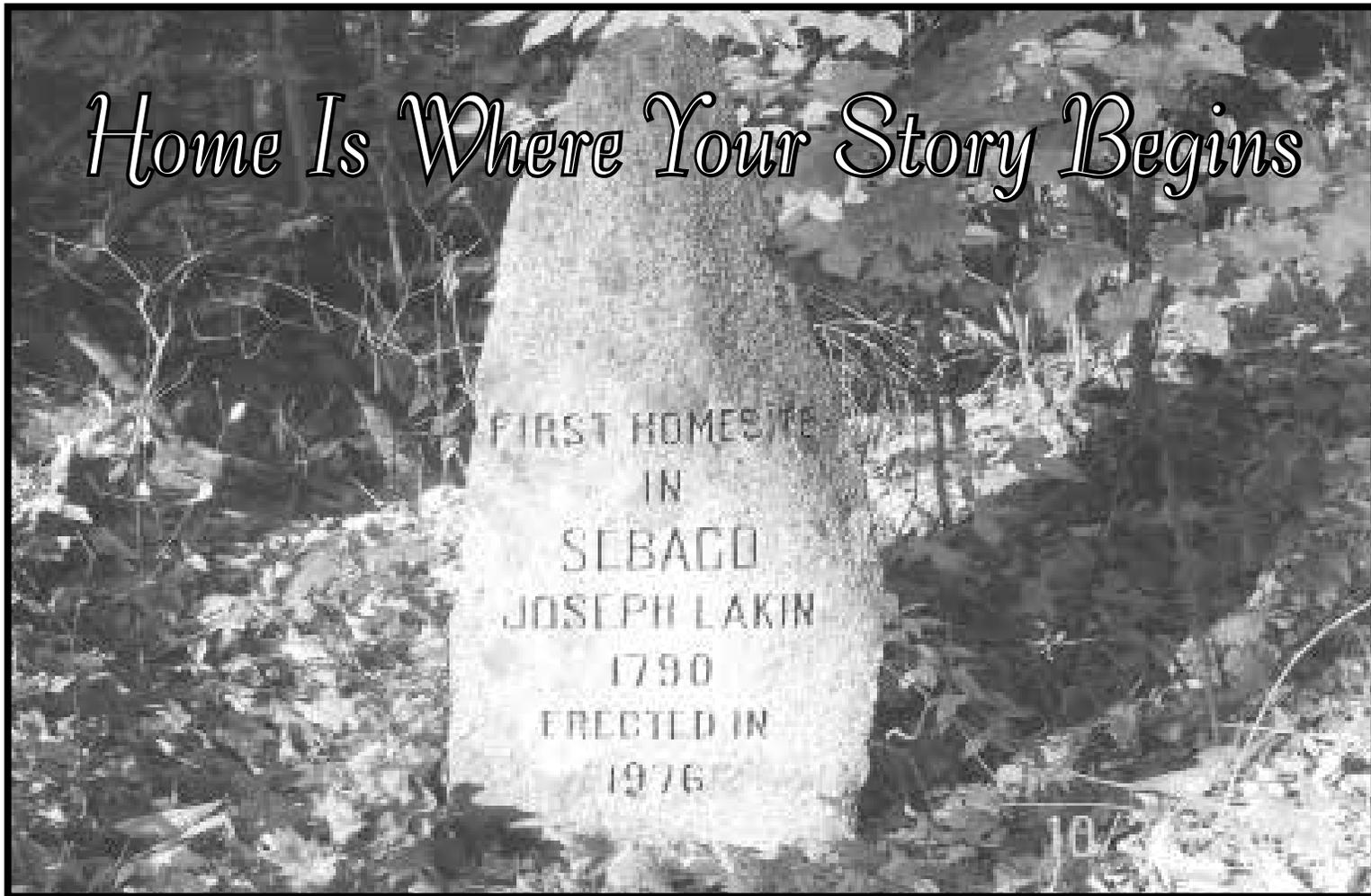




Sebago Historical Society Presents

Old Homes of Sebago PART II

Home Is Where Your Story Begins



2009 CALENDAR 2009



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Below: The Bliss home on Route 114 in North Sebago is also known as the caretakers cottage for camp O-AT-KA. This also is believed to have been built in the early nineteen hundreds.



*How cozy rests
each little home
Knee-deep
in drifts of snow;
Smoke curling up
from chimneys
Adds to the
friendly glow.*

Below: The present home on Pink Street (Rt. 11) of Barbara Thorne was built in the 1800's by John and Clara Hill. For several years it belonged in the Hill family. It was later sold to a Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Watt, and then to Mr. & Mrs. Everett Peabody. Manville and Barbara Thorne bought it in 1951.



Above: This home, known as the Bunker Place, at Mac's Corner was built circa 1850, Guy and Lennie Lewis purchased the home from Julia Bunker Poor with a down payment of \$250. A balance of \$250 was charged at an interest rate of 5%. Present owners are Charles and Dena Lewis Lord.



Right: This house had the first telephone office in town. Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ward were the first owners. Other owners were George and Florence Sanborn, and Lionel and Sarah Burnell. The Burnell's son, Francis, along with his wife, Rachel, inherited the property. Their daughter, Carole Whitten and her husband Larry are the present owners.

Home is an invention on which no one has yet improved.

Ann Douglas



Above: The Nelson and Fanny Wentworth home was built around the turn of the century. It was later owned by Roy and Ruth Wood. In 1950, it was sold to Warren and Roby Bachelder. The homestead burned in 1955. After the fire, a new home was built where Roby Dyer still lives today.



Above: The picture of the Regis Cottage was taken in 1914. It was built in the early part of 1900 at the corner of the Sandy Beach Road (Folly Road) and Rt. 114 in North Sebago. Present owners are David and Eleanor Cassidy.



Right: The present site of Sebago's Veteran's Memorial Park was this summer home of Miss Lura Fitch for many years. Later it was sold to Harold and Muriel Butler. It remained vacant for several years. The house was sold to Copp Movers to be restored for his daughter. Unfortunately, it was involved in an accident and destroyed enroute.

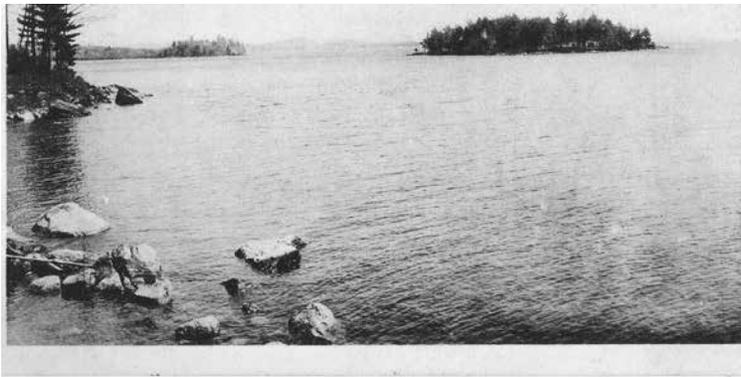


Above: This is a recent picture of the old White Brothers' Farm on Poor's Hill. It is listed on the map of 1871 as the James Boulter place. It is believed to have been built in the mid 1800's. In 1926, the farm was the largest in the Hillside area. The brothers, Grover and Leon, lived here with their sisters, Annie and Mame. Daniel Axtman purchased the property and raised his three children here. His son, Christopher, now owns the homestead.

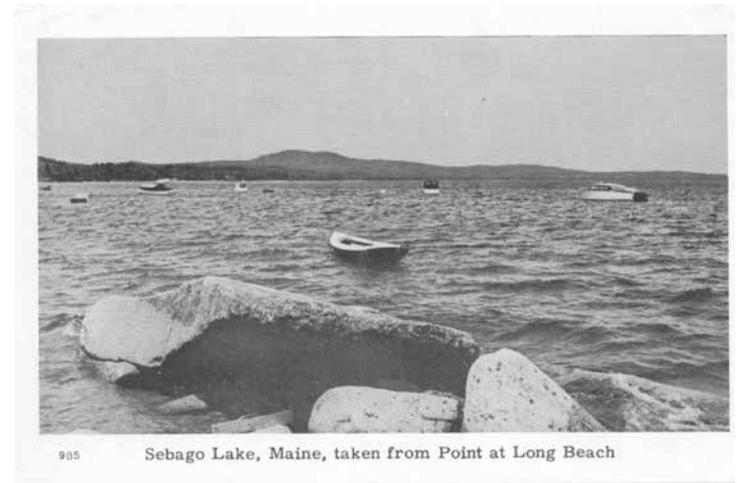


*No matter under what circumstances you leave it, home does not cease to be home.
No matter how you live there - well or poorly.*

Joseph Brodsky



Left: This was the home of Rufus Shaw built around 1900. Donald and Louise Gardiner lived there for many years. The present owners are unknown.



Above - This was the home of Alonzo and Francena Tibbs Burnell. Eleven Burnell children were raised here. The property came under the ownership of the town. This property, on Rt. 114 in North Sebago, is no longer standing.

Left - At the foot of Shaw Hill was the home of J. Albert Gregory which was built in the late 1800's. This property was later owned by his son, Vernie, and is now owned by his son, Elroy.



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*When you're safe at home you wish you were having an adventure;
when you're having an adventure you wish you were safe at home.*

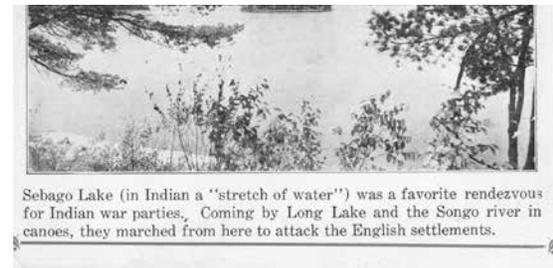
Thornton Wilder



Above: On the backside of Peaked Mountain was the home of Hartley Clough. Future owners were Benjamin Thron, Hebron Adams and C. Lowell Barnes. The farm burnt to the ground in the early 1970's.



Above: The building pictured is presently known as the Camp O-AT-KA Farm House. It was purchased from Jesse Burnell in 1906 by E. J. Dennen. The narrow dirt road shown is now known as Rt. 114 through North Sebago.



Sebago Lake (in Indian a "stretch of water") was a favorite rendezvous for Indian war parties. Coming by Long Lake and the Songo river in canoes, they marched from here to attack the English settlements.

Right: In the Kimball Corner section of North Sebago, is the home of Charles and Cora Sanborn which was built around 1900. Millard and Marjorie Tripp lived there for several years. Valerie Duffy presently resides here.



Above -Kosko Cottage, known as one of the oldest cottages in Long Beach, was built around the early 1900's. Mr. Kosko was a Boston furrier who summered here. The living room of this cottage has the unique matchstick boards on the walls and ceiling. Donald Cross owned the property for several years and later sold it to Richard and Irene Bragdon, Irene presently resides here.

There's nothing half so pleasant as coming home again. - Margaret Elizabeth Sangster



Above: This property is located in the No. Sebago section of town, on the Burnell Road. Early owners of the homestead were Edward and Georgia McKenney Sanborn. It is believed to have been built in the mid-1800's. It was later owned by their daughter, Cora Sanborn. Philip and Carlene Burnell raised their two children there. Their daughter, Gaye, inherited it.



Above: Located in the Hillside area of Sebago is the old Merrifield Place. Sarah Merrifield passed this property on to son Loren and he passed it on to his son, Percy, in 1926. Percy and his wife Edith raised their six children here. Percy passed away in 1941 and the house remained empty for many years. Robert and Lillian Potter purchased the property and made it their home for thirty years. Lillian sold the home in 1999 to Kurt Hoeft.



Above: The Amrheim home in East Sebago, on the shore of the lake, was built in the early 1900's. Lyman Cousins was one of the original owners. It later became the property of Miliken Jarboe. The Harold and Lillian Amrheim family rented it for a couple of years and purchased it in 1946. It is now owned by their son, Marc.



Left: The William and Gladys Bachelder home in North Sebago was located on Route 114. In the early 1950's, there was a tragic fire where three lives were lost. Two cottages were built on that site. The Bachelder's daughter, Muriel, and husband, Harold Butler, made one of them their home.



Although we have no actual date when this home was built, it is believed to be in the early 1900's. According to the Sebago Town Chronicle it states Lester and Edna Chute acquired this property in North Sebago from a Portland Hardware Concern. The previous owners were unable to pay their debts on merchandise purchased for remodeling. Raymond Southgate bought the property from the Chutes and resided here many years. It is now the home of Deborah Howard.



Where we love is home, home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



Left: Known as the old Louis Sanborn place at Kimball's Corner in North Sebago is the present home of Neal & Patricia Graffam. It is believed to have been built in the early 1870's. Louis passed ownership to his son, Robert. Brian & Leanne purchased the home in 1962 and lived there until 2001.

The photo at the right was taken in 1910. This property, in North Sebago, was owned by Lot Nason. It was located on the spot where the main building of Sebago Lake Cottages is now. This building was moved across the road down in the Bachelder Brook area and is presently owned by Mary Armondi.



Right: On the map of 1871, this property is shown to belong to the Blake family. It is believed to have been built in the early to mid 1800's. Frank and Free love Russell were future owners. The home was vacant for several years. Page Stearns is its present owner.



Above: The last home on the left side of Winn Mountain Road is this early John Winn Farm. The earliest date on a Winn Cemetery stone is 1839 - that being a son of John Winn. Kate Elliott purchased the homestead in 1905 and after twenty years her daughter, Ethel Hendrickson, took ownership. Ethel sold the property in 1962 to William Rines. In 1968, WCSH-TV built their tower here, selling the building to Russell Lowd. Calvin & Marilyn Coburn now call this their home.



There's nothing half so pleasant as coming home again. - Margaret Elizabeth Sangster



Left: This property originating from the Thomas Nason family became known as the Margaret Olson cottage and is now owned by Thomas Mullins. The cottage is located on Nason's Beach where the waters flow into Sebago Lake. Previous owners, the McCarthy's, bought the bandstand that stood in the ballfield at the beach, and had it incorporated into the building.



Above: Eben L. Newcomb built this home on the Hancock Pond around 1840. It was later remodeled by Henry Ross, who resided there for many years. The home has had many owners. In the late 1970's, or early 1980's, Thomas Dodge was its owner when it was struck by lightning and burned. William Paulin built a small home on its site that is presently owned by Tristan and Nicole Smith.



This is the old Frank Jewell Homestead on Hogfat Hill. Pictured on the porch are members of the Jewell family. It is believed that the home was built in the mid 1800's. It was later owned by William and Bessie Cushman. It stood unoccupied for many years and deteriorated to the point it couldn't be restored. William Pelletier built a home on the property that was later owned by the Slocum family. In 1986 Gertrude Harvu and Sandra Stewart purchased the property from the Jordan family and reside there still.

Right: Brookside Cottage, in North Sebago, is located on the left side of Nason's Brook where it leads into Sebago Lake. James Nason is its present owner. The cottage was built around 1903. It has stayed in the Thomas Nason family throughout the years.





Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to.

John Ed Pierce



ON A CANOE TRIP. CAMP O-AT-KA. EAST SEBAGO, ME

Above: On the old Rt. 114, now known as Fitch Road, is the home of Chiyo Clancy. It was known as the old Ed Hines Place and was owned by many families before Everett and Chiyo Clancy purchased it in the 1950's.



Above: This two family home was lost to a fire in 1926. It was located in the Kimball's Corner section of North Sebago, right beyond the Staples-Ward Cemetery. This picture was marked M. Ward and son at Ward's Corner, so it is safe to believe that these were the owners of the duplex. Marcell and Helen Ward and their son, Ellery and his wife Eva, resided here.



Above: Located on the Robinson Hill Road in the Convene section of town was this home. An old map shows it as the J. Wentworth property, and there is a Wentworth cemetery there. Listed as being built in 1825, Bernice Billings owned the home for many years. Her niece, Nancy Billings, inherited the property and sold it to Erland and Margaret Wentzell in 1967. In 2000, they sold the home to Marianne Athanasios. Sadly the homestead burned, but was rebuilt by Marianne and her husband, Steve.



Above: Near the Baldwin line on the Dyke Mountain Road is believed to be the old homestead of Joshua L. Usher. Later it became the home of Harry Douglass. A future owner was Ralph Wilkinson. Michael Langadas and his family reside there today.



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A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.
George Moore

Rich Haley built this home around the turn of the nineteenth century. Located on the Convene Road, it was the residence of Harry and Herberta McKenney for many years. After Herbie's passing in 1998, Sara Sprague became its owner.

On the shores of Sebago Lake, overlooking Spider Island, is the old Taylor Cottage. Sisters Elizabeth and Edith owned the property for many years. Edith Taylor passed this cottage on to her nephew John Shepard, Elizabeth's son.



This home at the top of Poor's Hill in Hillside is presently owned by Michael and Kelly Kipikas. The homestead was built in 1792, making it one of the oldest in Sebago. Jonathon and Ruth Poor were the first generation to reside here. It was then passed down through three more generations of Pooors. During this time the third story was added. Michael and Kelly have mde extensive upgrades. It is presently known to all as the Poor Farm.



George Washington Burnell built this homestead in the early-to-mid 1800's. It is located on the Kimball's Corner Road in North Sebago. His daughter and her husband, Clara and William Bennett Shaw, took ownership and later passed the property on to their daughter, Myrtle Edwards. Myrtle's son, Lloyd and wife Elsie, raised their family here. Elsie still lives in the home.



In Convene, is the old Dyer Homestead which was built in 1860. A son, Will Dyer, lived here until his death in 1948. His wife, Bertha, sold the home to the Nazarine Church, to be used as their parsonage. Stephen Coonrod acquired the property from the church, and lived there until 2007. Presently, its owners are James and Kathleen Leavitt.

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*Home, the spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest*

Robert Montgomery



Left: This photo of the Robinson Farm was taken in 1907. First owners were Ralph Shaw, Rev. Eells and Calvin Nicholas. When the home burned in the nineties it was owned by Peter Harmon. The old building on the right was moved to its present location and operated as Shaw's Store, presently known as Gemmes.



Above: Christopher and Heather O'Donnell live in this home behind the Spaulding Memorial Library. William McDonald built the house in 1907. William and his wife, Myrtie, raised their son Ellsworth here. Ellsworth sold the property to his Aunt Lillian Bliss. It was later owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McLucas.



Above: Located on the Anderson Road in North Sebago is the home of Jeffery and Vanessa Wallace. Although the builder is unknown, it was built in 1899 to be used as a boarding house. The second story has seven bedrooms and some of the original boarding house numbers are still visible on these bedroom doors. Previous known owners were Lena Richardson, Vita Caggiano and the MacGregor family.

Right: At the intersection of Routes 11 and 114 is the LaGrove Sanborn home. His daughter Eva, grandson Gordon, and Gordon's wife Barbara, lived here and ran the East Sebago Post Office for many years. LaGrove's great-grand daughter, Joan Baillargeon, is its present owner.





Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go.
Robert Frost



Left: This bungalow at Camp O-AT-KA, on the shores of Lake Sebago, was built in 1907. It was the first building which was built on the property and used as its headquarters.



Right: This old homestead on the Convene Road, built in 1850, was known as the Chester Neil house. It's presently owned by Andrew Plummer.



Left: On the Winn Mt. Road, on the right, is the old Dr. C. A. Dennett place. It is now owned by Eileen Buuck.



Above: Harry Fitch had this house built at the foot of Long Hill in East Sebago. It was known as the Goerge Wade home. It has had several occupants over the past years. The story goes that at one time a filling station in North Sebago was traded for this house. Current owner is John Schrader.



*Laughter, love and kindness;
Each one plays a part
In spreading Christmas
through the house
As well as to the heart.
- Lucille King*



Above: This cottage at Long Beach was the first location of Camp O-AT-KA in 1906. It has been said that the building was moved from E. Sebago village to its present location.

The cottage was the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Baldwin. Jack Currier purchased the property from the Helmold's who operated The Beeches, a function hall. Mr. Currier's daughter, Claire O'Shea is its present owner.

Above: Entering Long Beach, is this cottage which is owned by David Clift. Mr. Stockman was one of its previous owners. Known to be one of the older cottages, the actual building date is unknown.



Left: On the Robinson Hill Road, in the Convene section of town, is the house known as the Fred Robinson Homestead. His daughter, Edith, and her husband, Joseph Hamlin, lived there many years. It is currently owned by their grandson, Frank, and his wife Julie McClaire.



Above: A recently renovated home on Pink Street (Rt 11) in East Sebago, built c. 1900 by Carl Martin, is now owned by Kevin and Bridgett Osgood.

*People that live at the end of Dirt Roads
learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.*

by Paul Harvey



Above: An early settler of Sebago, Andrew Douglass, cleared land on Peaked Mountain and built this homestead in 1835. It remained in the family until it burned in 1948. Pictured above are Andrew's son, Charles; grandson, John; and great-grandson, Merle.

Right: This property was located on the Sandy Beach Road. John and Irene White purchased it from Josiah Milliken in 1866. Their son and wife, John and Celestia, took possession of the property and raised 10 children there. One of the younger sons, Leon, is shown driving the team. The building was torn down in 1929.



Above: The Gray Homestead on Convene Road was burned in 1992. It's believed to have been built in the late 1800's by Alvin and Rose Gray. Their son, Herbert, and Elsie raised their six children there. The land is currently owned by Jeffrey Harriman.



Bless these homes with love & laughter.



Right: Down in the valley on the Long Hill Road was the home of William H. Martin. His daughter, Lillian Bliss, was the owner when it burned in the early 1950's. The barn survived the fire, and the MacDonald family bought it and remodeled it into a private home.



Above: The Wilson Shaw home in East Sebago burned in the 1980's. A foundation was constructed on the property, but no house was ever built.



Right: Located at the foot of Long Hill, on the left, was the Harry Sawyer house. The original old house had been known as The Ghost House or The Bedbug House. The place was extensively remodeled, and later burned. A new house is on the same site.



Above: The old Howard White place on Rte 107 was built circa 1840 by Alonzo Richardson. Howard purchased the property in 1904, and shortly afterward added a large barn. It was one of the town's larger farms. In 1977, the entire homestead burned. Two years later, Howard's son, Philip, built a duplicate of the original home, except for the barn. A smaller barn was added in 1980. It is now known as the Mayberry Farm.

The most important work you and I will ever do, will be within the walls of our home.

Harold Lee



This home was built by Daniel Hill, one of the town's pioneers. Daniel married Polly Lakin, a daughter of one of Sebago's earliest settlers. He built the house in 1827. It remained in the Hill family until 1915. Past owners were Fred Brown, Mabel Heller, Frances Lane, and the Pierce family. Clyde Pierce sold it in 1998 to Nancy Sosman.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this calendar.

Part I consisted of existing homes and cottages which are over 100 years old.

The 2009 calendar, Part II, consists of the remaining existing old homes which were known to us.

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