



Sebago Historical Society Presents

Old Homes of Sebago PART I

*Sebago, fair Sebago,
I hail with love and pride,
For there my father's fathers,
have lived and wrought and died:
excerpt from "Sebago" by Lunetta M. Chessey*



The oldest standing house in Sebago was built before 1795. It was the second home erected in town, and is known as the Cook House.
It cannot be determined if the name Cook is derived from the family name or if it was used as a cookhouse.

2008 CALENDAR 2008

2008 **JANUARY** 2008

Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend of man.

Right - This home on the Robinson Hill Road was built for Grace Dike in the late 1800's. It was later owned, for many years, by Edson and Edith Brown. Richard and Sue Bates are the present owners.



Below - The Andrew Young house on the Hancock Pond Road was built circa 1840. It was also known as the Wilbur Warren Homestead. It is currently owned by Gerald and Susan Barker.



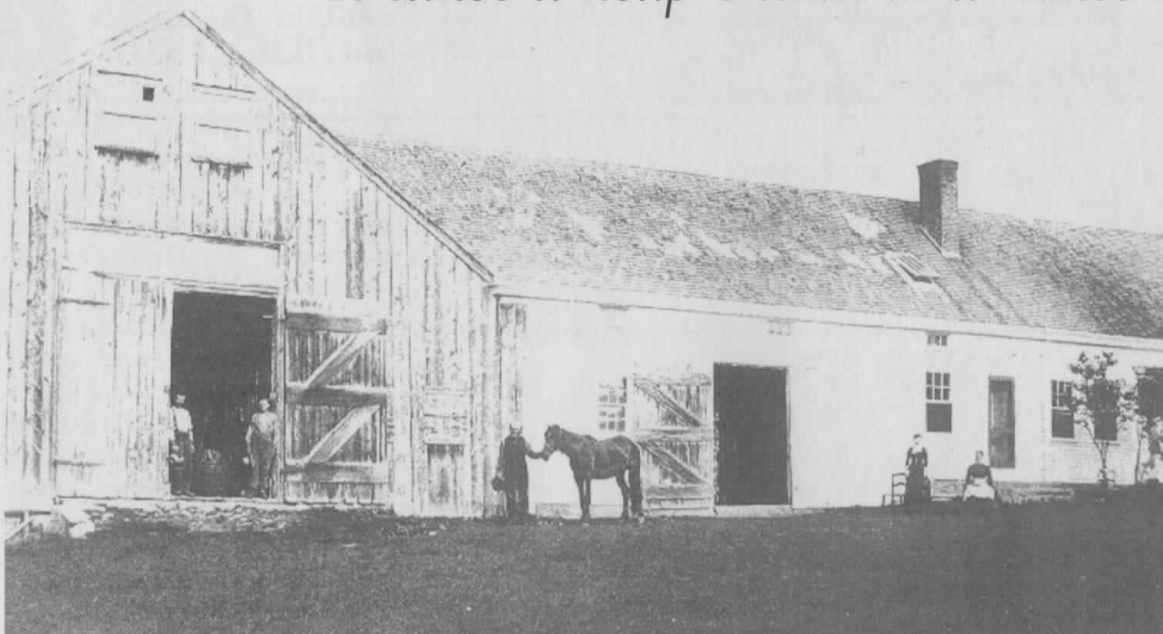
Below - In East Sebago, the George Shaw house, on the left, is now owned by his great-granddaughter, Patricia Schrader. On the right, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Shaw is currently owned by Renee Mooney.



2008 FEBRUARY 2008

It takes a heap o'livin in a house t'make it home.

Edgar A. Guest



Above - The Thomas Jackson farm is one of the oldest buildings in town. It is located at the foot of Poor's Hill on Rte. 107. The gentleman holding the horse is Mr. Jackson, who died in 1939. It was later owned by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Flint and then sold to Alfred and Emma Jordan. The property is now under new ownership.

Right - In North Sebago, the home owned by Michael and Jane Foye was built in 1838 by a Mr. Ward.



Above - The Lawson and Hattie Rowe house in No. Sebago was built in the 1800's. Upon Mr. Rowe's passing, it was sold to the Bakers who never lived there. In the 1970's, it was sold to the present owners, the Kenney family.

2008 **MARCH** 2008

Bless this house, oh Lord, we pray. keep it safe by night and day.



Above - It has been said that this is the second oldest house in East Sebago, and is known as the Ellsworth McDonald house. Charles and Betty Coleman owned it for many years. It is presently owned by Cindy Hoard.



Above - Located on Rte. 107 is the Howard Poor place. Robert and Bessie Brown lived there many years. It is still in the Brown family.



Left - This house was built by J.D. Martin around 1840. It was owned many years by Louis Chessey. It was sold to Edward and Katherine Frost who sold it to Arthur and Wilna Swanson. Current owners are Larry and Sue Farrington.

2008 APRIL 2008

Home, what a perfect place.

Edward Wyndham Leonard



Above - In 19 aught 4 or 5, William Fitch built this house and later sold it to Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald. After changing hands several times, it was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Granville Durrell. Their son, E. Norman, inherited the property. Present owner is John Chase.



Above - Four generations of the Fitch family have lived in this home on the Convene Road. The farm was handed down from William to his son, John, and later to his son, Fred. It then went from Fred to his granddaughter, Mary Irish Anderson. Mary's husband, George, resides there today.

Right - The Nason Homestead, by the brook in North Sebago, is one of the oldest houses in this part of town. It has been told that Daniel Nason bought the farm for \$100.00. His grandson, Will and his wife, reared nine children here. It is presently owned by Wayne and Ann Farley. Ann is a Nason descendent.





2008 **MAY** 2008



*Sebago, dear Sebago,
Fairest of lands thou art.
To thee, I bring my offering
With the love of a loyal heart.
Where'er my feet shall wander,
What'er my fate may be,
Ever in faithful constancy
My heart shall turn to thee.*

Lucretia M. Chessey



Above - This property was owned by the Dike family and is located on the Dyke Mtn. Road. The heirs of Clara Dyke sold it to the Deering Ski Club. After several years, it was purchased by D. Kilton and Elizabeth Andrew. It is presently owned by Andrew's daughter, Martha A. Timothy and husband, Robert.

(The spelling of the name was changed to Dyke by Grace Dike. However, all names in the cemetery are spelled Dike.)



Above - We strongly suspect that this house on the Robinson Hill Road was built by George Hanson, and later owned by his son, Owen. This picture taken around 1890 shows Owen's uncle, Sam Hanson, his sister, Eva Hanson, and Owen. It is now owned by Ralph & Carol Brown.



Above - This property is located in the Kimball Corner section of No. Sebago. In the early 1930's, it was the home of Clarence and Bertha Ward. Donald and Mabel Olden are the present owners.



2008 JUNE 2008



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

George Moore



Right-This home was probably constructed in 1840 by Arthur Boothby. In 1859, Herman Wight became its owner. It was later known as the E.T. Wight place. After several owners, the property was purchased in 1951 by Charles and Genevive Allen. Tom and Diana Allen are its present owners.



Above-This old homestead was owned by Shirley Usher. It has had several owners. Tom & Debbie Taylor are the current owners.



Left -Oliver Pike came here from Cornish in 1812. He first lived in a log cabin on this property, later building this homestead around 1825. In 1924, the Pike Farm changed hands, and Neal and Margaret Allen became its owners. The Allens, along with their six children, spent many summers here. Mr. Allen's grandson, Richard Allen, is now owner of this property.

2008 JULY 2008

"I, in mine own house am an emperor, and will defend what's mine."

Philip Massinger



Left-Set back from the Robinson Hill Road is the farmstead originally owned by Frank and Nellie Haley. It later was owned by Frank and Mabel Rogers. It has been in the possession of the Barnes family for many years.

Right -This was the first house built at Mac's Corner in 1837 by John MacDonald. It later became the home of Arthur Dyer. His daughter, Leona Greene, inherited the property. Arthur's grandson, Theodore Greene is its present owner.



Left-This property was owned by Abbie Douglas. Ethel Douglas gave the following information to Bob and Anne Brown about their home on Hogfat Hill. From left to right, the people are Charles Douglas, Abbie Douglas, Fred Douglas, and Clara Stone. It is not known when the house was built. It is presently owned by the Pinansky family.

2008 AUGUST 2008

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." John Howard Payne



Above - Joseph Fitch settled here prior to 1883. It was the Sebago Town Farm for many years. In the early 60's it was purchased by Lester Irish. The property on Rte. 107 is currently owned by Paul Debones.

Above - We have no knowledge of the first owners of this house. The cemetery on the property leads us to believe it was owned by Daniel Dyer. In the late 1800's it was owned by Parsons (Parsey) Richardson. Camp Kuhnawaumbek and Camp Winaco used the building for their office. Present owner is Constance Hertzgel.



Left - One of the older homes at Kimball's Corner is the Fred and Maud McKenney place. Harriet Howard ran the Town Office from this house for many years. Joseph and Christine Balchunas are the present owners

2008 SEPTEMBER 2008



Above-This house, on the Orchard Road, was first owned by Ruben Sanborn and later by his son Charles. Other known owners were: James Williams; Edward Douglas, who started the orchard; Robert Waterman and John Gyger. The house and orchard are now owned by John and Ellen Lucy.



Above-The Samuel Jr. and Elzira Meserve house, on Rte. 107, was built in the late 1830's. The farmhouse has been owned by only four families: Meserve, Chessey, Howard, and O'Donnell, before it was sold to Allen and Penny Crabtree in 1998.



Above-Uncle Hant (Joseph H.) and Aunt Carrie Bacheldor were the original owners of this homestead located on Rte. 114 in No. Sebago. It was built in the later part of the 1800's. Clayton Barnes bought it in the mid-1940's and later sold it to William and Yvonne Nason, who live there now.

*Sebago, 'tis to thee
First town of all to me,
To thee I sing.
Home where my fathers died,
Home and all else beside,
From every fireside
Let welcomes ring.*

excerpt from Lunetta M. Chessey



2008 OCTOBER 2008



"There's nothing half so pleasant as coming home again."

Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

Right - Up on the ridge on Hancock Pond Road, the C. A. Newcomb house was built in 1832. It was sold to Andrew Young for \$200. Later, it was owned by Ruben Sawyer. In 1958, it was purchased by Donald and June Allen, who reside there today.



Above - The John Hill place, on the Hancock Pond Road, was built in 1833. It has changed ownership several times. In later years it was owned by the Lind family, who sold it to Charles Cross.



Left - The Henry Lombard farm on the Robinson Hill Road was built in the mid-1800's. Since the early 1900's, the farm was owned by Fred Douglas, and later by his son, Philip. Photo shows Fred Douglas and his grandson, Steve. The Audette family have been owners since the late 1980's.



2008 NOVEMBER 2008



"Come home, come home. Ye who are weary come home."

William L. Thompson



Left - This home in Mud City was built by Peter and Almon Young. It was known for many years as the Benn Douglass place. It has had many different owners and is currently owned by Ronald Curran.

Below - It was the dream of the Rev. George Booth that in time this home, that he and his family loved so much, would be known as the Booth place. It is believed the house was built circa 1830. Records show that Robert Sanborn deeded the property to Moses Dyer. His wife, Harriet, is shown in this picture. One of their children, Ella, married William Haines, and the property became known as the Ella Haines place. In the 1920's, a tea room was operated here. In 1934/35, Rev. Harold Booth purchased the house as a summer home. The dream of Rev. George Booth, his son, had finally come true.



Above- Jacob Witham built this house at Mac's Corner in 1893 . It was left to his daughter, Emma Witham Frost. Allison Martin purchased the home in the 1920's. His granddaughter, Diana Martin Letellier, has owned it since 1958. In 1980, it was moved back on the hill. Pictured are Jacob and Sylvia Witham, and their daughter, Emma with her daughter.



2008 **DECEMBER** 2008

*May God His blessings give to all who here doth live, in Sebago.
And may we meet again, to sing they praises here,
In love to you so dear, Great God we trow.*

Linetta M. Chessey



Left - Mary Adams' home, built by Edwin Rounds in 1895, is on Douglas Hill. The property was sold to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Nelson. It was subsequently sold to several others, and is now the home of David Heath and Debbie Dolan.



Above - Jeremiah Decker's home on Decker Mountain was built in the mid-1800's. The property is still standing and remains in the Decker family.



Left - This picture was taken on May 11, 1945, the day after an 18 inch snowstorm. The home was built by Oliver Douglass in the mid-1800's. His sons, Morton and Grover, raised their families here and ran a dairy farm. In the early 1960's, the farm was purchased by George and Betty Tinkham who operate a Christmas tree farm. (Note ad below)

*It was only a rental for a vacation in Maine.
A week in Sebago and we were never the same.
We bought that cottage and moved right in,
And won't be returning to the city again.*

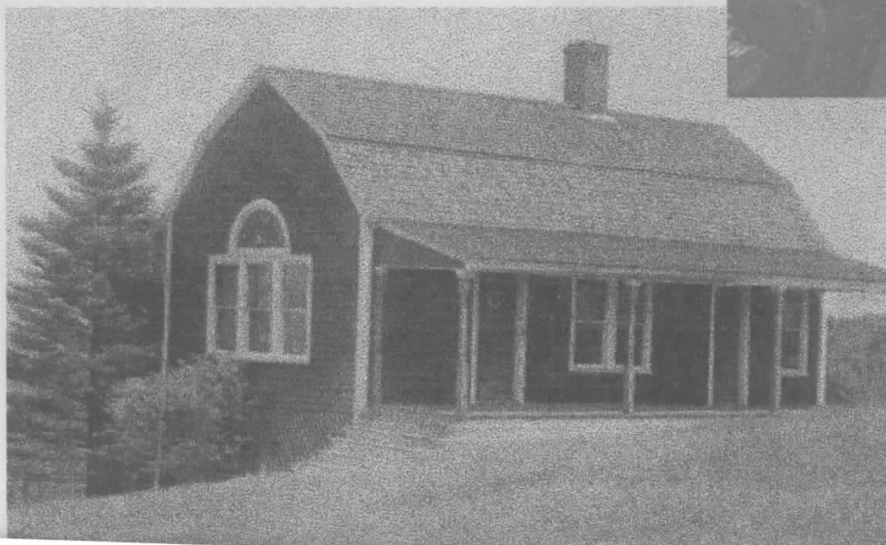
R. J. D.



Left - This property is known as the Summer Shaw home in North Sebago. It was used as a summer rental for many years. It is presently owned by a member of the Nason family.



Above - This 113 year old home on Douglas Hill was built by Dr. William Blackman as a summer residence. His great-grandson, Andrew Anderson, is restoring the property. The bottom photo is an interior picture of the living room as it was in the 1920's.



Left - This cottage was built in 1890 for Florence Nightingale Thallen. It had several owners before it was purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Lang. Present owners are Eben and Mimi Lang.

*Give me a cottage in the mountains of Maine,
Give me a camp by the lake,
Give me a cottage where the air is so pure,
And not another journey I'll take.*

R.J.D.



Above - Built around 1900 and located just beyond Nason's Beach in North Sebago, was the Kelsey summer cottage which was purchased by Jack and Marion Lockwood. It was later remodeled into a year round residence. It is presently owned by Hartley Wormhood.



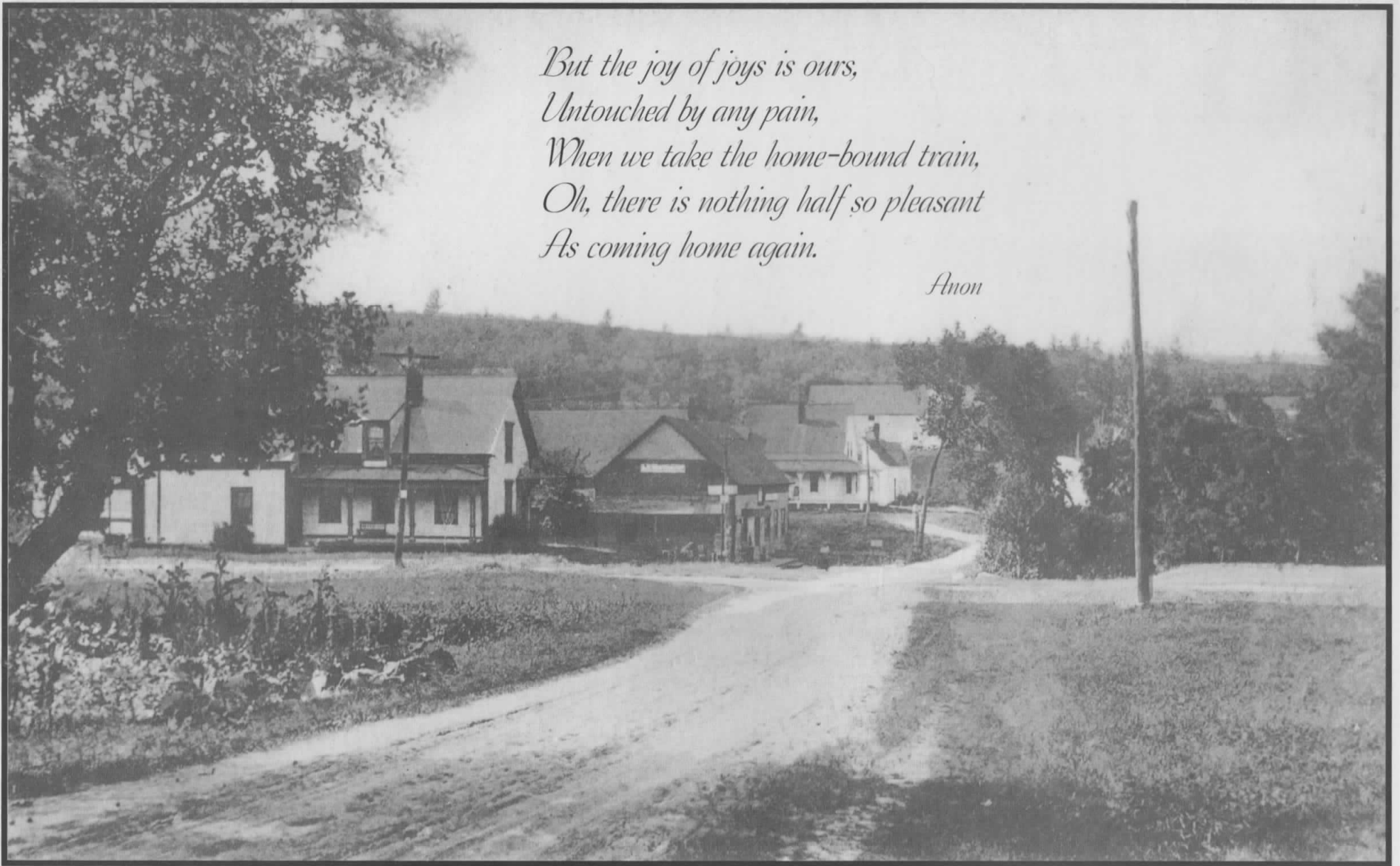
Above - The Dike Mountain Inn Annex was built in the late 1800's. In 1905, Grace Dike inherited the property, and changed the spelling from Dike to Dyke. It is now owned by Robert and Martha Timothy.

Right - Jim's Inn, on the Hancock Pond Road, was built by Richard Merrifield in the early 1900's. It was sold to Austin Lamont in 1922. Present owners are Gerald and Alice Holt.



*But the joy of joys is ours,
Untouched by any pain,
When we take the home-bound train,
Oh, there is nothing half so pleasant
As coming home again.*

Anon



We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this calendar.

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

The 2009 calendar will be of the remaining existing old homes and some that are no longer standing.

Calendar Committee

Diana Letellier, Roberta Douglass, Kathie Whitcomb, June Allen and George Tinkham.