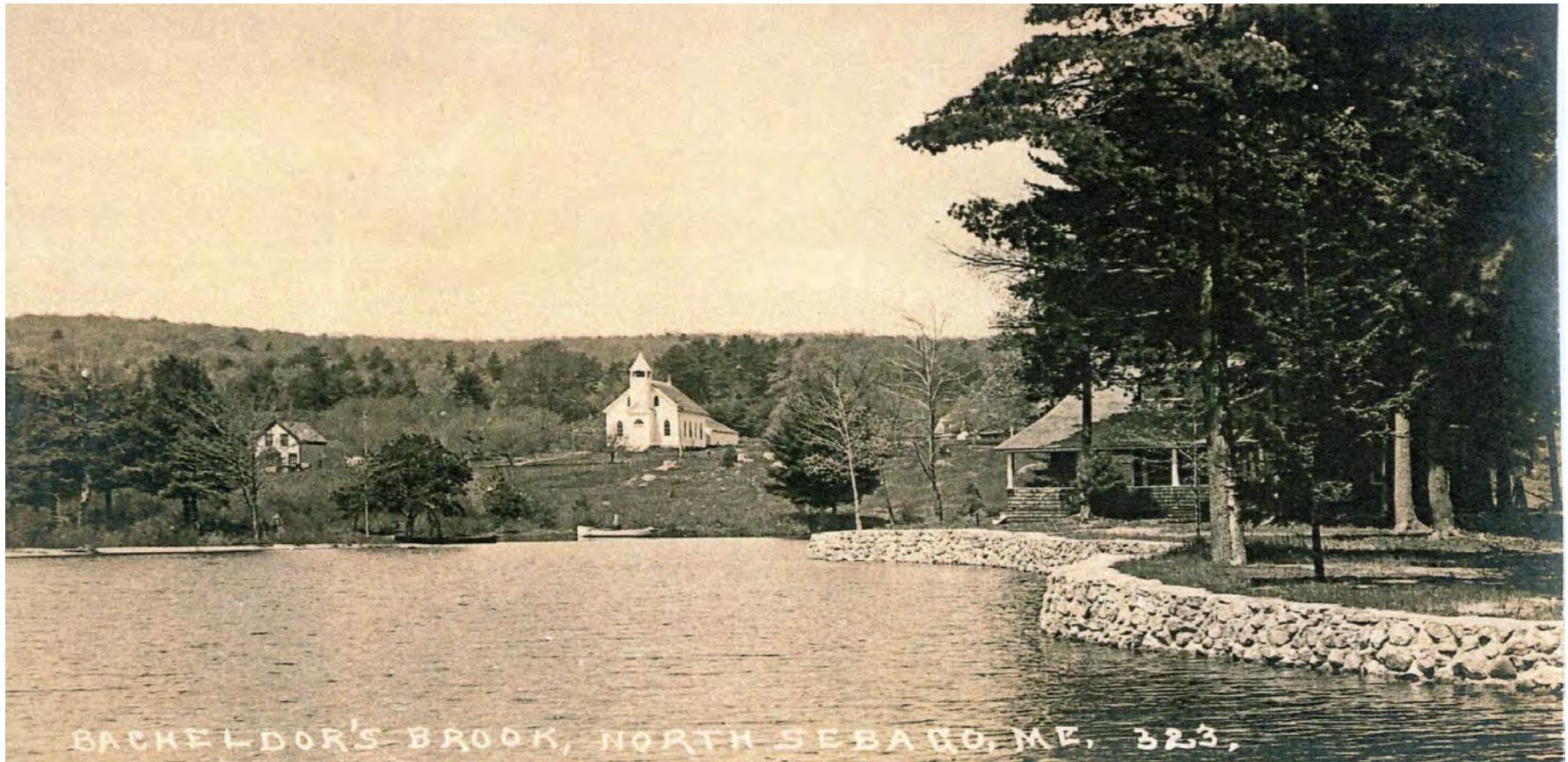


# SEBAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS



## NEIGHBORHOODS OF SEBAGO KIMBALL CORNER ROAD 2019

# January 2019

## Carrie Bachelder Led the Way

Mrs Carrie Bachelder was instrumental in establishing the Methodist Church in North Sebago. In 1898 Rev. Henry A Peare of the Naples church began holding services at the North Sebago schoolhouse. Five years later Carrie purchased land and in April of that year rock was blasted on the site. By August the building was complete, and the bell hung. A Dedication Service was celebrated on August 30, 1903. Carrie led the way in her official capacity as a Trustee, the only woman on a board of 8. Two others were from Sebago - Plantville Larrabee and Ezra McKenney. The other 5 men were from Naples and all had close family ties with North Sebago residents.

The Ladies' Aid was organized in 1936 to support the North Sebago Methodist Church. Meeting at the home of Rosie



Bachelder were friends, neighbors and family - Lizzie Shaw, Avis Wood, Myrtle Edwards, Mamie Bachelder, Marian Nason, Irma Bachelder, Gladys Bachelder, Marie Bachelder and Muriel Bachelder. The group is still active today, sponsoring craft fairs and public suppers.

### *North Sebago Methodist Church dedication, Aug 30, 1903*

*On the back of the photograph, name are listed left to right as: Fred Robinson, James Sellers, Paris Ward, Francis Ward, Mrs TT (Catherine) Allan, Francena Burnell, Nell McKenney, Mrs Charles Jones, Julia Shaw, Helen Jones, Wallace Shaw, Carrie Bachelder (blurred face) Flora Shaw, Cora McKenney, Abram Ward, Sarah Ward, Fannie Anderson, Everett Anderson.in in father's arms (Albert Anderson) Four girls in front: Lila Bacheldor, Edna Bacheldor, Vera Thompson, unknown girl. In doorway Joseph Bachelder, Reverand McFarland, Osborne Shaw, Bill McKenney.*

# February 2019

On September 22, 1946, Rev. Earnest Eells conducted the Sunday evening services at the North Sebago Church. He had been honorably discharged from the U S Army in July of that year after several years of service overseas as chaplain and held the rank of Lieut. Colonel. Much of the time he spent in Italy. During his time there, some of the soldiers captured a quantity of bronze intended for use in making enemy shells. At the suggestion of Mr. Eells and several other chaplains, some of the boys converted this metal into several lovely crosses, which they used at their Army Services. It was one of these crosses which he presented to the North Sebago Church in memory and honor of John Gregory of this church who gave his life for his country in France during WWII and who received a citation for bravery. Mr. Eells' name is inscribed on the back of the cross, while on the front, the cross bears the name of John Gregory. The cross now adorns the altar of the Church, a significant reminder of "a very fine young man."

*The vases on either side of the cross are brass shell casings that Rev. Eells also brought back with him.*



*March 2019*

*Anderson's Cabins and Kitchenettes*



Located next to the North Sebago Methodist Church, the first of the Anderson's Cabins and Kitchenettes was built in the late 1940s by Harold (Chubb) Anderson of North Sebago. Chubb's wife Marion wanted him to build them, and she ran them as a family business. Two more were added in 1954 and 1955, and the four-unit motel was built in the fall of 1965. They were owned by this Anderson family until around 1980, then sold to a Robert Anderson, no relation. They stayed open until the early 1990s, then were sold to the church, which sold the cabins and used the land to add on to their parking lot.

## *Batchelder's Boarding House*

# *April 2019*



Percy and Irma (Dearborn) Batchelder lived here with Percy's mother, Rosie Batchelder after his father Mark died. Rosie Batchelder held the Boston Post Cane as Sebago's oldest resident from 1950-1956. When she died at age 95 she had been a widow for 60 years. Her husband Mark was a Civil War veteran and Rosie received a widow's pension. She ran this boarding house with her son and daughter in law for several years.

Percy and Irma were married in 1922 after Percy served in the US Army during WW I. He worked as a registered guide on Sebago Lake. From 1923-1925 the couple operated their home as a boarding house. Mr Batchelder went into the trucking business, and also served as road commissioner for about 15 years. Irma, a native of West Baldwin, taught at the North Sebago school for a short time after her marriage. She was substitute postmistress for 31 years, and when she became postmistress in 1964, the post office was moved to her home until 1972 when Lillian Nason took over.

*Percy and Irma on  
their 50th wedding  
anniversary*

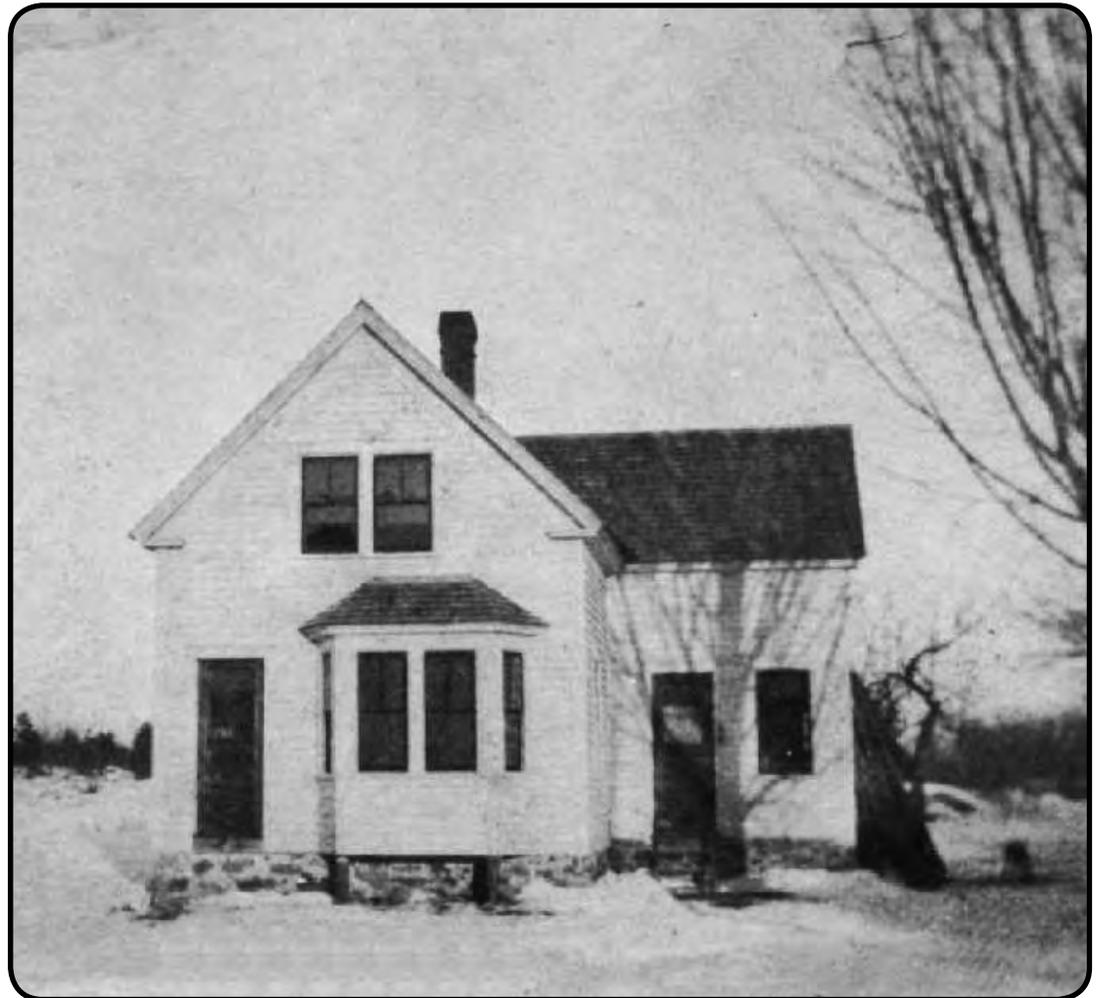


*May 2019*

*Bert and Mamie Batchelder*



Second son of Mark and Rosie, Charles Herbert Bachelder (Bert) married Mamie Shaw in 1911. Bert, listed as a carpenter in the 1920 census, built this house next to his parents in 1912. They raised two children in this house, Marie and Warren. he died in 1929 at the age of 44. Mamie continued to live here, taking in boarders when the children were young.



*Wentworth House*

*June 2019*



*Blacksmith  
shop run  
by Nelson  
Wentworth*



This house was built by Nelson Wentworth around the time of his marriage to Fannie McKenney in 1899. Nelson was a blacksmith, owning a shop diagonally across the road from his home. Warren Bachelder and his wife Robie (Dingley) bought the house from Fannie in 1945 after Nelson's death. The house burned in 1955, the family barely escaping with their lives. A new house was built the same year; Robie, now Dyer, lives here with son Neil.

## *Burnell Homestead*

# *July 2019*



Originally this was the homestead farm of George W. Burnell Jr. He deeded the property to Clara and Bennett Shaw in 1913 for caring for him in his declining years. George died in 1929. Clara and Bennett ran a dairy farm there. Their daughter Myrtle married Silas Edwards and the farm passed down to their son Lloyd Edwards. Lloyd married Elsie Burnell and they raised their family there.



*The barn was sold a few years ago and is being renovated and made into apartments.*

## *Stickney Mountain Farm*

# *August 2019*



This was the home of Wilbur McKenney, who later married widow Hannah Stickney. She had two children, Ned and Helen. Both children graduated from Fryeburg Academy, then Ned went to Bates College and became a chemical engineer. Helen went to Gray's Business School and subsequently taught elementary school. They both lived off and on at the farm on the top of Stickney Mountain. Helen was known to slide down the long hill in the wintertime, keeping her car at the bottom, and walking back up after her school day was over. Ned, married briefly, his wife having died a little after their first anniversary, remained a widower for the next 58 years. He is buried with her in Greene, New York. The house burned in the 1970s and it was Ned's wish that no other house be built on that spot for 100 years.



*Above:  
Helen  
Stickney*

*Left: Ned  
Stickney*

*Right:  
McKenney/  
Stickney  
Farm*



# September 2019

## Gregory House



Ida Anna Ward was the daughter of Shurburn and granddaughter of Rev. William Ward, a Freewill Baptist preacher. At the time of her birth in 1861, her father was a wheelwright and lived on today's Peaked Mountain Road near Kimball Corner Road. Thirty years later, Ida Anna Gregory purchased the old homestead farm of James G. Shaw on the east side of Kimball Corner Road, and also property on the west side of the road. Here she and her husband Albert built a small one-story home and raised 4 girls and a boy. The home was enlarged with a second story, a rear section and a connected shed and in 1912 a barn was built. Vernie, Albert and Ida's son, raised three sons and a daughter here. Elroy, a 1947 graduate of Potter Academy, remained in the home until the tragic

fire in 2004. The community came together and built a new home for Elroy, who died in 2013. Elroy's brother John served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On November 8, 1944 he was the first Sebago resident killed in action, and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.



*John Henry Gregory*

# October 2019

*Ward / Olden House*



This house belonged to Amos Ward and his family from the mid 1850s until 1920. Clarence Ward, no relation, bought the house where he and his wife, Bertha (McKenney) lived until 1942. In 1971 Don and Mabel Olden bought the house and began a many year restoration to make a home for their four children. Mabel and the children, plus 2 dogs, lived in a trailer on the property while Don continued working in Connecticut, traveling to Sebago on weekends to work on the house. Their goal was to restore it to its former beauty instead of tearing it down and starting over. Mabel, being a country girl from Connecticut and essentially being separated from her husband for over 3 months, struggled to maintain the family unit in this very rural area while their house was being rebuilt. Today Mabel still lives in this beautiful home, with son Don Jr. and family residing close by.



*The Olden house as it appears today.*

## *Ward House*

# *November 2019*



*Marcellus Ward*



*Harland Ward*

Marcellus Ward and second wife Lizzie began the Ward Plumbing Company in the late 1890s. They installed plumbing and water systems, using windmills to pump the water from the ground to the customer's house. When son Harland finished his schooling he joined the company. Grandsons Ellery and William joined the family business in the early 40s after serving in the military. Today, William's son Charlie, the fifth generation, runs the company, which is now called Ward Water.



*Marcellus Ward & son's house in a photo taken ca 1910. The house burned in 1926. Pictured from left: Lizzie, Marcellus, step-daughter Nina Bray, mother-in-law Maria Burnell, son Harland and his wife Eva Douglass Ward.*

*December 2019*

*McKenney Farm*



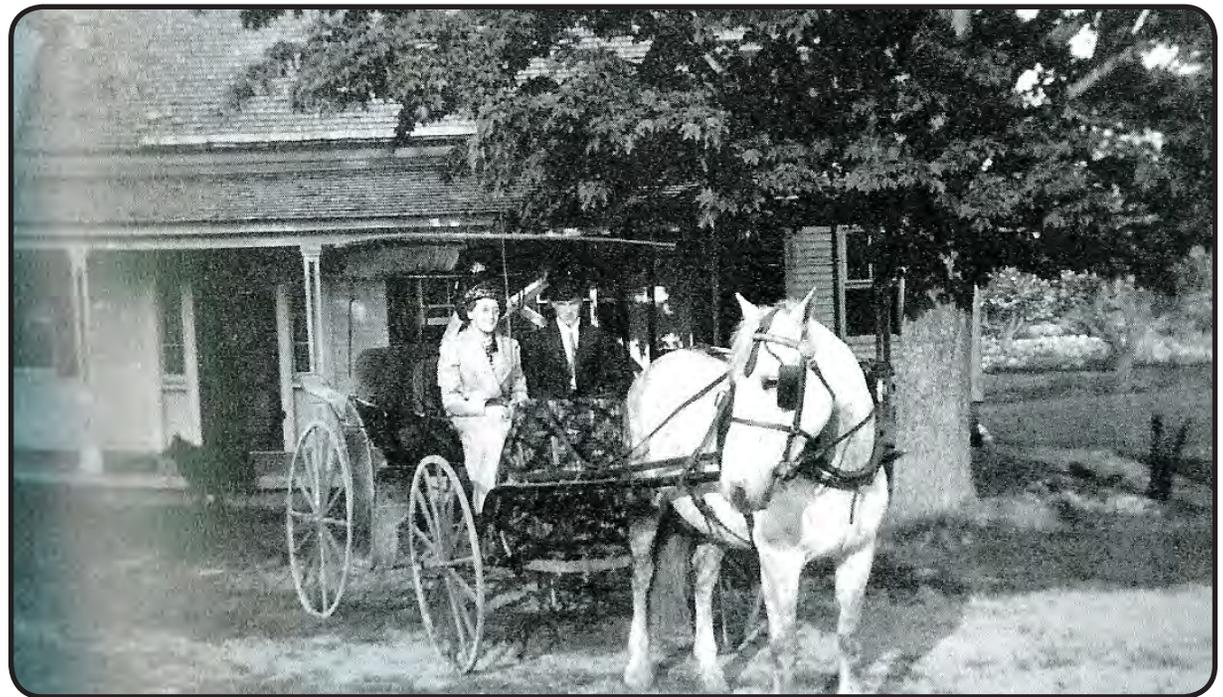
James S. Martin sold this parcel of land to Ezra and Charles A. McKenney in 1870, being 30 acres east of the County Road. Ezra McKenney sold to his son Fred in 1907. In 1945 Fred sold to Clarence Chute, whose daughter was Ethel Thorne. Her son and daughter in law, Bud and Barbara Thorne moved there in November 1945. In 1946 it was again sold, this time

to Albert and Harriet Howard, whose son Richard and wife Dot (now O'Donnell) lived there. Chris and Joe Balchunas have been owners in residence since 1985. They have been restoring it, with daughter Betsy, since then. Their hope is to keep up with restorations to return the farm to its original state.

# Larrabee Farm

“Elmer Larrabee is on the go every minute of the day and part of the night with a number of various jobs he holds down,” began Lawrence Nason in a 1944 Bridgton News article. This energy describes the four generations of Larrabees who settled here, all successful farmers and politicians. Richard was first elected a Sebago Selectmen in 1842, Thomas, his son, in 1844. Plantville and his son, Elmer, the next two generations, not only served as Selectmen but also as Treasurers. In addition, both were elected to the State House in 1895 and 1925, respectively.

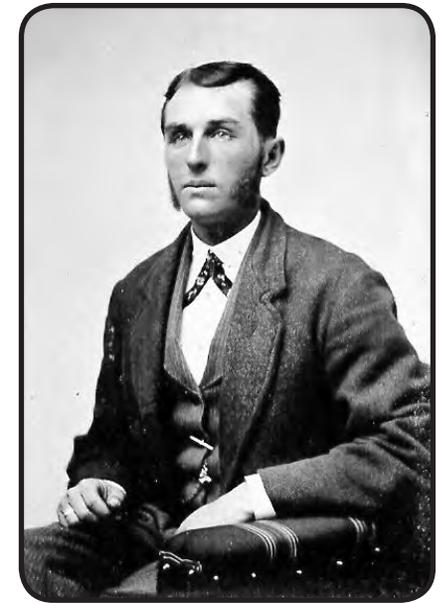
Elmer was a charter member of the Sebago Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, one of the first to join the North Sebago Fire Department, and Treasurer of the North Sebago Methodist Church, of which his father, Plantville, was an original Trustee. Elmer married Hazel Bray, his across-the-road neighbor, step daughter of Marcellus Ward and daughter of his second wife Lizzie.



*Above: Plantville and Etta (Shaw)'s daughter Marjorie and husband Lawrence Quimby at the Larrabee Farm circa 1911*

*Left: Hazel and Elmer Larrabee*

*Right: Plantville Larrabee*



# Coming 2020

## Folly Road/Peaked Mountain Road

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