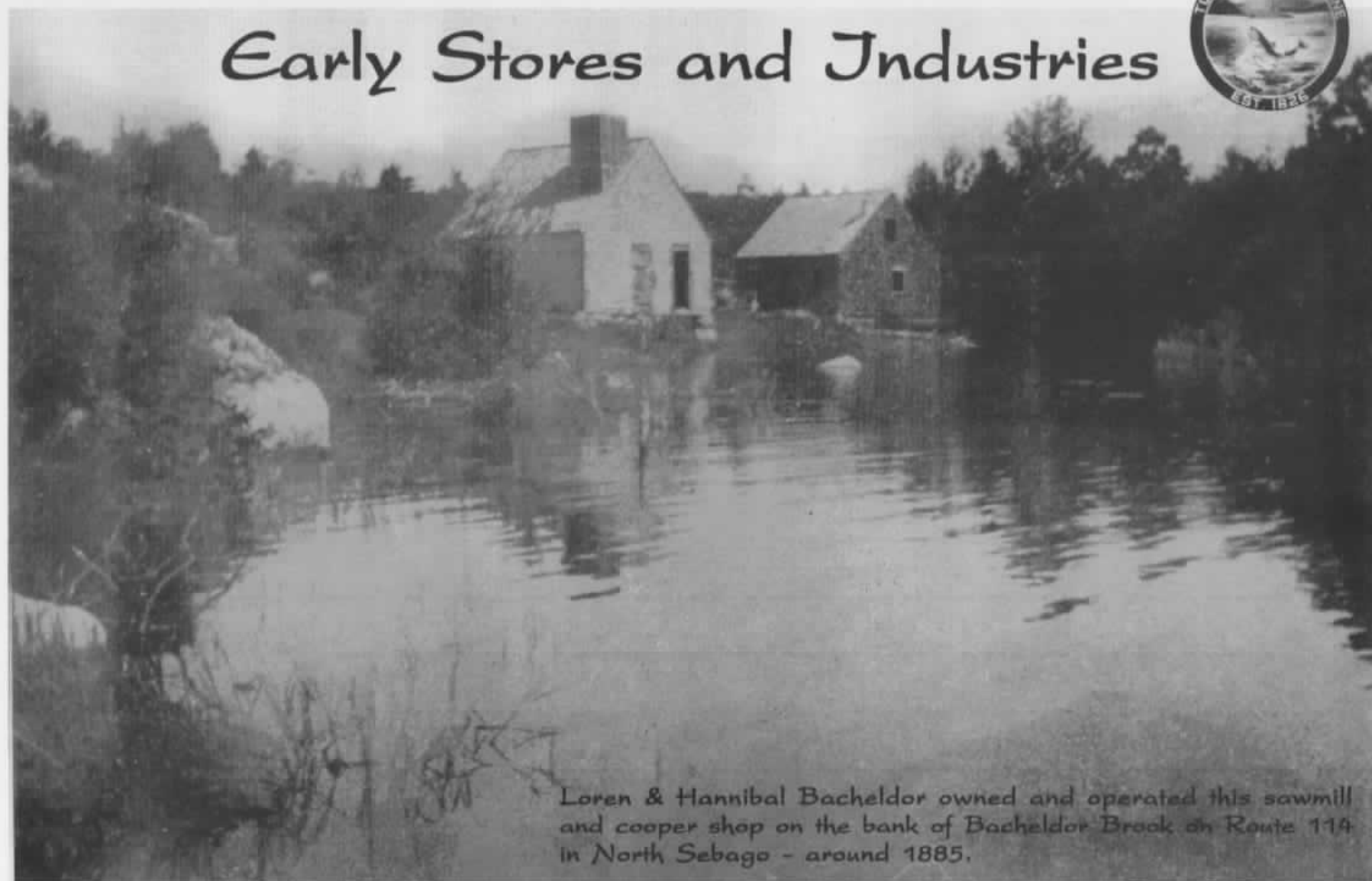


Sebago Historical Society Presents

Part II of

Early Stores and Industries



Loren & Hannibal Bachelder owned and operated this sawmill and cooper shop on the bank of Bachelder Brook on Route 114 in North Sebago - around 1885.

2004 Calendar

January 2004



Logging, Douglas Hill, Me.

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Portable Mill*

East Sebago, Maine



Arthur Dyer and Ed Douglas with their bobsleds filled with split hardwood logs at Mac's Corner in 1913.

February 2004



Poling the Ice

Right - Shaw poles the six-cake, nine-foot strips toward the loading end of the open water.

Below - Elroy Gregory guides the cakes onto the conveyor-belt sluiceway which takes the ice up into the truck. There are about 60 cakes to a truckload.



First Step in Cutting Ice

Elmer Shaw operates the antique circular saw which cuts the 18-inch ice a bit over half way down. The small cutter by the blade marks out the next cutting line.

Elmer finishes out the crosscutting with a handsaw. He once hand-cut a harvest through 37 inches of Sebago Lake ice.



Stacy's Store at Mud City. The Gregorys and Elmer Shaw of North Sebago, and Harry Fitch of East Sebago all sold ice. Many local residents had their own ice houses.

March 2004



Glass Basket Antiques

DOROTHY-LEE JONES

off Route 107

Douglas Hill, (Sebang), Maine 04023

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The Finest in Glass and China

that formerly housed her mother's prize goats. Her interest in glass blossomed at the young age of 8. When she was in her early teens she was recognized as a serious collector. Over the years the business operated under several names. At the time of its closure in the early 2000's, it was known as the Jones Museum of Glass and Ceramics.



George Bird was a retired curator of the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

The Glass Basket of Antiques was established and operated on Douglas Hill in the late 1940's by Dorothy Lee Jones on the first floor of the building

April 2004



This is the site of another grist mill and saw mill built by William Fitch on Northwest River in East Sebago. There was also a cooper shop at this location. The mill was last operated by his great grandson, Harry Fitch, until the 1940's. The property is currently owned by Arthur and Emma Shute.

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Fitch's
Mill
EAST SEBAGO, MAINE



1860 Business Directory

SUBSCRIBERS' BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

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SEBAGO.

Peter B. Young,	Merchant	Wm. B. Pike,	Farmer
Luther Fitch,	Merchant and Mill Prop.	Reuben Sanborn,	"
Nathan Wight,	" and Inn Keeper	Kimball P. Dike,	"
James Douglas,	Teacher	John Pierce,	"
Silas B. McKenney,	Blacksmith	Elisha Brown,	"
Simon Davis,	Shoemaker	David Porter,	"
David Brown,	Shoemaker and Farmer	Jacob Bidson,	"
Jason Cook,	Millman	Geo. Douglas,	Farmer
S. H. Lombard,	Millwright	A. B. & Nathan Chadbourne,	"
Andrew Douglas,	Farmer	Amos Storer,	"
Edwin T. Wight,	"	Wm. Haley,	"
James F. Libby,	"	Oliver Johnson,	"
J. M. Young,	"	E. & L. Bachelder,	"
Daniel Young,	"	Amos Ward,	"
Chas. Hill,	"	Enoch Staples,	"
S. E. Porter,	"	Mark Richardson,	"
Nathaniel Boulter,	"	Wm. Ward, Jr.,	"
James Boulter,	"	Freeman S. Fickett,	"
Laander Poor.	"		



Fred L. Meserve
Groceries, Gas, And Oil
Sebago, Maine
1936



The building above was originally used by women to make clothes to be sold. Prior to 1865, it was moved across the road to its present location at Mac's Corner. "Big" Arthur Dyer operated it as a general store until 1920.

James Babb started the first grocery store in 1817 in the area of the present Potter Cemetery. In the late 1800's, Charles Fitch operated the only known meat shop which was located by Mill Brook. A familiar sight throughout town was his two horse white covered meat cart.

June 2004

1985

1948



HEBERT'S LAKEVIEW MARKET

Groceries and Meats

Long Beach

East Sebago

Maine



Omer Hebert

Omer and Eva Hebert operated this market between 1948 and 1959. It is presently the home of Ted and Sandy Harriman.



1970's. It was purchased and remodeled by Ann Highland and Flo Amato. They called it the Keg Steakhouse. In 1985, Ted and Sandy Harriman purchased the property which is now known as the Rustic Barrel.

Compliments of

Currier's Lunch

Long Beach

East Sebago

Maine

Jack Currier's Lunch was started in 1944 and was operated through the early

July 2004

Farm Cattle and Corn

Statistics of Cumberland County 1860
Town Of Sebago

Population 1850 - 850	Peas and Beans, bushels of. 358
1860 - 958	Irish Potatoes, bushels of. 8,447
Valuation 1860 - \$149,623	Barley, bushels of. 34
Date of Incorporation 1826	Buckwheat, bushels of. 28
Horses 101	Butter, lbs. of. 25,850
Milk Cows 317	Cheese, lbs. of. 2,910
Working Oxen 193	Hay, tons of. 1,634
Other Cattle 258	Maple sugar, lbs. of. 65
Sheep 438	Beeswax, lbs. of. 5
Swine 117	Honey, lbs. of. 150
Wheat, bushels of. 1094	
Rye, bushels of. 274	
Indian Corn, bushels of. 3,915	
Oats, bushels of. 1,528	
Wool, lbs. of. 1,532	



Phil Douglas & Prize Corn

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1940

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Chickens and Eggs
Bean and Potato seed
POOR'S HILL
HILSIDE, ME.
1940



Putting in the winter's wood taken in 1945.
John Douglas with daughter Janet.



Clara and Bennett Shaw ran a dairy farm
here. Presently owned by Elsie Edwards.

Farming was a major occupation. The larger farms produced and sold to the public. Cream from the White Brothers Farm on Hillside was sold to Hiram Creamery until it closed. Howard White ran another large farm whose produce and livestock were sold and traded in the Portland area. Grover and Morton Douglas of Hogfat Hill operated a milk delivery route for 20 years. Fred Douglas and son, Philip, sold milk to the Elm Row Dairy in Kezar Falls. They also sold prize-winning sweet corn to the Baxter Canning Co. in Fryeburg. Farming was a livelihood for many residents.

August 2004

MA HARDY'S RESTAURANT



During the 40's and early 50's Ben and Janet Hardy owned and operated Ma Hardy's Restaurant in East Sebago. This business first started in their home, later moving to a small building next door. Mrs. Nelson Peters, Sr. purchased the restaurant and it was known as Mike's Place. The building later burned.



September 2004



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October 2004



Above: This stable to the left of the Grange Hall was once used by the Grange and the Freewill Baptist Church. It was moved beyond Henry Weed's house to be used as a shingle mill. It was later moved and converted into a private home by Carl and Louise Gray.

Because of the abundance of water in town, mills provided a source of reliable income to many residents. Other than mills already mentioned, this is a list of other known mills: Brown's Mill at the front of Brown's Pond; General Hall's Mill at the "old Hall Place"; Peter White's Mill at the "old White Mill Privilege"; John White's Mill that was just below Peter's Mill; George, Marcellus and Sherburn Ward all had mills on Bacheldor's Brook; Daniel and Josiah McKenney had the first hemlock mill on Northwest River in the Folly; and Andrew Lord had a mill at Tiger Hill. That mill was later owned by Tylor Poor.

Below:

Site of first sawmill at Sebago Center



November 2004



Remember

SUPER SERVICE
at
Jake's Grocery

Meats - Groceries

Hunting and Fishing Equipment

Soda - Candy - Cigarettes - Ice Cream

Fountain Service - Hot Dogs

Hamburgers - Sandwiches

Located at East Sebago, Maine

Above:
Jake's Store
East Sebago
in '50's

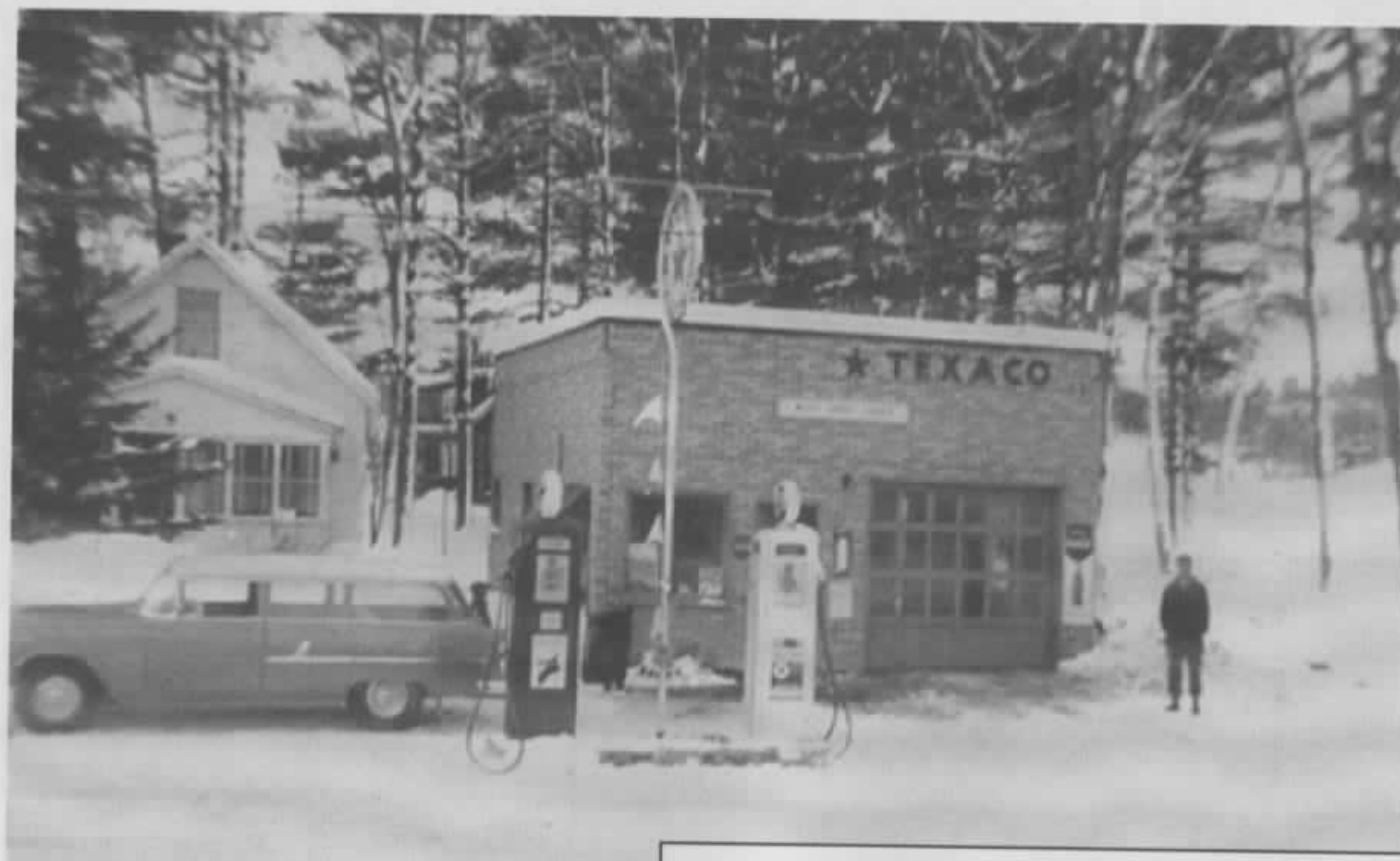
Bob's Grocery Store

Meat and Groceries
Soda—Candy—Cigarettes—Ice Cream
Fountain Service
Sandwiches—Hot Dogs
Hamburgers
H. A. JACOBSEN, Prop.

In East Sebago, the Four Season Variety was formerly owned by Gerald and Robert Gilman, Heinrich Jacobsen, and several



December 2004



Gerald and Alice Gilman owned this filling station in the 1940's. They leased it for one year to Ed and Jean Ribas who purchased the property in the spring of 1954 and ran it for ten years. Ed Ribas is pictured in this photo.

Gilman's Filling Station

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Maine



During the 1920's and 30's Oscar Martin ran a barber shop in his home. When he became unable to work he sold his barber chair to John Lord who continued to cut hair in town. Oscar charged \$.25 for a haircut and \$.15 for a shave. Pictured here is the house where Oscar ran his



There were many cooper shops in town. Some known were Mr. Tinsman's shown above, and Luther Fitch's, both at Mud City. There were shops at Hillside and on Long Hill Road. Others have been previously mentioned.

Other known businesses were a blacksmith shop on Winn Mountain and a shoemaker shop at Mac's Corner, owned by Simon Davis. Many families made shoes in their homes.

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Plumbers



This is the Clarence Jewell farm located on Southeast Pond Road in Convene where a cider mill was operated. The old cider mill of Louis Sanborn on the Jim Shaw Hill Road is long gone.

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This is a picture of Henry Weed of Convene haying in the 1920's.

We wish to thank everyone who contributed toward this calendar with photographs and information, which is as accurate as we can determine. Our selections were chosen to represent stores and businesses 50 years old or older.

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