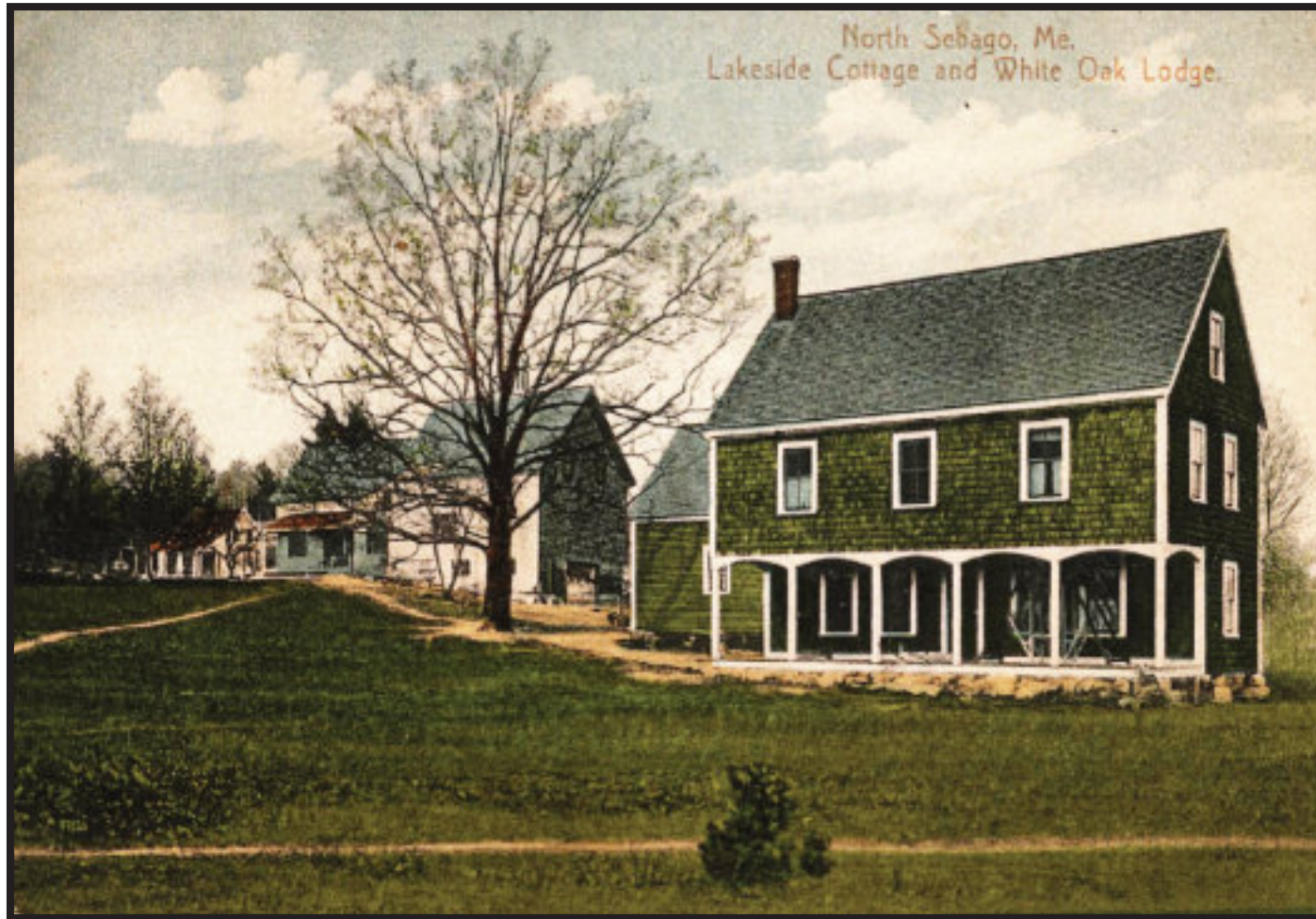


# SEBAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



## NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEBAGO NORTH SEBAGO 2018

# January 2018

J.H. (Joseph Hannibal) Bacheldor and wife Carrie turned their farm into Lakeside Cottage in the late 1800s and began taking in summer guests. He is listed as a retail grocer in the 1880 census and by 1884 was running a store and Post Office with brother Loren. This was in a small building located along the road to the right of the picture. Later JH (better known as Uncle Hant) and Carrie began taking in boarders at Lakeside Cottage. The property was sold to Clayton Barnes after JH died. The home was purchased by WH Nason & wife Yvonne in 1968, and Bill has run his construction business for many years from here.

## *Lakeside Cottage*



## *White Oak Lodge*

Cover photo

To the left is another former North Sebago inn, White Oak Lodge, located right next to Lakeside Cottage. Both of these landmarks are beside the ballfield and had access to the white sandy beach area, now known as Nason's Beach, which has attracted summer visitors and locals alike for more than 150 years.

# February 2018

The ballfield, located between Gemme's Store and W.H. Nason, was the center of activity in the early 1900's. Young men who worked hard on the family farm or were engaged in a family business had fun participating in the games that took up the warm weather months. The Sebago boys had to walk to their away games, or would row their boats down to Sebago Lake Station to play at the Otter Pond field. They were dedicated enough to do this, and then, tired or not, play the game.



Photo at right is the team of 1912 - front, official scorer for the team, Ned Stickney. 2nd row from LT-Percy Bachelder, unknown, Walter Paine, Ervin McKenney, Guy Shaw. Rear-from LT-Bill Bachelder, Ralph Merrill, William, unknown, Art Bachelder, Clark Stevenson.

Photo above 1914 - standing Leonard Doyle, unknown, Sam Cox, Fred Small, unknown, Percy Bachelder, Art Bachelder. Seated -Ervin McKenney, Ned Stickney, Ralph Merrill.

# March 2018



Levi Shaw was born in Sebago in 1858. He built a small house across from what would later become nephew Chet's store. He made his living as a guide in the fishing and wild-life business. Well known in the area, he used his launch boat to ferry passengers out to the steamships that were too large to come into the landing at Nason's Cove. As depicted in the photo at the left, he also took passengers up the Crooked River and through the Songo Locks, stopping along the way for refreshments. The photo was taken in the area of the State Park building.

# April 2018



Island View Camp at left, named for the view of Spider Island, was another of Will Nason's cottages built on the shore in North Sebago. It was located across from Sandy Beach Rd, but is no longer there. Pictured on the porch is Helen Paine and her cousin Fannie 1915.

Bluebird Cottage was built by George Waters for his wife Clara, when their first cottage, Oriole, had overflowed with their children and families. Betty, Dotty, & Belle, and mother Isabel Paine, the Water's daughter, are planting a garden below. The name Oriole indicated that the Waters family was from Baltimore.



Below is Camp Nokomis, named as such by Fred B Kelsey, who bought it in 1921. It was along the water, next to Bachelor Brook. Fred and Cora Kelsey's daughter Margaret married Herbert G. Jones, author of "Sebago Lake Land," an early history of the lakes area. The cottage was owned for many years by the Lockwood family, it is now owned by Don Martini and family.

## *Nason Homestead*

Daniel Nason bought this land from one of the original Flintstown proprietors, Henry Gardner, in 1855. It was a gore lot on the shore of Sebago Lake considered to be approximately 50 acres. In 1884 the property passed to Daniel's son, Thomas. By the late 1890's Thomas' son, Will was helping with the farm and in 1899 married Evie Bachelder. They raised their seven children here. Will realized early on that there was money to be made from the folks who came north to enjoy the beauty of the area. He constructed cabins along the shore and rented them to these rusticators. The shallow cove next to his farm was used as a steamboat landing for many years. Summer guests would take the train to Sebago Lake Station and then travel on the steamboats to their destinations.



Photo to the left is damage to the bridge over Nason's Brook on RT 114 caused by the infamous Cloudburst of 1939. It cut a path through the area and wreaked havoc in many small communities, washing out roads and bridges.

*May 2018*

*June 2018*



*Brookside Cottage at  
Nason's Cove*



These photos are of Brookside Cottage, next to Nason's Brook, where the steamboat landing was located. Brookside was another of Will Nason's cottages and was right next to his farmhouse. His cows grazed here as well, as shown in the top right photo. This was a busy place in the summer, with many folks paddling in and around the cove and brook area.





Below are two women waiting for the boat. The photo, part of Ola Washburn's album, was labeled "mama" with an arrow pointing to the woman on the left. If so, it would have been Nellie Burnell.

To the right is the steamboat Songo docking in North Sebago. It was small enough to dock at the landing. This picture was taken before it was converted to diesel.



## *Steamboat Landing*

# *July 2018*

George W Shaw was the brother of Levi Shaw, the fish and game guide featured in March. In the 1910 census George was listed as a steamboat captain. His brother-in-law, Lewis Frank Ward, was a steamboat engineer.

Another North Sebago resident, Wilson Burnell, was the engineer on the steamer "Miles Standish." Census records show that he had begun his career as the cook.





# August 2018

## Norbago Farm



Norbago Farm was the home of the Paine Family. Walter and Isabel bought the farm in 1939 from Ellen McKenney, widow of William P. He was the nephew of George McKenney, former postmaster. The Paines were from Springfield, MA and had summered here since 1909. The family moved here year round in 1942 after the three girls were grown. They opened the Laughing Loon Lodge in the main house, which was operational from 1948 to 1956.

At left are Belle and Betty Paine helping to grade the road, RT 114, with Will Nason's horse Libby. Belle Niles and Betty Sawyer have contributed much to the community over the years.



## *Oriole Cottage*

# *September 2018*



Oriole Cottage was built in 1909 for George Waters who was a lumber dealer from Baltimore, MD. He and wife Clara came to Sebago in 1902 and rented Camp Hiawatha from Will Nason. George bought land from Will a few years later and had Oriole built. His extended family all spent summers there. The cottage became quite bustling after daughter Isabel married Walter Paine and had 3 young girls running about.

Below is one of the Waters girls watching Will Nason's cows grazing on the lawn around 1909. They called this their summer lawn mower.



Photo at left is George Waters enjoying his favorite pastime. Salmon were plentiful in those days and were a big draw to Sebago Lake.



# October 2018

With land purchased from Thomas and Will Nason, Charles Washburn started building an Inn for overnight guests. He and wife Mabel ran the inn, expanding a few times. Charles was also involved with travelling shows and apparently liked this lifestyle more than the one in Sebago. He left Mabel for good in 1921 and moved to Texas to pursue this profession. Mabel struggled to keep the inn going, but it went through foreclosure in 1933. During its heyday, Mabel had opened the dining room to the public and was well known for her home-cooked meals. The Red Sox baseball team even came for supper while they were staying at a nearby resort.

## Lakecroft Inn



## *Goodwin's Lodge*



## *November 2018*

The Lakecroft Inn was bought by Frank and Ethel Goodwin in 1935 after the foreclosure. They renamed it Goodwin's Lodge and added the bungalow cabins along the back of the property. The dining room provided summer jobs for many young ladies of Sebago throughout the years. Even after the Lodge itself closed, the dining room remained open for Sunday brunch for many years.

The Washburn, as it was known, was part of the original Lakecroft Inn and was the home of Frank and Ethel. After their deaths it became the property of their daughter Patricia and her husband Chet Merritt. It's been in the family ever since and is now the home of son Richard Merritt.



# December 2018

## Winter Activities



Cutting ice for use in homes and stores was a necessary task and one that required skill and good judgement. Above is Will Nason with sons Charlie and Roy. To the lower right is another team cutting ice: Will Nason, Walter Bacheldor, Uncle Hant (JH) Bacheldor and Charlie Nason.

Top right is a large group of folks ice fishing at Muddy River in 1916. From the left is Charles Washburn, Myrtle Shaw w/ Mildred in buggy, Edna Harmon, Ola Burnell, Mame Bacheldor, Clara Shaw, William Hart, Bert Stewart w/ chisel (he was the Cox's chauffer), Bill Coudou. On the sled Fannie Wentworth is sitting, Marian Allen standing. Edna and Ola skated over from Mabel Washburn's Lakecroft Lodge.



# *North Sebago Baseball Field*



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