

Reflections Volume III



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My Lake

What is there to do at Big Whitefish Lake?

Fishing and getting a trophy,
swimming with my best friends,
catching frogs in my Oma's pond,
water skiing (the youngest on the lake)
tubing and going fast,
swinging high into the trees,
sliding down into the water,
golfing fun with my dad,
ringing the dinner bell,
kayaking around the lake.

Why is summer so short?

Addelynn Leigh Dykhousé, age 7

2012

Introduction

Volume III

Welcome to the third edition of Reflections, the History of Big Whitefish Lake!

We hope you enjoy this past and present compilation of photos and past history from the late 1800's to the present.

This volume is enhanced with color photography wherever possible.

You'll note that it's been almost 100 years since the existence of the bakery boat and the water slide at Martin's Resort, as well as \$10.00 rooms at Hartt's Hotel. The good old days!!

The Big Whitefish Lake Historical Committee has spent over three years of dedication to fulfilling the task of bringing Volume III Reflections, the History of Big Whitefish Lake, to fruition.



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Reflections Volume II

Introduction

The first volume of REFLECTIONS was completed and published in 1994. Since then, many cottages have been refurbished or replaced with lakefront homes and over eighty changes in ownership have occurred. The Big Whitefish Lake Historical Committee has received numerous requests for REFLECTIONS during the past few years, but there were no more books available. Because of the demand, we decided it was time for REFLECTIONS - Volume II.

We began work on this volume during the summer of 2000, with our completion date goal begin the June 2001 Big Whitefish Lake Association meeting.

The format remains the same with historical pictures and information retained. Additional history has been added, as well as new cottage pictures and information.

We thank Zone Leaders for their contact and collection work as well as all residents that have provided individual pictures and information.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy REFLECTIONS, Volume II, The History of Big Whitefish Lake.

Bill Dickinson

for

The Big Whitefish Lake Historical Committee:

Lisa Beyer, Marjorie Homan,

Ken and Norma Rau, Bob and Betty Remer,

Louise Stormzand, and Ruth Verys

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REFLECTIONS VOLUME I

Three years! Three years in the making! I first had the idea of preserving the history of our lake in the 1980's, reflecting on the fact that nearly a century had passed since the first cottage, the Scott Cottage, had been built at the north end of the lake. So many changes had taken place, and yet so little was actually recorded. I presented the idea of forming a Historical Committee to the Big Whitefish Lake Association Board of Directors and the concept was approved. I spoke at the general membership meeting and asked for participants to serve on the committee. Several lake residents expressed interest and we met for several sessions that first year, with much discussions centering around the form that our research should take. How should we establish a museum? We did get carried away now and then. We found many of our ideas to be cost prohibitive and finally agreed that a printed form would be best. Once this hurdle was overcome, progress began in earnest. The Montcalm County Courthouse, libraries, lake residents, township personnel, etc. proved to be exciting sources of information. We eagerly looked forward to our work sessions to share with others our findings and ideas since our previous meeting.

We met every few weeks during the first two summers and monthly during the winter months. As the magnitude of our task became more focused, we decided we would have to meet more often if our project was to be completed! Som during the summer and fall of 1993 and the winter and spring of 1994, the Historical Committee met weekly with few exceptions.

Every new bit of uncovered history became so important, especially when it brought a content area to completion as found pieces to a jigsaw puzzle!

Now as we are gathered together for perhaps the last work session on the history of Big Whitefish Lake, I reflect with much joy on our accomplishment as well as a touch of sadness. Joy in hoping that others may find the result of our labor rewarding and a little sad that our task is completed, for we have established a bond that has enabled us to work together harmoniously toward a common goal. My sincere thanks to each valued member of the Historical Committee who worked hard and long to bring to fruition, Reflections, The History of Big Whitefish Lake.

Bill Dickinson

for

The Big Whitefish Lake Historical Committee

April, 10, 1994

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THE FIRST COTTAGE ON THE LAKE

This cottage was built for the Scott Family of Howard City in the late 1800's. The Scott Cottage, after a series of owners, was purchased by Charles and Virginia O'Donald in 1956, torn down in 1975 and replaced with a year round home in Zone E at 3149 Grand Avenue.

Kathryn Scott, the "babe in arms", later became Mrs. Chester Crimmins whose husband was a banker in Howard City. The Crimmins Family purchased side-by-side cottages in Zone B, 2031 and 2039, where they resided for many years. Kathryn died in the late 1980's.

BIG WHITEFISH LAKE ASSOCIATION

In 1950 the Big Whitefish Lake Association was formed with its purpose being “to improve conditions around the lake and to render such services that will contribute to the enjoyment of all members twelve months of the year and particularly during the resort season” (By-laws). The first President was William Nichols and the annual dues were \$10.00 per year.

The Big Whitefish Lake Association has grown and developed and continues to enhance the enjoyment of all cottage owners,

The following individuals have served as Presidents:

1950-1951	Wm. Nichols	1978-1980	Carl H. Schoendorf
1952	Dr. J. D. Flynn	1981-1982	John A. Marvin
1953	Dr. Glenn Pierson	1983-1984	Jean E. Day
1954-1955	C.A. Jaqua	1985	Steven L. Clark
1956-1957	Dr. E.O. Kieling	1986	Anneli Koets
1958-1959	J.W. Miltgen	1987-1988	Dr. Wm. R. Dickinson
1960-1961	John H. Davies	1989-1990	Jerry Antvelink
1962	R.E. Jaqua	1991-1993	Daniel J. Buyze
1963	Walter Karczewski	1994	Tom Johnston
1964	Marvin Schneider	1995-1997	Bob Cichewicz
1965-1966	Watson Pierce	1998-1999	Jon Durren
1967	James A. Patterson	2000-2001	Karl Paganelli
1968	Clifton W. Helms	2001-2003	Bill Cichewicz
1969-1970	Dr. Frank K. Duiven	2003-2004	Peg Paganelli
1971-1973	John Feyen	2005-2006	Jim Ogg
1974	Fred Kistler	2007-2012	Don Knottnerus
1975	John Simerink	2013	Patrick Maioho



PIERSON TOWNSHIP HISTORY

Pierson Township was organized by the Pierson Brothers, Gregory, Orison and David in 1859.

Most of the early pioneers settled in the area known as "Swampland". They could claim up to 40 acres of wilderness which were filled with deer, bear, fox, and mink. Early arduous chores were building a log cabin and clearing away the heavy forest so that they might grow something to eat. Starvation was a real possibility! Often they subsisted on potatoes and salt as their sole diet. Fish in the surrounding lakes, and available wild game eased the situation considerably.

The pelts and skins of the game were often marketed by the early settlers who would carry them on their shoulders to Grand Rapids. They also made pine shingles, taking them to the city by team of oxen.

The first Supervisor was Orison Pierson, who fathered the first White child born there, Milford Pierson. Mrs. Orison Pierson taught the first local school in their home. Later a log school house was build.

The first teacher employed there was Hattie Stillwell who received \$20 a month and boarded around in the students' homes. Sometimes she had to walk two miles to her board and lodging. It was from this school building that the long procession of Isabelle Indians could be seen in the fall of the year as they travelled to Grand Rapids and back to get their government supply of blankets for the winter. The men rode on ponies while the squaws walked behind with their papooses on their back.

The first United States Post Office was kept by Mrs. David Pierson in her home.

The coming of the G.R. and I. Railroad in 1869, sparked a huge growth spurt in the Village of Pierson. Shops and sawmills sprang up profusely in the area, with the townspeople busily cutting down the surrounding forests, manufacturing the trees into lumber and shipping them out. Immense stands of pine and other timbers were cut down in this period until all the great forests were cleared away, leaving behind the quiet little Village of Pierson.

In 1885 there were 335 people living in Pierson Township.

THE VILLAGE OF PIERSON TOWNSHIP

(about 1910)

Pierson Township bears the honor, if that it might be called, of having the largest number of towns within its territory. In all, there have been five towns platted and laid out in this township, namely: Pierson, Maple Hill, Sand Lake, Wood Lake and Whitefish Lake. All of these, with the exception of Whitefish Lake, are located on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad.

Maple Hill, which lies in the southwest corner of section 2, was platted on October 22, 1870, for Caleb B. and William Price, proprietors, by Edward II Jones, surveyor. This was the location of a sawmill, which did a lucrative business for many years, but as far as the village goes, it never attained a great size. A store was kept for the accommodation of the employees of the mill and this had a fairly good trade at the time,. There is one store located in Maple Hill now, but the major percentage of business in this part of the township is carried on in Howard City.

Wood Lake lies to the south of Maple Hill, in the southeastern corner of section 15, on the lake which bears the same name. This town or village, was platted on March 21, 1870, for Henry M. Carpenter, proprietor, by Edward II Jones, surveyor. Wood Lake, which is now called Hiram, never attained any great prominence in the township. It now contains an ice house for the storage of ice taken from Wood Lake. There are only a few dwellings left, and it is served by the rural route from Howard City.

Whitefish Lake, which is the largest resort in Montcalm county, was platted and recorded at two different times, namely: October 4, 1906, and August 14, 1907. The former plat was made for H. E. Campbell, while the later was made for James A. and Mary A. Skinner. Both of these plats were surveyed and laid out by J. F. Daoust, surveyor. Whitefish Lake Resort lies on the east side of Whitefish Lake, in section 20, and two miles west of Pierson, which is the nearest railroad station. During the summer, crowds of picnickers, campers, and persons desiring quiet and rest for a few weeks visit this resort.

Sand Lake has its majority portion in Kent County, although one plat has been made and recorded in this county.

KEY TO PIERSON TOWNSHIP MAP, cics 1875

Pierson	(1)	Sand Lake	(3)
Maple Hill	(2)	Wood Lake	(4)
Whitefish Lake (5)			



Township 11 North

1875

Range 36 West and Meridian of T



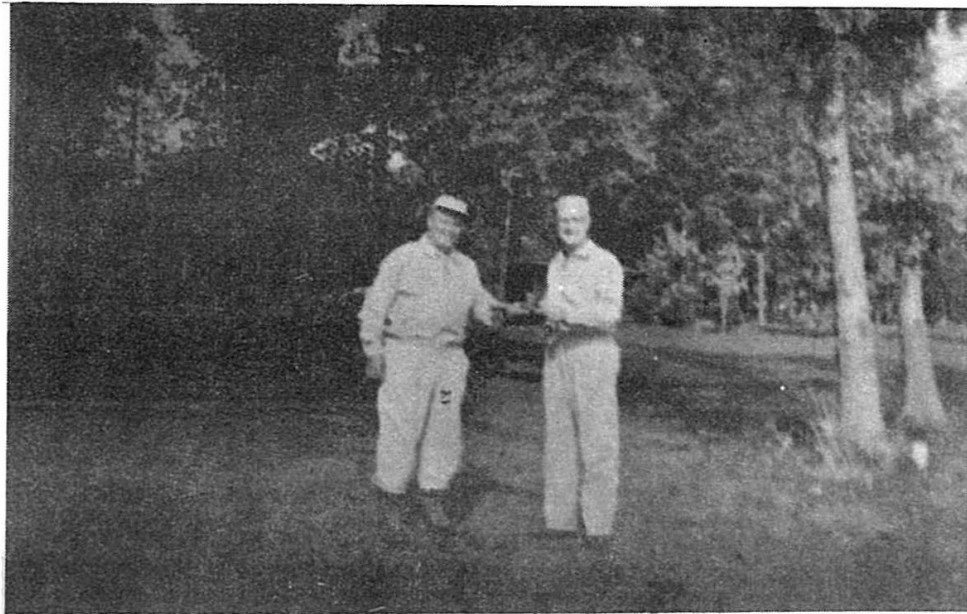
THE SAWMILLS ON BIG WHITEFISH LAKE

There were at least two sawmills on the lake. The best documented mill was located at the southeast end of the lake at a site that has become the Boat Landing in Zone B. Adjacent land to the north was also part of the sawmill operation. This was a seemingly perfect location due to the creek, and adjoining wetlands to the east and the heavily forested area surrounding Big Whitefish Lake.

This land was first deeded from the United States to Andrew Harpending in 1854, and the first sawmill began in 1873. Although several changes in ownership occurred, the Osterhout and Fox Lumber Company was prominent from 1884 until 1910.

Cicero Hartt purchased the land in 1910 and the sawmill moved to Little Whitefish Lake.

The second known mill was located at the south end of Big Whitefish Lake, near the Justin Lee farm and Butternut Lake. Little is known about this mill except when it closed it became a shingle mill.



Aatu Korhonen and John Davies

Removal of a Dead Head

As told by Bert Korhonen, 2013

There was a dead head, a white pine log, embedded in the bottom of Big Whitefish Lake, undoubtedly a leftover from the old sawmill days. This was located in the South End, near the cottage owned by the Bollmans, at about a twenty foot depth. Not far from my current residence (2039 Lake Street.) This pesky dead head was vertical and just about four inches below the surface. An obvious remnant from the days when Big Whitefish Lake had two sawmills.

The cottagers had for years tried to flag this dead head. To no avail!

Ice, heavy winds, inebriated boaters and all manner of detritus of nature caused these flagging efforts to fail. The dead head remained.

All manner of efforts, including block and tackle, tractors and heavy cables, ice holes with stump removal experts from the metropolis of Trufant (the stump capital of the world) were called to consult. No results. Skiers were spraining ankles, fishermen were losing tackle, sailors were losing centerboards.

It was a time for desperate measures. My dad, Aatu Korhonen and Ed Bollman felt that perhaps a severe consultative session was in order.

After an appropriate amount of beer had been consumed, a decision was made. It was time for action.

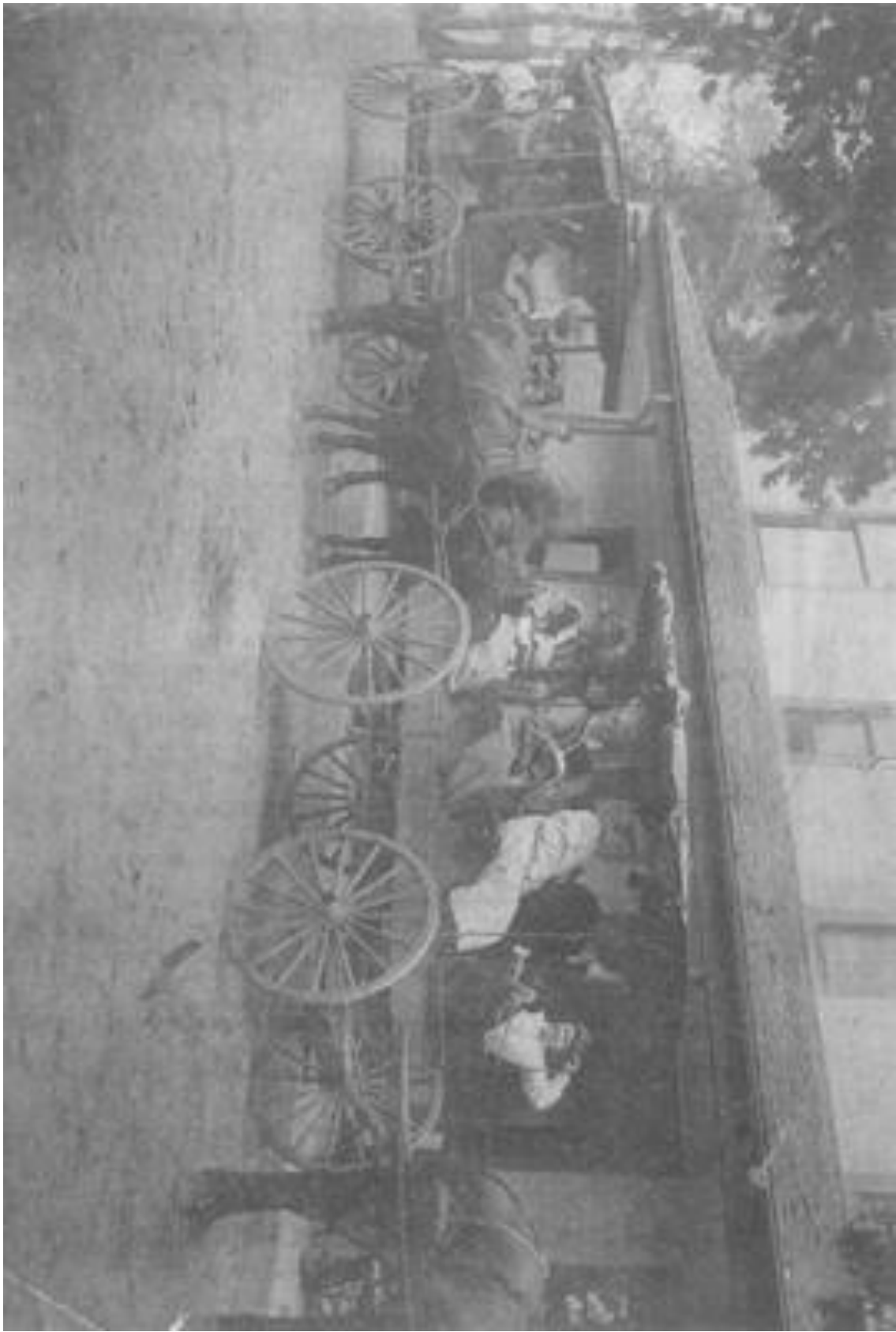
My dad had been an explosives expert in the 1939 Winter War, after Russia attacked Finland. He somehow acquired a case of dynamite, some submersible fuses and fishing line and sinkers. He and Ed Bollman proceeded with the case of dynamite, all the accoutrements and a case of beer to assault this dead head. It must be mentioned that Ed Bollman was sitting on the case of dynamite, smoking a cigarette, while my dad was steering the boat with the Elto outboard with one hand and a beer in the other towards the offending dead head.

By this time the word had spread. People had gathered on the front lawns all the way from Hartt's to nearly the boat landing. All of the carefully prepared dynamite charges were lowered on fishing line circling the dead head. This was accompanied by bell sinkers and fuse. These were lowered very carefully down the length of the dead head. All this time Ed's cigarette dangled from the corner of his mouth. Eventually the big moment came! It was time to light the FUSE!

Ed touched off the fuse with his cigarette. Dad gunned, throttled the Elto full tilt to a leisurely thirty feet away. That's all that old Elto could do.

All of a sudden, the offending dead head came out of the water like a submarine launched missile, with a terrible explosive sound. And almost landed on Dad and Ed. The looks on their faces said it all "Should'a had a faster boat!"

This happened in 1953 or 1954. Dad and Ed hauled the log to shore, with plans to have something milled out of the log. Bonnie (Bollman) Randall recalls the log being stored near their garage. I don't know whatever happened to that log, but I do know that in today's terms, Dad and Ed probably committed a score of felonies getting rid of that dead head.



Guests arriving at Hartt's Hotel from the Pierson Depot in the early 1900's

Hartt's Resort

WHITEFISH LAKE

The Popular and Healthful Summer
Home

: : : : :

As completely isolated as the Macki-
naw wilds and only one hour's ride
from Grand Rapids : : :

Has all other ideal resting places
excelled in both natural and artificial
advantages. Fine Modern Hotel,
Excellent Fishing, Boating and Bath-
ing, Wonderful Flowing Well of
Pure Medicinal Mineral Water.
Low Rates. : : : :

C. W. HARTT, PROPRIETOR.

PIERSON, : : MICHIGAN.

1910

HARTT'S RESORT

On the southeast shore of the lake, fronted by a spacious section of lawn once stood Hartt's Hotel. Cicero Hartt, a lumberman, had erected this building originally to house a woodworking mill, which was powered by a stream that flowed under the structure. Shortly before 1900, the mill was converted into a modern hotel. As part of the hotel service, a surrey was dispatched to meet the trains at Pierson to transport guests to the hotel. Cicero Hartt also built a pavillion on the lake for dancing which was complete with a piano and he would often bring in a full orchestra.

On the high ground north and east of the hotel were broad fields where a baseball diamond and a tennis court also contributed to the enjoyment of the hotel guests. Hartt's Resort became the headquarters for many large fraternal organizations gatherings.

In front of the hotel was a magnificent flowing well of pure mineral water; touted to have medicinal qualities.

During the winter, when the lake was frozen, blocks of ice were cut and stored in a building on the high ground. Also in this area there was a building which housed the summer personnel, waiters and waitresses, etc.





In 1965, Don Walenga and Maurice Newell bought the land, Hartt's Hotel and the tennis court from Phyllis A. Hartt, daughter in law of Cicero Hartt. In 1969 Maurice Newell established a summer theater in the hotel ballroom. One of the memorable offerings was "Arsenic and Old Lace". The popular theater continued for only a few years into the 1970's. The hotel was listed for sale but it didn't sell. The owners then split the hotel in half by removing a center section, hoping for a faster sale, but to no avail.

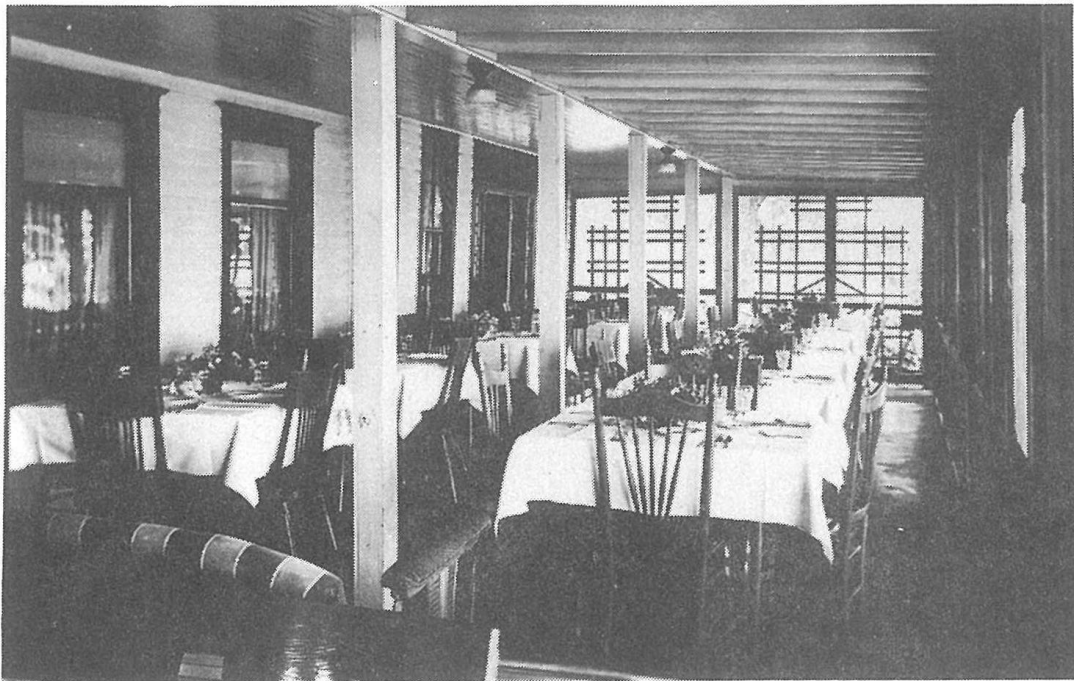
The hotel was demolished and later the property was subdivided. Two lots were sold to Robert Borden (where the hotel stood), and a portion to Howard Schelde, who built a home there. He later sold to Glenn and Boni Stout. Cornelius and Betty Bishop purchased the remaining land from Mr. Schelde. The upper portion of the property was utilized by Don Walenga for a year round home in 1981, C 2149. In 1986, he built a new home where Marge Walenga now resides, C 2105.

HARTT'S HOTEL

After the summer tourist season, Mr. Hartt removed the dining room furnishings and this room was used as his woodworking shop during the winter. He produced columns for cottage porches and spindles for railings.

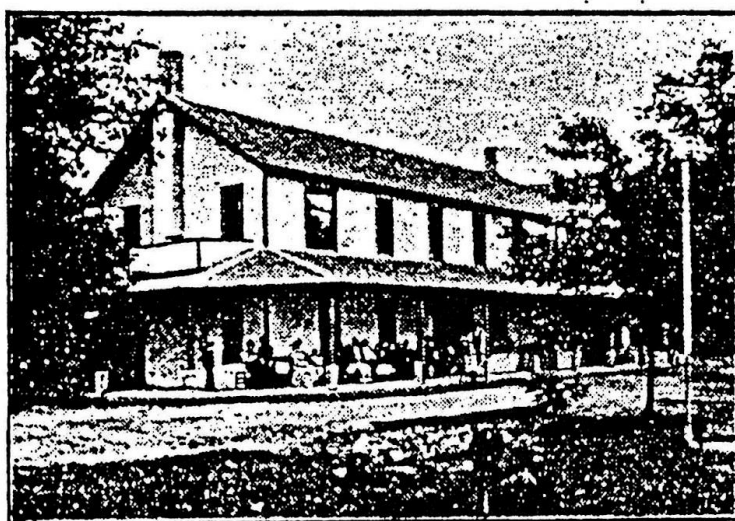
In 1898, Cicero purchased 80 additional acres known as Winslow Park where he built several cottages. He also leased parcels for cottages. It was here that a number of prominent Grand Rapids residents summered, including Paul Steketee, (Steketee's' Department Store), Ned Rood (EA Rood and Co.), Harold Cornelius (President, Wolverine Brass). Henry Talifaerro (President, American Seating), Earle S. Irwin (Irwin Seating Co.) and the Bloomers (First Lake Betty Ford's Parents).

Mr. Hartt featured a number of rental boats for fishing and camping parties; also a small steamboat which was much in demand in the summer. In 1902, a cyclone hit the lake and severely damaged the steamer. Whitefish School, on Stanton Road, was holding its picnic when the cyclone hit and what a scary event for the children! Panic ensued, and there was much scurrying to safety. Fortunately only one youngster was injured.



HARTT'S RESORT

is situated on the shore of Whitefish Lake, the prettiest body of water in Michigan. Equally delightful as a summer or winter resort. Temperature is equable, climate unexcelled. All the comforts of the country with many of the advantages and luxuries of a home. Readily reached from Pierson station. Thirty miles north of Grand Rapids. Our own carriages meet all trains. This resort is served by six trains on the G. R. & I. each day. Call us up on Citizens phone, No. 19-4 Sand Lake exchange.



HOTEL RATES \$9 AND \$10 PER WEEK

according to rooms occupied. All outside rooms, cool, wide verandas.

CAMP GROUNDS FREE

Fine fishing all season. Lake stocked with black bass and other game fish. Fine lot of boats for rent.

AMUSEMENTS

Base ball, lawn tennis, croquet, quoit pitching, bathing, boating, dancing and launch riding are the favorite sports at this resort. Fine Venetian displays frequently given on midsummer evenings.

Mr. Hartt has a large farm in connection with his resort and furnishes all kinds of vegetables in season. He also carries a line of groceries, home baked goods and fresh milk and cream for the accomodation of the cottagers.



Vacationing at Hartt's Resort in the early 1900's



The Fountain in front of Hartt's Hotel



GAGE'S LANDING

In 1883, E.C. Gage, with the help of Robert Cook of Pierson, bought a few boats and started a resort for campers and fishermen. In the following years E. C. Gage purchased an additional 40 acres fronting the lake.

Mr. Gage built a two story hotel overlooking the lake, added to his stables and increased the inventory of boats in the year 1893. By 1899, he had purchased his second steamboat which held 40 people and his guests would enjoy rides around the lake. Although there were only two cottages at Gage's Landing at this time, most of the people camped in tents.

The resort provided excellent accommodations and their bus met the GR and I Trains at Pierson., Gage's Landing was a popular resort for many years.



Campbell Resort Postcard
from Jennie Dooge, in 1908
Sent to her boyfriend, Neal Goudzwaard (Marjorie Homans Parents)

CAMPBELL'S SUBDIVISION

HISTORY OF PURCHASES OF THE ABOVE LAND:

Andrew Harpending purchased from the United States General Land Office on October 5, 1854.

The Osterhout and Fox Lumber Co., purchased from Harpending on December 5, 1884.

Edwin Gage purchased from Osterhout and Fox on September 29, 1886.

(During this period the land was known as Gages Landing)

H.E. Campbell purchased from, Edwin Gage, on October 23, 1906.

H.E. Campbell had the land north from Hillis Road to the Elmwood Park subdivision platted in four subdivisions: ABCD.

J.A. Skinner purchased from H.E. Campbell, September, 1914.

James E. Martin and wife, Clara Martin purchased from J. A. Skinner on October 19, 1914.



MARTIN'S RESORT

James and Clara Martin from Grand Rapids, moved to Big Whitefish Lake, Pierson Township, Montcalm County in the spring of 1915. They acquired land described as Lot 7, Block "B", Campbell's Resort Plat. They operated a hotel known as Jimmy's Resort, successfully for 22 years until retirement. This property was known as Jimmy's Resort, The Lakeside Inn, The Lakeside Association Park and was later renamed Martin's Resort. Before the advent of many automobiles, James would pick up guests by horse and buggy at the GR & I railroad station at Pierson. Guests were from many parts of Michigan and other states. The hotel registry shows guests from 23 different states, two foreign countries and 26 different cities in Michigan. Over the years James added to the resort to include more facilities for his guests. There were rentals of cottages and boats. He also operated a store with ice, milk, groceries etc. The milk was produced and processed on the grounds. An ice house was constructed for the storage of ice during the summer months. The ice was cut from the lake in the winter months and stored in the ice house in sawdust. Picnic tables were available and there was a bathhouse for swimmers to store their clothes. A toboggan slide was constructed for the enjoyment of guests. The hotel and resort was at its most prosperous from 1915-1923. James and Clara Martin retired in 1934 and left the running of their business to their son and daughter-in-law, Orville and Irma Martin. They operated the resort from 1935-1958, when the lake association purchased the property. The resort was operated for a short time by Pat Workman from 1955-1968. The building housed a small grocery/candy store, a full bar with dance floor, a gasoline pump, and a kitchen selling hamburgers and hotdogs to bar patrons. In the early 60's Sue Szymczak Boman and Judy Malmquist worked in the store area as young girls. For several summers teen dances were held in the bar area. It was a great place to fill your gas tank or pick up a few groceries. The Big Whitefish Lake Association held their meetings at Martin's Resort from the founding of the Association in 1950 until the Resort's demise in 1968.

Reference Material from: "The Long Road Back" by Betty Martin Heiss, R. Remer recollections, and the Howard City Record.

HOTEL REGISTER.

Money, Jewelry and other Valuables must be placed in the Safe in the Office, otherwise the Hotel will not be responsible for any loss.

DATE	ROOM	NAME	RESIDENCE	TIME OF ARRIVAL	TIME OF DEPARTURE	DAT
		J. H. Wilson & Wife	Grand Rapids Mich.			
July 8 th 1916		E. W. Bonfield	" "	4:30 P.M.		
		C. W. Bonfield	" "	"		
		Gordon Bonfield	" "	"		
		E. L. F. Williamson & Wife	Lowell, July 8. 1916.			
		G. J. Bradish & Wife	" "	"		
		Eng. M. Parker	" "	"		
		H. L. Rulison & Wife	Springfield Mass.			
		Mr. H. H. Haire	" "			
July 10		J. J. Laundry & Wife	GR			
		P. Schler & Wife	GR			
		J. H. J. J. J. J.	GR			
		R. L. Dyle	"			
		E. Conroy & Wife	GR			
		P. F. Faudler & Wife	Chicago July 22, 1916			
		A. E. Marquardt	Chicago			
		Wm. G. Tessenand & Wife	Gr. Rapids			
		L. W. Morris	Mich.			
		Geo. Greener	Mich.			
		Ruth Harian	Gr. R.			
		Franklin Pierce	" "			
		Mrs " "	" "			
		July 22	" "			
		Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keegan	Gr. Rapids			
		Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Keegan	" "			

HOTEL REGISTER.

Money, jewelry and other valuables must be placed in the safe in the office, otherwise the hotel will not be responsible for any loss.

DATE	ROOM	NAME	RESIDENCE	TIME OF ARRIVAL	TIME OF DEPARTURE	DATE
		<i>Aug 31 - 1919</i>				
		John D. Sullivan	GR			
		John D. Sullivan	"			
		Wm J. Dickinson	"			
		<i>Sept 1 - 19</i>				
		James Ritchie	Grand Rapids			
		Wm B. Van Duse	Grand Rapids			
		<i>Sept 4 - 1919</i>				
		R M Polson	"			
		Wm J. Dickinson	"			
		<i>Sunday Sept. 7 - 1919</i>				
		Mr. Mrs. Chas. Glaser				
		Miss Lily Glaser				
		Mr. Mrs. Ed. Doogan				
		<i>Sept. 12 - 1919</i>				
		Mr. Mrs. James Tompkins	Downing, Cal.			
		... Geo. Hillen	Hartsville Mich			
		... Geo. Smith	Grand Rapids			
		... F. B. Smith	"			
		<i>Sept 23</i>				
		<i>Thurs Sept 23 1919</i>				
		W. Cheney				
		Wm J. Cheney				
		Wm. Allen Cheney				



LEE'S RESORT

In 1902, Justus E. Lee and his wife, Cynthia purchased 24 acres on the southwest side of Big Whitefish Lake, west of Whitefish Lake Road. On this land they operated a hotel where they rented rooms, served meals and rented boats for fishing. Mrs. Lee took care of the hotel and served meals. Mr. Lee had a large garden and milk barn. They also operated a large motor launch which Mr. Lee would take around the lake. He took orders for garden produce in season, baked goods from Mrs. Lee's Kitchen and dairy products such as cream and milk and homemade butter.

Mr. Lee also picked up guests at the GR and I railroad station at Pierson. In later years the Lee's continued to serve chicken dinners. They also sold baked goods: bread, cakes and Mrs. Lee's specialty; Sugar Coated Molasses Cookies, six inches in diameter covered with white frosting.

MRS. LEE'S MOLASSES COOKIES

3 eggs	1 cup white sugar
1 cup Dark Molasses	1 cup shortening
2 cups thick sour cream	1 teaspoon Ginger
2 teaspoons cinnamon	1 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons soda	

Flour for a soft Dough
(about 7 cups)

Mix all ingredients. Chill. Dough will be sticky. Bake at 375.

The frosting recipe is missing. This recipe appeared in the Howard City paper under Favorite Recipes.



Lee Family delivery baked goods

WHITEFISH LAKE GOLF CLUB

“Course is Sporty Layout”

Historic Background - The Early Beginnings

Information from 1922

Built on a high bluff above Whitefish Lake, the development of the Whitefish Lake Country Club in the past five years has created one of the beauty spots of this section of the state. About five years ago a group of Grand Rapids, Howard City, Sand Lake and Cedar Springs men, with the cooperation of J. Montague Whaling, a Detroit steel broker, most of them owners of summer homes at Whitefish Lake, began plans for a nine hole golf course near Hartt's Resort, about 3 miles from Sand Lake.

After several months work, the course opened in June, 1927. The spot selected for the clubhouse had previously been a blemish on the landscape, but a part of the course was laid through what was formerly the old orchard on the Hartt farm. The clubhouse is ideally located between a small lake and the resort proper. Lake breezes reach the entire course. The outlet from this little lake into Whitefish Lake makes two of the most intriguing water hazards to be found anywhere.

Some interesting history underlies the high, rolling course. The clubhouse itself is located on a large Indian mound overlooking the first tee and the ninth green. Indians used to roam through the woods that border the course on the north. Although many obstacles developed during the first three years, the course opened this year as one of the finest in this section of the state. The condition of the greens has caused commendable comment from visitors who play many of the finest courses in the land. The greens are exceptional this summer and they are under the care of Jay Bush.

J. Montague Whaling who owns one of the most attractive country estates on the south end of the lake, “Ridgemont”, was largely responsible for making the course possible, donating the beautiful modern clubhouse which has been sumptuously furnished by the club members and serves as the center for social activities of the summer colony.

Wives of the members hold bridge parties there each Thursday afternoon. Several club fetes are held annually with trophies offered by prominent club members. The members also compete in tournaments on July 4th and Labor Day. A double tennis court built of concrete is also an attraction at the club.

1931 OFFICERS

The officers of the club for 1931 were:

President, J.M. Whaling, Detroit; B. S. Davenport, Grand Rapids, Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Shattuck, Sand Lake; Board of Directors, C. L. Crimmins, Blaire B. Henkle, Ralph S. Jennings, Howard City; Earle S. Irwin, O. B. Vendeboget, Ward F. Herst, Grand Rapids, and the officers named above.

Well known members of the Whitefish Lake Country Club besides those named above include: Dr. C.E. Boeman, Harry M. Taliaferro, J. H. Paalman, L.V. Chamberlain, Dr. C. A. Burbridge, all of Grand Rapids; Senator J. A. Skinner of Cedar Springs, Dean Griffith, Lakeview; J. B. Haskins, Dr. L. W. Hayes, Howard City.



THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER WRITTEN BY EDWIN SALMINEN, A FORMER MEMBER OF WHITEFISH LAKE COUNTRY CLUB IN 1935.

Membership dues for the summer of 1935 were \$25.00.

The pine stumps surrounding the course were huge--they were left there by the Fox Lumber Co., in the late 1890's to the 1900's. The lumber company had purchased the land for the beautiful, huge pines and then proceeded to strip the land of all the trees. When they harvested all the pines for lumber, they allowed the sheriff to foreclose on the land.

When World War II broke out, the men doing the groundskeeping were drafted or went to work in the defense industry. We could not afford to pay them what they could earn in industry at that time. As I recall we paid them around \$22.00 per week.

The membership then decided to mow and water green and tees on weekends, that seemed to work fairly well for over a year.

During the war there were large scrap iron drives all over the country and we were asked to donate the underground sprinkling system for the cause. Participation and membership in the club was at a very low ebb and permission was granted to dig up the pipes and as a result the club closed and we went to war.

Respectfully,

Edwin Salminen

THE MASTER PLAN

In the late 1980's a master plan for major renovation was undertaken. Architect Gerald Matthews designed the master plan in three phases for the Pierce family; Watson and Elsie, daughter Lorraine and son Gary.

The Matthews' crew and subcontractors started in June, 1989 on Phase I with the construction of three new holes that meandered through the hardwood and pine forest and over and around three ponds. These new fairways lengthened the course with two new par 5's and a 400 yard par 4. The new practice and putting green area was built on Bass Lake Road.

Phase II called for a new clubhouse and parking area. The new clubhouse was started in 1989 and completed in 1990. It includes a restaurant and bar called "The Loons Nest" and seats 100 guests. It was opened in mid-June of 1990. This beautiful building also has a sun deck space that seats 100 guests and overlooks the golf course to the west and a pro shop on the south.

Phase III was the completion of our 18 hole golf course.



Whitefish Golf Club, 2013

2013 INFORMATION

The following excerpts were contributed by Watson Pierce and family, current proprietors of the Whitefish Lake Golf Club.

Jim Carpenter was a teenage caddie at the club in the 1920's. He became president of Union Bank later in life.

The Golf Course survived the Depression and operated as a private club until WWII and remained so until the mid 1950's. Maurice Newell became the new owner. He renovated the course and opened it to the public.

Watson and Elsie Pierce bought the course from Newell in 1958. They operated the course as a public nine hole facility. John Wisinski was the club professional at this time.

Through land acquisition of adjoining land parcels owned by the Jeffries and Gables, the course grew to 11 holes in the late 1980's, and 18 holes a few years later.

Jerry Matthews designed the current golf course. He was also involved in the renovation design of courses at Canadian Lakes, Grand Haven and Grand Rapids Cascade.

In addition: the clubhouse was built at the time of the 11 hole course expansion and was destroyed by fire on July 11, 2001. The present clubhouse was built after the fire.



Fire on July 11, 2001

SAILBOAT RACING

This great summer sport began at our lake with only a few participants in the late 1950's. As more Big Whitefish Lake residents obtained sailboats, organization began. The Association established a racing schedule for 1:00 PM each Sunday from the middle of June until the middle of August. The first commodore was R. Dale Frank. Interest grew as the years progressed and cottagers eagerly anticipated the Sunday afternoon sailboat competition. Several classes of boats competed under the able command of dedicated commodores.

Participating classes of sailboats and commodores were as follows:

SAILBOAT CLASSES

Butterfly

M-16

Hobie Cats, 14" and 16"

COMMODORES DOWN THRU THE YEARS

R.D. Frank

J. H. Davies

Richard Schmock

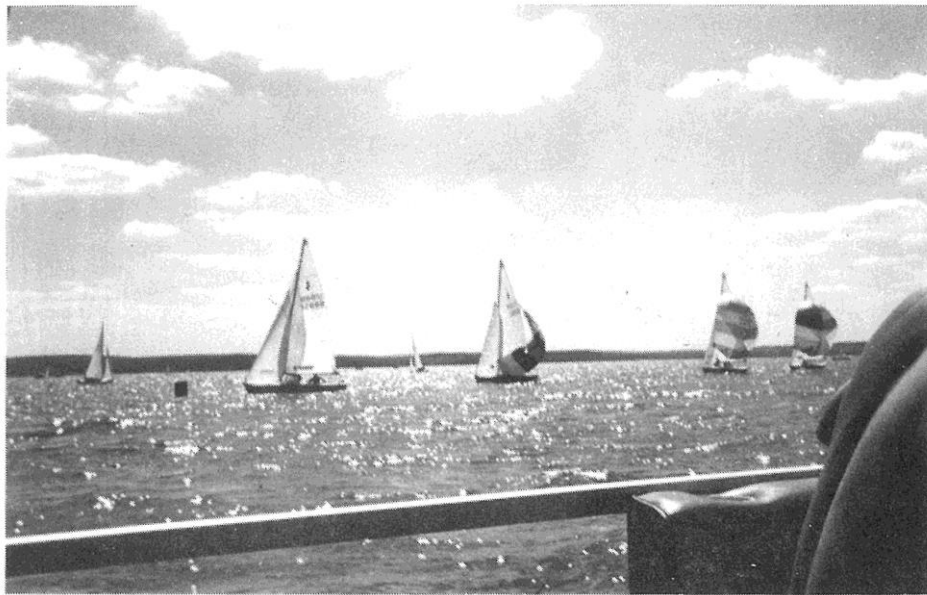
Walt Karczewski

Ron Dunwell

Bob Brace

Don Remer

Watson Pierce



THE GOLDEN AGE OF SAILING OF WHITEFISH LAKE

Some of my fondest memories on the lake are of sailing. I started in a sailboat made of styrofoam and enjoyed hours of sailing. I then crewed for Jack Davies in the weekly Sunday races. I raced first in a Teal, then in an M-16. Finally, I had my own M-16 and raced every Sunday all summer. Other participants were Watson Pierce, Stan Byington, Ron Dunwell, Jack Davies, Jack Scott, Don Schmock, Walt Karczewski, etc. ~ John O'Donald

NATURAL DISASTERS THROUGH THE YEARS AT BIG WHITEFISH LAKE

This story is from the Cedar Springs Clipper, June 18, 1902

CYCLONE IN ENSLEY TOWNSHIP

A Cyclone swept through this section, Thursday afternoon, June 12, 1902 carrying with it destruction and doing damage to great extent. It passed on a southeast course a little north of F.M. Carpenter's house and through Whitefish Lake to Hartt's Resort, where the Whitefish school was holding its picnic and was in the midst of their exercises when the cyclone was seen coming. A panic ensued and places of safety were sought as best they could in the few minutes time they had.

One little boy was quite badly hurt. A stump being blown on him and Mrs. Phillip Hartt had her right hand jammed--others received slight injuries. Cicero Hartt's new steamer was nearly ruined and a large tree fell across the old steamer. Small boats were hurled through thick groves and smashed to kindling, trees were broken over the peoples heads and debris flew all around them but they miraculously escaped with their lives.

Note: Norma Rau related that her great-grandmother was killed in this cyclone.

THE LABOR DAY TORNADO, 1952

It started out as a beautiful Labor Day, with everyone completing their end of the summer season chores. Suddenly, the skies became ominously dark, with a hurricane type wind blanketing the

lake, overturning docks and boats and lifting hundreds of trees along the shore line. Every area of the lake was affected; sadly we lost a lot of our beautiful Birch Trees in this storm.





The cottage belonging to Ken and Norma Rau, 2574 Ruch Point Drive, Zone H, burned in October, 1958. Lightning struck a utility pole during a storm and traveled the line into the cottage. The outside walls remained but the roof burned and the interior was a total loss. Ken rebuilt the cottage in November, 1958.



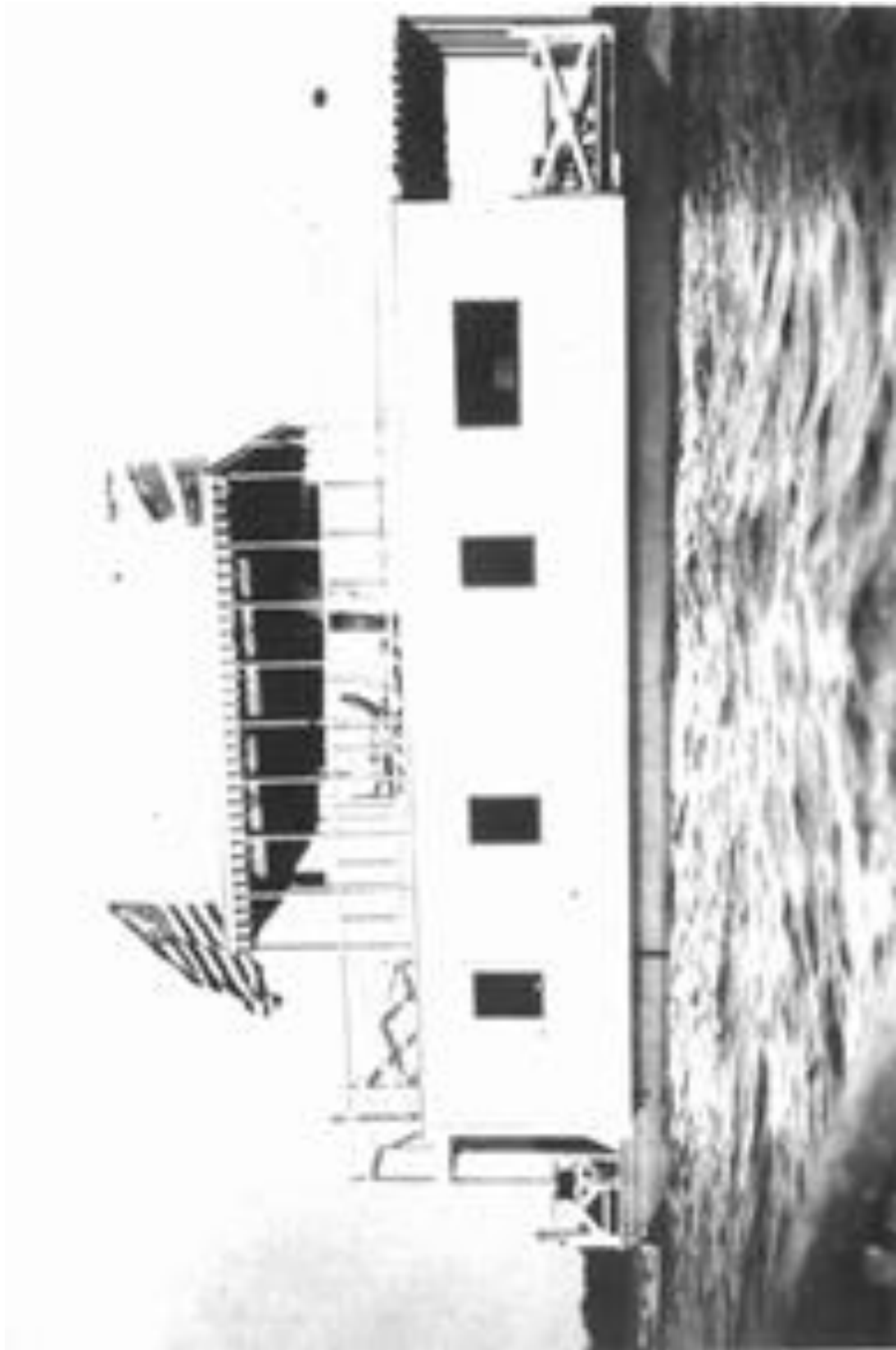
THE BIG FIRE OF 1974

There were two cottages destroyed in the fire. The fire started in the lower level of the Gordon Scoville cottage. The fire was fed by fierce winds on a Sunday in September. It happened so fast that it burned the Edward Strzyzewski cottage (now Underwood) to the south to the ground and part of the Fitzpatrick (Now the Boman) cottage to the north. Cars and property were destroyed, but fortunately no one was injured.

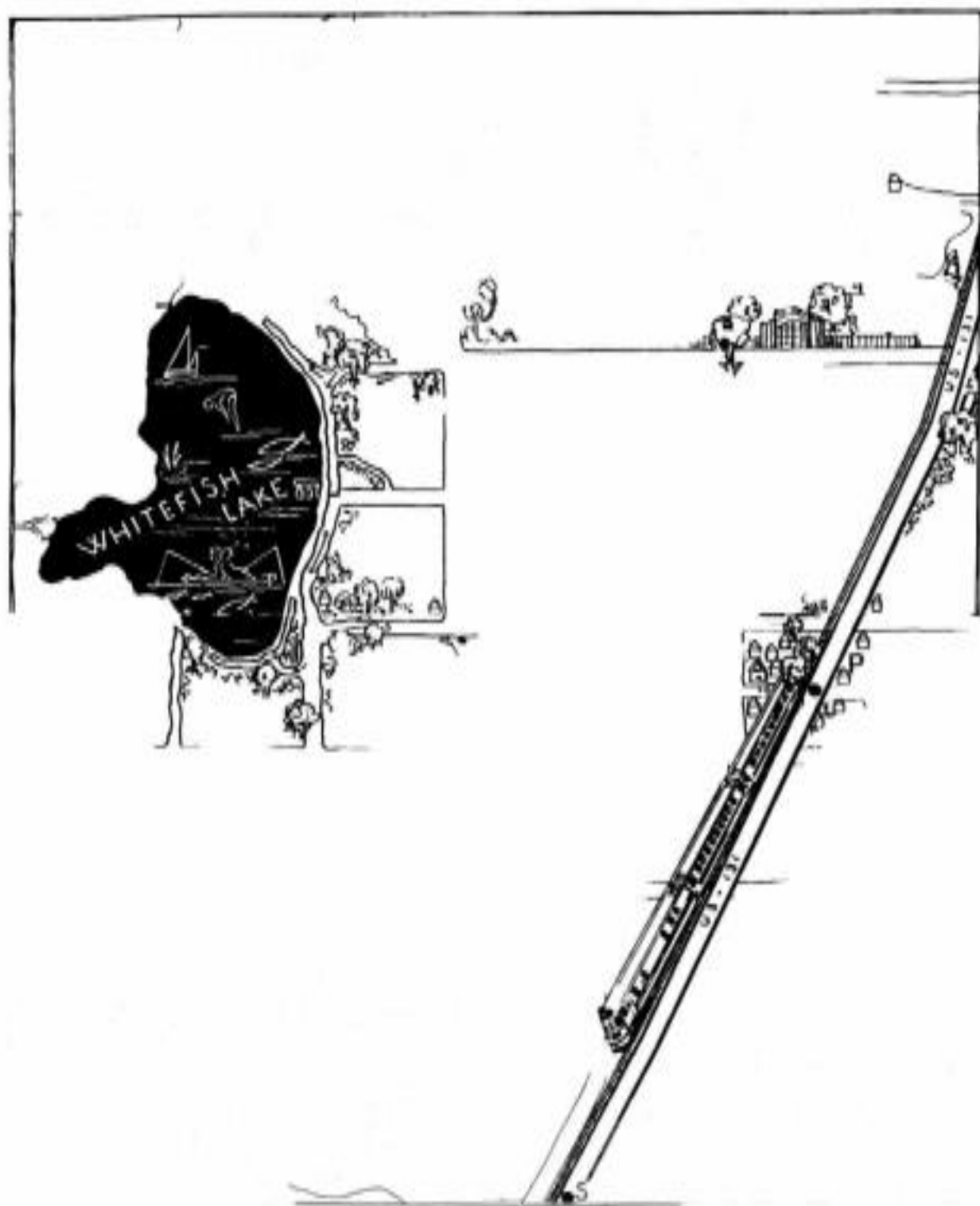


The Flood of 1975

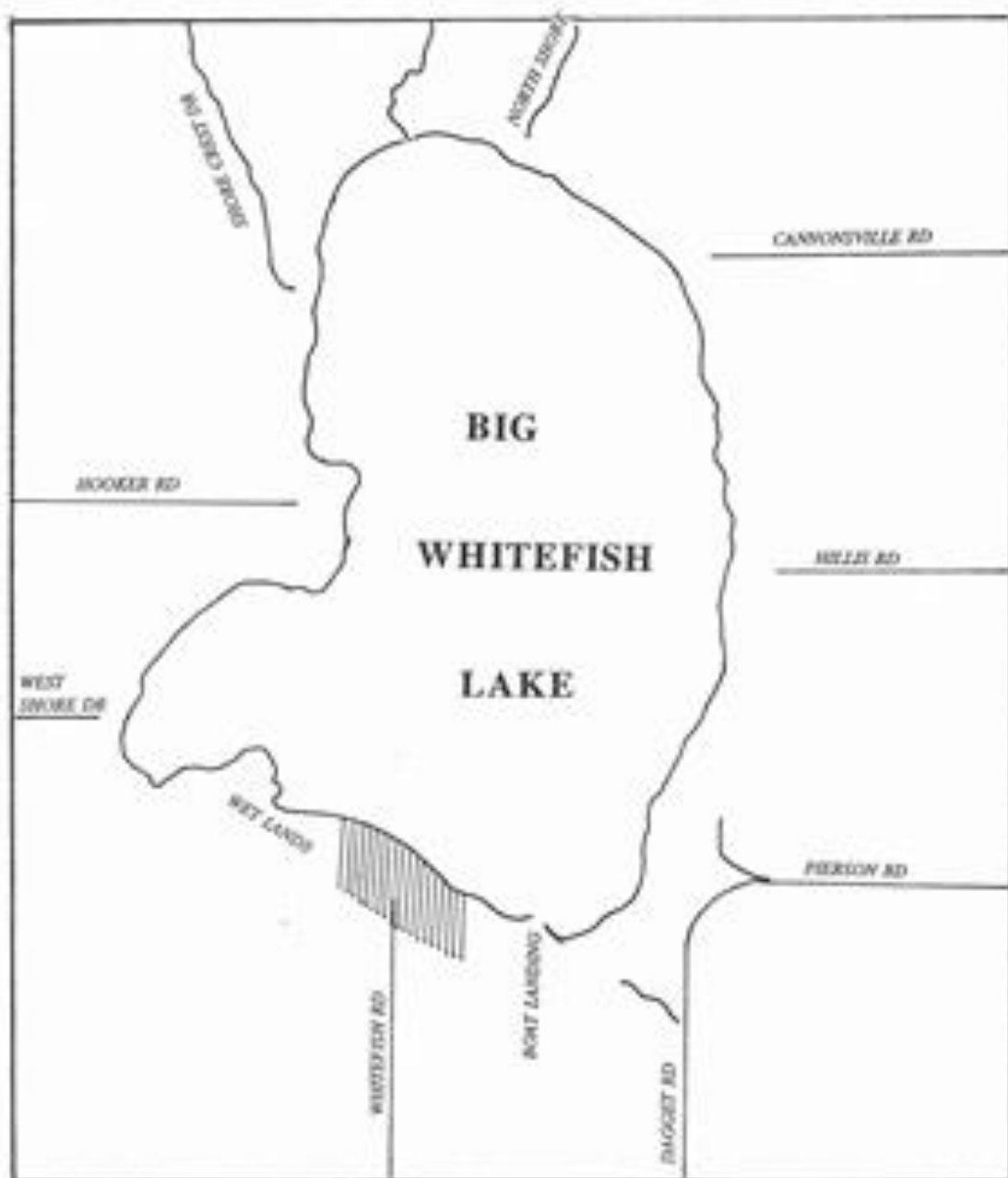




Mississippi River Boat



ZONE A





A 1971 - Thomas B. King Jr.

Charles Payne, a furniture manufacturer, purchased a Mississippi River Boat and brought it by train to Pierson and hauled it by horse team to the lake in 1914. The houseboat was only used on the lake for a short time and was hauled up the hill at the south end to become the second story of a newly built cottage in 1917. Hampton Hayes and Dr. Donald Boyd were previous owners prior to Thomas B. King Jr.



A 2545 - Scott and Carol Hubbard

The Lee Family built this house in 1904. John (Pudd) and Opal Voss bought the house in 1945. They had boat rentals for Fishing. The Hubbards have lived here since 1985.



A 2016 - Brian and Molly O'Kane

O'Kanes visited family for years and they were intrigued by the vacant lot on Whitefish Road. Once they committed to purchasing the lot they went through considerable challenges acquiring the property and building within all DEQ restrictions. Their home was started in May 2008 and completed February 2009. Fully committed to life on Big Whitefish Lake they are full time residents raising their 3 children Conner, Aidan and Brenna and building a lifetime of fun memories.



A 22982 - Karl and Margaret Paganelli

This home, “Pirates Treasure”, was built by The Tom King Sr. Family in the 1970’s. The King’s then sold to Dennis and Mary Larkin about 1988. Dennis and Mary sold to Karl and Peg Paganelli in 1994.



A 229612 - Ken and Edie Muraski

John and Lorraine Schuitema purchased the property from the Tom King Family. The Schuitemas built the Guest House in 1990 and 1991. The permanent home between the Guest House and the lake was built in 1993. Ken and Edie Muraski bought the property in 1999.



A 22944 - Bruce E. and Dorai VanDyke

The Van Dykes built and completed their home in December 1987.



A 22900 - Brian and Laura Clark

Dan and Linda (Bogaski) DePuydt bought Lot C from Tom King, then sold the property to the Clarks in 1996. They broke ground the summer of 1999 and moved into “Clarks Gable” in May of 2000. Laura is the daughter of Bill and Cecilia Vanderbout, longtime cottage owners in Zone B. After growing up on Big Whitefish, Laura is glad that their daughters, Katie and Nicki, can grow up on the lake, too.



A 22892 - Nancy Maioho and Family

This area along the south shore was once known as “Winslow Park”. Initially owned by Cicero Hartt, the proprietor of Hartts Resort, it was passed down to his daughter Sylvia. The land was purchased by Tom King and plotted into lots. In 1975 James and Madeline Simon purchased lot D and built a 2 – stall garage with an attached apartment. They built the current home in 1988. In 2005 the property was passed to James and Madeline's daughter Nancy Maioho. She continues to enjoy the lake community with her sons James, Patrick and Andrew along with her grandchildren marking 3 generations that have grown up on this wonderful lake.



A 22880 - Eric & Sarah Cavalli

In the hot summer of 1997, we were excited to purchase lot E on the south shore of the lake. We transformed this jungle and moved into our year-round home on the hill in March of 1999. Our English Springer Spaniel Ellie, did her part as well by diving and swimming for branches to make this shore one of the best kiddie swim areas ever. Now our two children, Chloe (11) and Seth (9), along with their cousins and friends enjoy each season on the lake. Chloe’s favorite being summer and Seth’s being the winter. There is something very special about the people and the beauty of Big Whitefish Lake. We feel very blessed and every day on the lake is a gift, a memory to be cherished.



Zone B consists of 27 lakefront properties identified on the rustic “Big Whitefish Bay” sign at the bottom of the hill.

Prior to the 1940’s, the entrance road to Zone B extended west from Dagget Road along the south side of Hartt’s Hotel to the present road running parallel with the lake and beginning with Eberhardt cottage at 2055 Lake Street.

According to stories that have circulated for many years, Mrs. Phylliss Hartt, widow of Samuel Hartt, would often sit on her side porch with her shotgun ready to shoot at any “trespassers” and due to her unstable condition, Zone B residents thought it best to explore the possibilities of a different entry road. Milford and Jenny Harris gave up their back lot for this purpose. Mark and Debbie Feyen now reside at 1937 Lake Street.

Also, in 1970, with the threat of a huge trailer park becoming a reality on the high ground above Zone B, the cottage owners in this zone donated money to send Milford and Jenny Harris to talk with the owner Phylliss Hartt, daughter of Cicero and Maude and a professor at Purdue University. The Harris’ made a second trip to talk with Phyllis and she made two trips to Zone B to view her land, talk with cottage owners and make a decision. She finally agreed to sell, and cottage owners from Bogaski, 1893 Lake Street through Spangrud, 1999 Lake Street agreed to buy the land jointly and the South Woodland Acres Corporation (named by Jim Simon) was born. Interest in this approximately 34 acres passes to the buyer of property on a lakefront lot. The land is to be left in its natural state forever.

ZONE B





B 1771 - Tim and Patti Zerkle

Built by Bob and Connie Melaik, in 1991. Purchased by Tim and Patty Zerkle in 2004.



B 1833 - Jerry and Joy Antvelink

In 1854, The United States General Land Office deeded this property, Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 29 to Andrew Harpending. In 1895, Cicero and Maude Hartt bought some property in Section 29 and in 1923, they surveyed, laid out and platted the land to be known as "Winslow Park". In 1923, Montgomery and Louise Whaling purchased some lots and built this beautiful cottage. In 1946, they sold to Fred and Bessie Edison. The Edison family lived here until 1978, when they sold to Jerry and Lindsay VandenBrink, who remodeled the cottage. In 1984, the VandenBrinks subdivided the land into three lots, keeping the center one with the cottage and selling the other two. The lot on the west was sold to David Anderson, who in turn sold to Robert and Connie Melaik. The lot on the east was sold to Mike Heiss, who later sold to Jerry and Cindy Poisson in 1991. Jerry and Joy Antvelink bought the center property with the cottage in 1985.



The Boathouse

Between 1924 and 1927, Cicero and Maude Hartt sold lots in the “Winslow Park” Platt to Montgomery Whaling, a wealthy businessman from Detroit, and his wife Louise. In 1927, Mr. Whaling built a beautiful large house on the highest point of the ridge naming the house “Ridge Mont”. The foundation, walls, steps, fireplace and the top of the concrete sea wall were all made from cut fieldstone gathered from the surrounding area. The interior was panelled in wainscoting. As Mr. Whaling brought his servants from Detroit he built two cottages for the maids, one for the chauffeur and a tool shed for the caretaker. He also built a two story boathouse over the water, so the boats could drive into the lower part of the boathouse. The upper part was completely furnished and was used as a guest house and for parties. It still contains an old wainscoat washstand. As there were several artesian wells on the property, water was piped, during the winter, into three sides of the boathouse to be used as a sprinkling system. This system would run all winter long and keep the ice from freezing on the walls of the boathouse. Now air is pumped around the foundation to prevent damage and to preserve one of our lakes’ landmarks.



B 1855 - Jerry and Cindy Poisson

The empty lot was purchased in 1990, their beautiful home was built and the family moved in during March 1992.

Known previous property owners and present owners: Edison Family, Jerry Vandenbrink, Michael Heiss, Cindy and Jerry Poisson

Nancy Maioho kept a horse on the lot as a young girl.

Jerry came here with parents and siblings as a kid from 1962 until 1972. His family rented a cottage on the east shore that has been torn down for a new structure. Jerry's family started coming to BWL in the 1930's and the family shares a lot of great memories. Jerry is now making memories with wife Cindy and son Nick.

The Boat Landing





B 1893 - Paula Bogaski

This cottage was built in 1948 by Jack and Ann Pollock, owners of a department store in Cedar Springs. The cottage is made of white cedar logs. The first floor was called the “Leelanau”. Shortly after its construction, an additional floor plan and cedar lumber were purchased and an addition attached to the original cottage. According to the Pollocks, the original structure was flooded soon after they moved in, so they raised the cottage and filled in the whole lot so as to raise it above the level of the adjoining lots. The Bogaski Family purchased the cottage when it was 14 years old, in August, 1962. Many improvements were made such as insulation, knotty pine paneling, enclosing the front porch with louvered windows and painting the natural cedar logs brown. Prior to purchasing this cottage, The Bogaski Family had rented many summers from the Dykhous Family (C 2235).



B 1905 - Ron Yuhasz and Kathy Kendell

Prior to Maude and Cicero Hartt owning this land a saw mill existed on the property. The cottage was moved across the ice to its present location in the 1940's. Prior to that it had been at the east end of the lake in Zone C. Ray and Rita Klein bought the cottage in 1952 and added dormers and porches. Two layers of shingles were put on the roof in one year, because Rita didn't like the color of the first layer. Kleins bought the cottage from the Rozelle Family who owned it since 1946. James and Rose Mary Gille purchased the property in May, 1971. New Owners, Ron Yuhasz and Kathy Kendall purchased it in 2012 from Lane and Kelly Lebster.



B 1919 - Rick and Barb Bolkema

"Kan-Tuk-U-Inn" is the name, Frank and Minnie Verschut, named this cottage when they purchased it in 1938. The Verschuts bought the cottage from Herbert and Ida Alward. The Alwards purchased the land from Maude and Cicero Hartt and built the cottage in 1923, in the vicinity of the saw mill. Slabs of wood covering the bottom of the lake, discarded by the Oosterhout and Fox Lumber Company, in the late 1800's were brought to the surface, dried and used in a pot-belly stove to take off the chill on cooler days at Whitefish. Ed and Louise Stormzand, Howard and Bea Stormzand and Bob and Fran Lum all inherited the cottage in 1972. Ed and Louise have two children with cottages on the lake, Laura VanHattum, Zone D - 2533 and Ed, Jr. Zone B, 1999. Rick and Barb Bolkema purchased the cottage in 2010 and have made some

major improvements.



B 1925 - Cecilia Vanderbout

“Our Mother Hubbard, she built us this cottage that grows dearer with age.” These are the words penned by someone in the Hubbard Family that owned a lumber company in Hudsonville and bought the property in 1926, and probably built either that year or the next.

We bought the cottage on Christmas Eve, 1959 and Old Mother Hubbard’s cupboards were NOT bare and for years whenever we needed something...from a glass cutter to needle and thread...we went to Mother Hubbard’s cupboard and found it. To this day, as we look in Mother Hubbard’s cupboard..the happiness her family had in the first thirty-plus years continues in our family as we enjoy our 54th summer in our cottage on Big Whitefish Lake.



B 1931 - Barbara Schoendorf

The property was originally owned by Cicero and Maude Hartt and inherited by their son and daughter J. Samuel Hartt and Sylvia Hartt. Peter and Mina DeWitt bought the land and built the cottage in 1923. Louis and Mary Olivier purchased the cottage from the DeWitts in 1946. Upon the death of Louis and Mary the cottage was inherited by the Olivier children. They sold the

cottage to Carl H. and Barbara Schoendorf in June, 1969.



B 1937 - Mark and Debra Feyen

The Harris Family owned a cottage for many years on the site where ours now stands. They sold to Jim and Joy Sturuss who eventually tore down the Harris cottage. We were excited about purchasing the vacant property-except for a garage, because “we had been looking for a long time and this was right next door to Mark's Mom and Dad!”. Mark was 7 years old when his parents bought their cottage and when he sees our kids in the woods or fishing, or catching frogs he says, “I feel like I’m reliving my childhood”.



B 1943 - Allen and Barb Jensen

Barbara (Feyen) and Allen Jansen took over the cottage after Sylvia Feyen passed away. Sylvia passed away this year at 95 years old and up until a couple of years ago she enjoyed visits to the lake for pontoon rides. This cottage was purchased by John and Sylvia Feyen in 1963 from William

Bouwkamp. This cottage houses the original dinner bell used at Hartt Hotel.



B 1949 - Eric Hendrickson

Eric Hendrickson purchased this cottage from Ben and Julie Amato in the spring of 2001. The Amatos had purchased the cottage from Art and Dorothy Davey in the spring of 1999. Prior to that the cottage belonged to Bill Detrich until 1964.



B 1955 - Barbara Sturuss

Peter and Barbara Sturuss bought the cottage in 1981. That cottage was removed and is now a deer hunting cabin in Northern Michigan and the Sturuss' built a new cottage in 1983. The following people enjoyed many years in the old cottage: John and Diane Jones 1976-1981, Harvey and Ruth Duiven and their son and his wife, Frank and Lois Duiven from 1966 - 1976, Robert and Evelyn Lustig from 1943 - 1966. From 1929 - 1943 it belonged to William and Lena VerHey and from 1923 - 1929 the VerHeek Family owned the cottage. Previous to that the land

belonged to Maude and Cicero Hartt.



B 1957 - Paul Jaklitsch & Alki Burdett

Joyce and Dan Pouba purchased the cottage from Madeline and Jim Simon in 1974. Simons had purchased the vacant lot from Harvey Duiven in 1969. Simons built the cottage and lived here for five years. The Barringers purchased this property from Poubas in 1992. The Barringers lived here nine years and sold to Nicholas and Kerry Ottenwess in 2001. Paul Jaklitsch and Alki Burdett purchased the cottage in 2008.



B 1961 - Harold and JoAnn Thome, Steve and Missy Thome

John and Patty Woodhouse, Joe and Jeanne Wahlfield

Lewis H. and Ethel Berles bought Lot # 6 and the back lot # 5 when this area was platted by Cicero and Maude Hartt in 1921 and 1924. In 1941, Marlin B. and Helen Strong were the owners. They owned the cottage until 1951 and Marvin and Charline Goudzwaard lived there for three years and

sold to James and Madeline Simon in 1954. Simons sold to Edward and Helen Piechocki in 1962. The Thomes have owned the property since 1999. JoAnn Thome is Helen Piechocki's niece.



B 1965 - Richard and Deb Wysocki

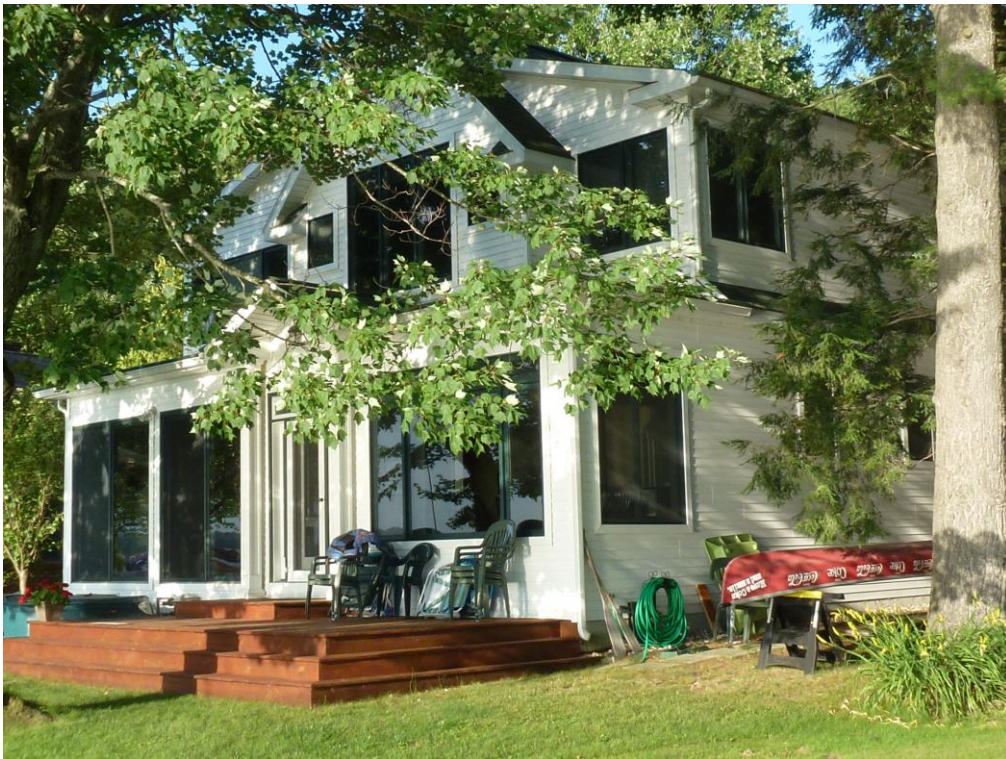
Ed and Adriane Bollman purchased this cottage in the late 1930's and owned it continuously until after Ed Bollman's death around 1962. Ted and Mickey Wysocki purchased the cottage in 1965, from William M. Monsma who bought it from Adriane Bollman. . Richard and Deb now have ownership of the cottage.



B 1969 - William and Helen Stroh

Bill and Helen Stroh bought their cottage from Roy and Florence Woodrick in 1978. Woodricks purchased from Dr. Ruben Seime, who had bought the cottage from Adolph Krause. The Krauses had built the cottage in 1931. The kitchen was enlarged sometime in the 30's. Unfortunately, the new kitchen was now over the well. The cottage received a major "re-do" in 1997, because a

cracked well casing resulted in leakage which damaged the kitchen and floor joists which had to be replaced.



B 1973 - Jim and Judy Warner

Around 1930 the original cottage owned by L.V. Chamberlain, Sr. burned down. With encouragement from his son, the cottage was rebuilt over a period of several years. A small bunk house complimented the cottage. Eventually ownership passed to Lou (L. V.) Chamberlain, Jr. Over the years the cottage was owned by the P. C. Cornelius Family and later, the Gil Van Sluis Family. In 1953, Anthony (Tony) F. Zoellner bought the cottage from the Van Sluis Family. Upon Tony's death, ownership passed to his three grown children: Ruth Ann Liesveld, Mary Wells and Tom Zoellner. In the mid- 60's the Liesveld Family sold their ownership portion to Jim and Mary Wells and Tom and Dorothy Zoellner. In 1983, Judy Warner (Jim and Mary's Daughter) and her husband Jim Warner bought the Zoellner's $\frac{1}{2}$ ownership. In 2001, Jim and Judy Warner became sole owners, rebuilding the cottage in 2006.



B 1981 - Alice Holton

The building that housed a school was located in the woods on the top of a hill between Daggett and Lake Streets. It was built prior to 1843, and at an unknown date was pushed and pulled down the hill to a waterfront location that is now 1981 Lake Street, to be used as a fishing shanty. Eventually, improvements were made such as a fireplace, windows, kitchen, bedrooms, bath and an "L" shaped porch.

The cottage was purchased in 1943 by Emma Rauser Mains and her son-in-law, Tom King for \$3,400, and an adjacent lot from the Hartt Family for \$800 which became the front yard.

When Emma Rauser Mains died in 1951, the cottage was inherited by her two daughters, Sue King and Carman Neuman. The King and Neuman Families and their children shared the cottage for many wonderful years. Tom and Sue King spent most of the time at the cottage with their four children, Sherry, Tom, Marilyn and Brad until the cottage was sold to the Holton Family in 1972. They replaced the cottage with a lakefront home in 1991.



B 1993 - Les and Diane Grimm

This cottage was built by E. A. Rood of Grand Rapids in 1923. (Owned Rood's China Shop) It was bought --complete with a separate building for the maid, by Chalmers and Esther Quaintance in 1944. The cottage was next purchased by William R. and Patricia Dickinson in 1967 and extensively remodeled. The cottage was next purchased by Les and Diane Grimm in 2012 and completely redone, inside and out in 2013.



B 1999 - Edward and Cheryl Stormzand

The original cottage on this site was owned by the Mortimer Olds Family and sold to Joe and Kay Mittner. After fire destroyed the cottage in 1966, the Mittners rebuilt the cottage now at this address and sold it to Tom and Carol Spangrud in 1982. In 1994, Ed and Cheryl Stormzand bought the cottage and have enjoyed it every summer since.



B 2005 - Dave and Glenda Trexler

Rudolph and Mable Larson purchased the original property from J. Samuel Hartt and Sylvia Hartt. In 1947, William and Virginia Nicholls purchased the cottage and owned it until 1955 when it was sold to Norman and Margaret Trexler. Norman and Margaret celebrated their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries at the cottage. The cottage ownership was transferred to Larry and Coleen Trexler in approximately 2001. Larry is the great grandson of the Scotts who had the first cottage on Big Whitefish Lake. The cottage is now owned by Dave and Glenda Trexler.

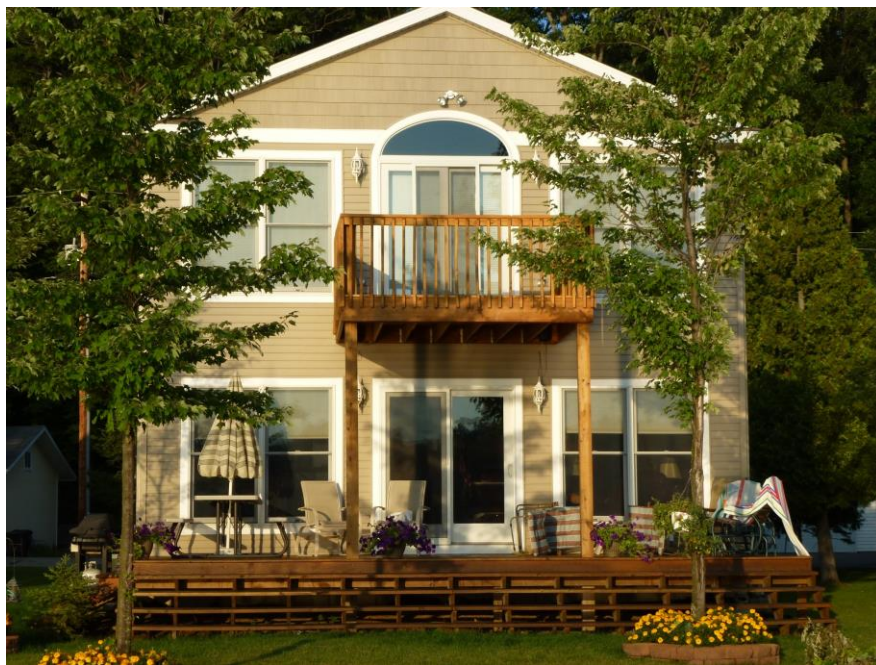


B 2013 - Jon and Janie Durren

From 1949 through 1960 the Norman Trexlers of Ithaca owned this cottage. In 1960, the Trexlers purchased the cottage next door and sold B 2013 to Robert and Sarah Wetzel. The Wetzels owned the cottage from 1960 through 1987, and sold to William and Dorothy Hendriks, who owned the cottage for only two years. Jon and Janie Durren have been the owners since 1989.



B 2023 Johnston - Original Cottage - Bloomer Cottage



B 2023 - Tom and Sally Johnston

Tom and Sally Johnston purchased their cottage from the Family of Floyd Spangler in 1982. The Spangler Family owned the cottage from 1936 to 1982. Betty Bloomer Ford, former First Lady of the United States, lived here with her parents prior to 1936.



B 2031 - John R and Donna Klein

The original cottage was built about 1915 and first leased and then owned by Paul F. Steketee until about 1925. It was then sold to Chester and Catherine Crimmins. Catherine was the daughter of Stephen C. Scott, who built the first cottage on the lake Zone E 3149. Later, two of the Crimmins' children, William and Gordon, took over the cottage. The Kleins purchased the cottage in 1988 and shortly after tore down and built a new cottage, which was completed in March, 1990. The name of the new cottage is "MonReve" meaning "My Dream".



B 2039 - Bert Korhonen

Zoe Wheeler and Marion Wheeler Thomas sold their cottage to Eric H. Ellis in 1925. It remained in the Ellis family until 1959, when it was purchased by Chester and Catherine Crimmins. The cottage was inherited by Kathleen Crimmins Bottom and Jacqueline Crimmins Berry. Jack and Pat Bauman purchased the cottage from Katherine and Jacqueline in 1975. When they decided to make the cottage their home for six summer months, it was Pat who had the idea to tear it down, so they compromised and remodeled.

As I entered Orthopedic surgical practice on January 1, 1970, I had the pleasure of treating a little girl with the last name of Bauman. She was an early entry into my practice of nearly 40 years. Sad to say, I can't remember the orthopedic ailment that brought this young lady to my attention. Even with that caveat I am probably afowl of the HIPAA rules.

Suffice it to say that her mother was the secretary to the principal where my children went to school. In addition, her parents were neighbors of my sister, Anneli. (Anneli Koets is a former BWLA President) Needless to say, with all of my children's difficulties with the Principal, Bert (the other Bert) Bleke, and the proximity to my sister, I repeatedly told Pat and Jack Bauman that if they ever wanted to sell, just give me a call.

In the fall of 2003, I received a call. My friends, Jack and Pat, told me that Jack's health had deteriorated to the point that he might not see Big Whitefish Lake again. A question was asked, "would we (my wife Jo Ann and I) like to buy the place?"

Jo Ann and I hesitated long enough to sputter out the words, "Send us the papers!" The deal was signed.

Jo Ann and I spent a wonderful month, Christmas time, at Vail, CO, designing our house.

I even flew back to Grand Rapids on January 8, 2004, to take a builders license exam in Grand Rapids, as well as to attend a Zoning Board meeting for some minor zoning variances on our proposed new home at Big Whitefish Lake. Naturally, January 8, 2004 evening saw one of the meanest snow storms of that winter. Naturally, no one showed up to protest our zoning requests. The Zoning Board thought our meager variances were reasonable. So, I flew back to Vail, CO, for some fabulous skiing and to complete our plans for the house. In February, 2004, we had the old Bauman cottage torn down. We spent the summer and fall of 2004 building our new home. We moved in on my birthday, January 15, 2005.

Jo Ann and I woke up on January 16, 2005. All of the unpacked boxes were still there! What to do? "Let's go skiing!"

We went back to Vail for two weeks! When we got back....Those damn boxes were still there! After about two days, we thought we should go to Florida. After all, we had just recently retired So we came back, and do you believe.... Those damned boxes were still there! Today, sadly Jo Ann has been gone for four years. Many of those boxes are still unpacked, but what's the hurry. Big Whitefish Lake is too much fun to worry about a few unpacked boxes. ~ Bert



B 2047 - Ruth Lane

In 1958-1964 Francis L. Crimes owned this cottage. In 1964 C. Leo Fahringer purchased this property, then in 1965 it was owned jointly by both C. Leo and Richard Urbane and held as such until 1971, when ownership was held strictly by Richard Urbane. Richard held ownership until 1978, when it was transferred to Ruth Urbane. Ruth Urbane held ownership until 1981, when it was ownership changed to Orville and Ruth E. Lane. Ruth Lane still owns it today.

We extensively remodeled our cottage and were the first permanent residents in Zone B.

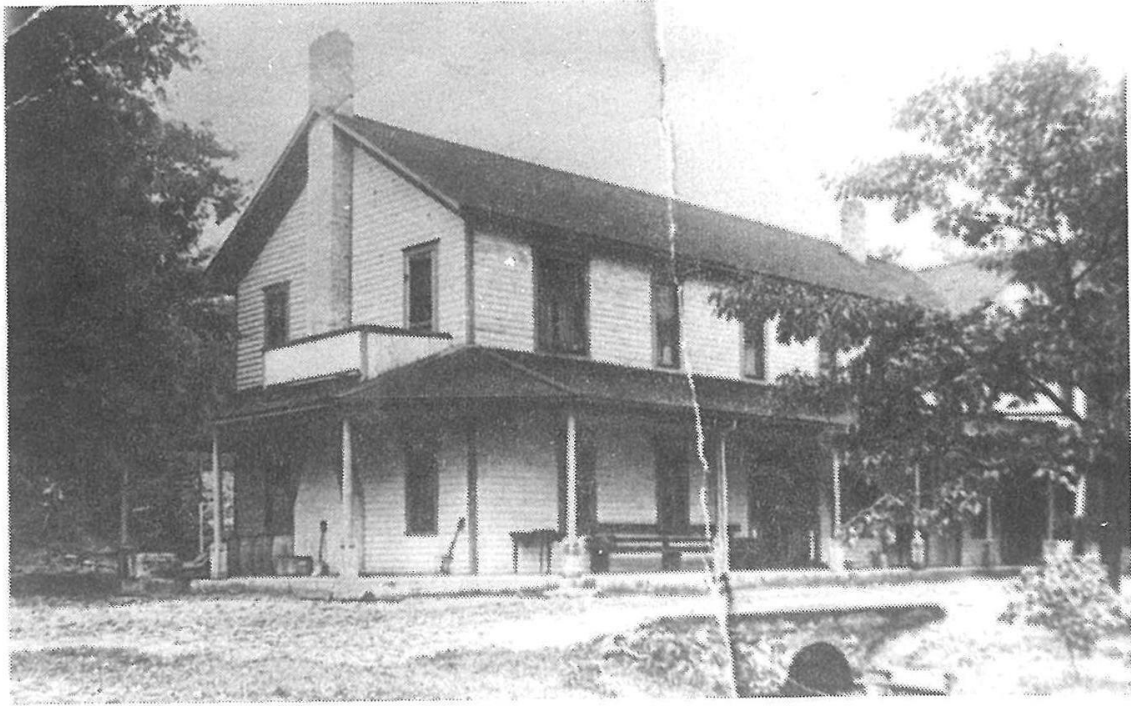


B 2055 - Ron and Betsy Eberhardt

In 1915, Earle S. Irwin purchased cottage #2055 from Lewis A. Cornelius. In 1949, Earle passed away leaving the cottage in his estate to his wife Charlotte Irwin. Charlotte passed away, leaving the cottage to their children, Charlotte Irwin Larned and William W. Irwin and claimed by William in 1966. The cottage was left to William's wife, Mary Louise in 1986. In 1997, Mary Louise passed away and the cottage was left to her daughter, Betsy Eberhardt, in the year 2000.

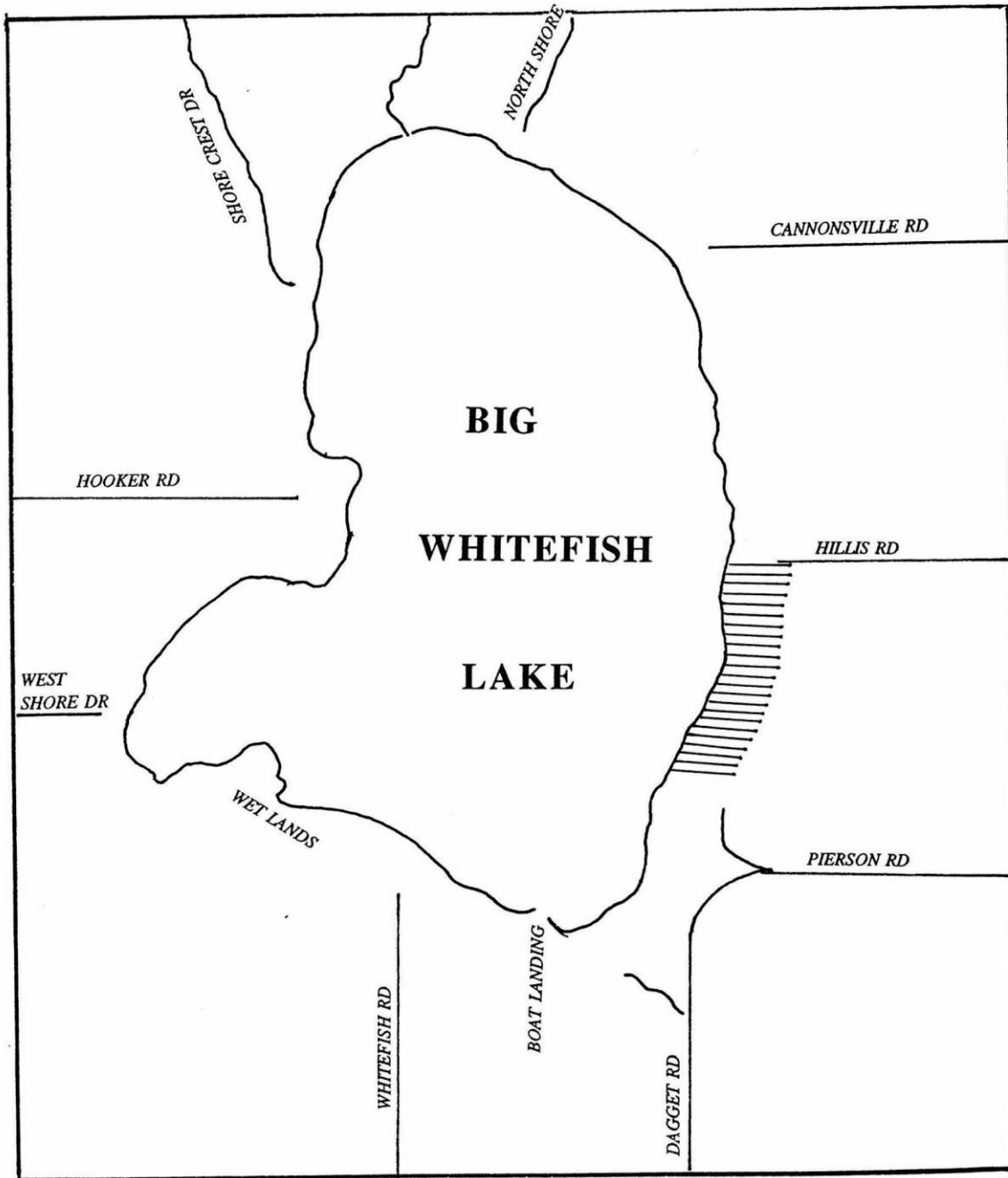
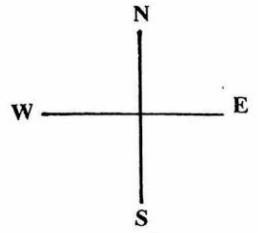
Former Cottage 2063

This cottage was owned by Ward Herst, in 1915. When he and his wife died, the cottage was left to their daughters, Lavern Wiley and Ruth Schroder. William Irwin bought the cottage from them in 1957 and 20 years later tore down the cottage and built an addition to 2055 on the site of 2063. The addition is shown on the left of the picture above and is connected by an enclosed walkway to the main cottage.



Flowing Well
Harts Resort
White Fish Lake

ZONE C





C 2065 - Glenn and Boni Stout

This home was built in 1972 by Howard Schelde and purchased in 1975 by Glenn and Boni Stout. Refer to Hartt's resort for more information.



C 2077 - Ben and Julie Amato

The Amatos purchased this beautiful piece of property from Terry and Pat Geldersma in the spring of 2001. Geldersmas had completed extensive remodeling after purchasing the home from Betty Bishop in 1998. Betty and Cornelius Bishop had built the home on the site of the Hartt Hotel in the 1970's. Refer to Hartt's resort for more information.



C 2091 - Nicholas and Kerry Ottenwess

This property was a portion of the site of the Hartt Hotel. Owned by Mrs. J. Samuel Hartt from 1960-1965 and sold to Maurice Newell and Don Walenga who held the property jointly until 1971, at which time Maurice Newell held the property until 1976. In 1976, it was sold to Robert Borden who held the property until 1995. David and Jean Hughes then purchased the home and in turn sold to Nick and Kerry Ottenwess in 2009.



C 2103 - Kenneth and Jean Mull

R. D. Frank sold the cottage to Richard and Jean Davis in 1969. In 1979, this cottage was purchased by Kenneth and Jean Mull.



C 2105 - Margaret Walenga

This property was a portion of the original Hartt Hotel. This home was built in 1986 by Don and Marge Walenga. Refer to Hartts resort for more information.



C 2115 - Burt Bach

This is one of the oldest cottages on the lake. It was brought across the ice in the winter and placed on this site. Samuel Bach owned the cottage until 1962 when his son, Sol K and wife, Irene, inherited the property. The cottage was deeded to Burt Bach in 2010.



C 2125 - John and Elizabeth Blanchard
Marianne Blanchard

In 1944 Phyliss Hartt sold this property to Ralph and Lena Baker. The Blanchard family purchased the cottage in 1953. The cottage was a rental property of Hartt's Resort and also the twin to B 1905, which was moved across the lake in the 1940's.

C 2135

This lot now sits vacant. The original cottage was built for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Dismore around 1950. The cottage was then sold to Richard L. Darcangelo in 1967, and Roger and Shirley Bergsma in 1978, and Patrick and Sheryl Lewis in 1989. The lot was split allowing The Blanchard Cottage and the Bishop Cottage to enjoy larger lots.



C 2145 - Steve and Sue Bishop

In 1966, Herbert and Joan Ritsema purchased this property from Sidney Eleveld and built a new cottage in 1990-91. Steve and Sue Bishop purchased this cottage in 2006. In the 1950's Dr. Glenn A. Pearson owned the property.



C 2149 - Stacey Van Den Huevel

This home was built by Don and Marge Walenga in 1981. They lived in this home while their home was being built, next door. From 1986-1995 the Walengas used it as a rental. In 1995, it was purchased by Dave and Jan Malmo, who did a major expansion, doubling the size of the cottage.

Stacey Van Den Huevel purchased this property in 2013.



C 2155 - Charles and Emily Stewart

In the 1960's this cottage was owned by Mrs. Floyd A. Barber. It was then sold to John and Connie Wisinski in 1962. The Wisinski's sold to Charles and Emily Stewart in 1980.



C 2159 - Allan and Cynthia Quinn

In the 1950's this cottage was owned by Mrs. Floyd A. Barber. In 1968, John and Connie Wisinski purchased the property. It was then sold to Cynthia K. Nova in 1987 (Cynthia Quinn). The Quinn's

renovated the cottage in the mid-1990's. A date in the cellar indicates the cottage was built in 1947.



C 2165 - Bob and Linda Wassenaar

H. Dalziel and Katherine Davenport bought the original cottage on this site in the 1920's from the Hartt family, The Davenports sold the cottage in 1937 to Harry and Lavern Worst who in turn, sold to Arthur and Pearl Pikerd in 1952. John and Hazel Wassenaar became the next owners in June of 1959. In 1980, Bob and Linda Wassenaar purchased the old cottage, and in 1989, tore down the cottage and built their year round home.



C 2175 - Don and Gerri Kottnerus

We purchased the cottage in 1995 from James Choals. He had purchased it from Jim and Minnie Beason in 1957. In 2000, we tore down the original cottage which was built in the 1920's. We built

our year round home which was completed in 2001.



C 2185 - David and Alyce Keyworth

We purchased our cottage in 1999 from Bob and Carol Jonkhoff. They had purchased it from Paul and Eleanor Dassel in 1990. The Dassels had owned it for the previous 20 years. Mr. and Mrs. Bruininks had owned it from 1968-1970. The cottage had been owned by the VanGalen family from 1944-1968. Ira and Olive Blossom owned the property from 1934-1944. Hartts had platted this land in 1926.

A large giant oak that was planted in front of the cottage grew so big, that half of the trunk was inside the basement and the roof had a spot cut out as the tree grew larger. The tree was recently cut down, and half of the trunk is still inside the basement.



C 2195 - Craig and Debbie Kinney

In the 1980's this cottage was part of the Hartt's Resort. Harry VanderVelde, Ruth Schaperkotter's uncle, bought the cottage from Hartts in approximately 1895. The cottage was then moved by horse and sled across the ice to its present location. The cottage was called "Sunnyside". The cottage was owned by VanderVeldes until 1953 when it was sold to Ruth and Bill Schaperkotter. The Kinneys purchased the cottage in 1999.



C 2205 - John B. and Judith J. Burt, and John H. Burt

Bessie H. Hanchett and Elizabeth Hanchett owned this cottage until 1945, when it was sold to Henry and Ellen Burt. John and Judy Burt took possession in May, 1986. John B. Burt was added to the deed in 1997.



C 2215 - Mark and Sarah Fabiano, William Darcangelo

Edmund G. and Adriene D. Bollman owned this cottage until 1945, selling to Henry J. and Ellen J. Burt. The Burts held ownership until 1970, selling to Robert and Jessie Horan. Richard and Mary Darcangelo purchased this cottage in 1976. Currently Mark and Sarah Darcangelo Fabiano and William Darcangelo hold ownership.



C2225 - Chuck and Pat Burch

The cottage was built by John Paalman in the mid 1920's. Two lovely willow trees planted by Mr. Paalman, graced the front of the property until 1996. Don and Mary Burch purchased the property in 1964. Ownership passed to Chuck and Pat Burch in 2010.



C 2235 - Blair and Jane Dykhouse

In 1904, Fred F. Taylor sold to J A Skinner, who platted the land and sold to Pearl Eberhard in 1924. The Eberhard family pitched a tent on the property until the cottage was built, in 1925. The wooden floor of the tent was used as the kitchen floor in the cottage. Pearl Eberhard Brooks sold to William and Janet Huisman Dykhouse in 1953, when Blair was just one year old. Janet's parents, Jacob and Jenny Huisman owned the cottage next door (C 2245). William passed away in 1984, leaving Janet Dykhouse as sole owner. Upon Janet's death in 1997, the cottage was deeded to Blair and his brother Tom Dykhouse. In the fall of 2000, Blair and Jane purchased the other half interest, leaving them as sole owners. The Dykhouse Family has been enjoying summers at Big Whitefish Lake for five generations now. Blair's grandfather, Jacob Huisman, named the cottage "Windy Hill". 2013 marks a milestone for our family, celebrating 70 years on Big Whitefish Lake.



C 2245 - Original Cottage - Jacob Huisman



C 2245 - Harold and Judith Kruithoff

Harold and Judy Kruithoff purchased this home in 1994, which was built in 1990 by Bill and Mary Hentig. The Hentigs had purchased the original cottage from Janet Dykhous in 1988. Janet had inherited the cottage from her parents, Jacob and Jenny Huisman. They had owned it since 1943. Prior to 1942 it was owned by Laura Benedict. A side note: Tena Huisman, sister of Janet Huisman Dykhous, had met and later married Harold Worst, who became the world famous Billiard Player and World Champion, from 1950 till his death in 1964. His parents (Harry and Lavern Worst)

owned a cottage located at C 2165.



C 2255 - Fred and Deb Hatch

Prior to 1942 Martin Decker and wife owned this cottage.

William J. Fathman owned this cottage until 1959, when it was sold to Louis and Arnell Elwell. The Elwells held ownership until 1986, when it was sold to Mrs. Fred (Jeanne) Hatch. The cottage has remained in the Hatch family since, now owned by Fred and Deb Hatch. This is believed to be one of the oldest cottages on the lake. Old Grand Rapids Herald Newspapers found in the walls dated back to 1912. This cottage was dragged across the ice one winter from the westside where it now stands on the eastside. Our family calls the cottage "The Escape Hatch".



C2265 - Jim and Cotty Hatch

The Hatch Family purchased this cottage from William Lamphiere in 1989. Bill Lamphiere inherited the cottage from Father Albert Watson in 1985. Father Watson was pastor of Mary Queen of Apostles Church in Sand Lake. Father Watson owned this property for over 20 years and often held Catholic Mass for the lake residents at the rear of the cottage on Sunday Mornings. The property was owned by Wayne Stapleton prior to Albert Watson. Renovations revealed Detroit newspapers dated August, 1924.

Earl Salminen recalls the following regarding the cottage currently owned by Jim and Cotty Hatch.

Earl's grandparents, Earl and Hattie Stapleton built the Cottage in the 1920s. The Structure started out as piano crates shipped from Grand Rapids by rail to Pierson.

From Pierson the piano crates were carried over to the cottage site by horse drawn cart.

Earl recalls his mother, Letha and uncle Wayne, telling stories of being pushed in a baby carriage from Pierson to the Lake by their mother.

Eventually, after death of Earl and Hattie Stapleton, the cottage was owned by Wayne Stapleton. Incidentally, Earl Stapleton owned the Walker Street Pharmacy in Grand Rapids. Later on Wayne Stapleton sold the cottage to the Priest Albert Watson, who was the pastor of a Catholic Church in Sand Lake.

Earl further recalls that his aunt Myra owned Cottage No. 2275, currently owned by Todd and Barb Hart. Earl recalls that Aunt Myra used to row across the Lake to the Cove, where she would swat frogs with a canoe paddle, and serve the legs for dinner.

Aunt Myra sold the cottage to Mike Lamphiere.



C 2275 - Brian and Dee Huff

Todd and Mary Hart bought the cottage in September, 2004 from David and Mary Freyer. The Freyers had purchased the place from Bill Lamphiere in 1992. Previously Bill's parents, Mike and Dorothy Lamphiere owned the cottage. Earl Salminen recalls that the original owner had been his aunt, Myra. Aunt Myra used to row across the lake to the Cove, where she would swat frogs with an oar and serve the legs for dinner. Eventually Aunt Myra sold the cottage to Mike and Dorothy Lamphiere. Brian and Dee Huff purchased this cottage in 2013.



C 2285 - James and Kittie Waltermire

In 1910 J. A. Skinner sold Lot 6 of Skinners Resort Plat to Mark T. Stapleton. The cottage was then owned by Roscoe and Sadie Stapleton. Ownership then was deeded to Douglas and Patricia Stapleton. Joe Stapleton took over in 2009 and was sold in 2010, to Jaime and Kittie Waltermire.



C 2289 - Tom and Susan Hoff

This cottage was originally owned by the Korhonen family. They had purchased the lot from Wayne Stapleton in 1951. Don and Alene Freyer purchased the property from Don Korhonen in 1997. The cottage was completely refurbished and remodeled in 1997-98. In 2006, the cottage was sold to Doug and Sharon Stapleton. Tom and Susan Hoff purchased it in 2012.

Tale of the Orphan stairs to the Lake

Allow me to present a small anecdote to the annals of the Big Whitefish Lake History

In 1952, my parents bought a lot on the Lake from Wayne Stapleton. Today the place would be called 2285 South Center Court. I remember the price: \$800.

We were recent immigrants from Finland (1948), so everyone thought those immigrants don't understand values. They spent way too much for that lot. Perhaps!

By 1953 we had been in the United States since February 1948. At the time of our entry to the U.S., my sisters and I were able to count to ten in English. That was the extent of our vocabulary in English in 1948. As time went on, we acclimated, as kids would do. We applauded Dad and Mom's decision to buy the lot At Big Whitefish Lake. We lived in a tent, and befriended all the neighbors. Many of the neighbors were of Finnish descent anyway.

The first permanent structure we built was a privy, a two holer! Later on in life, in Viet Nam, I became familiar with a four holer and a six holer. But we digress.

Our privy was at least as good as any of the neighbors. You see. Our outhouse was made of oak!

We built our cottage. Summers were enjoyable. All of us, including friends Mary Heagle and Dave Idema, became a very close family. As soon as the cottage was framed in, the finish work would happen the following winter weekends, the need for a stairway to the Lake was recognized.

A surveyor was summoned! Under watchful eyes of our neighbors, Roscoe Stapleton, Mike Lamphere, Wayne Stapleton and Hjalmar Salminen, The survey was approved.

The stairway was to be poured concrete. No flimsy wooden steps for us! So se hand dug the hill to accept the forms. Then we used 1 X 8 inch lumber we secured from a mill just north of Wood Lake. The owner of the mill seemed glad to have customers, since it didn't appear as if he was doing a land office business. We put the forms in for the bottom eight feet of the steps and by using 1X8 troughs, Dave and Dad mixed the cement with Mike Lamphere's cement mixer and sent the mud down to me.

Meantime the whole neighborhood applauded, critiqued and assisted us in our endeavours. In particular the whole neighborhood brought us whatever metal scrap they had for re-rod purposes. I might say, proudly, that those orphan stairs have stood up to anything Nature has thrown at it through the years. After all there are discarded spoons, knives ,forks and bed frames entombed in them. I still climb those steps on occasion, though I can't imagine having trained on those steps going up two or three steps at a time to condition myself for track and cross country in my High School years.

I don't envy the person whose job it might be to try to take apart those orphan stairs. - Bert Korhonen



C 2295 - Kevin and Diane Gilfillan

This property was originally platted by J. A. Skinner and sold to Earl Stapleton in the 1920's. The next owner was Lottie B. Oppeneer who sold to Jalmar F. Salminen and his wife Tyyne in August of 1948. The next owners, Calvin J. and Phylliss J. Murray sold to Fred W. and Wilhemina Pierson in August of 1968. In 1998, Fred W. Pierson, Jr. became the owner who sold to Don and Arlene Freyer in the summer of 2000. Kevin and Diane Gilfillan purchased the cottage in 2013.



C 2300 - James D Klotz

In 1966 James D. Klotz acquired this property from Mrs. S. J. Klotz. This structure was built by Ed and Letha Salminen in 1953.

Earl Salminen provided a few pictures of the cottage under construction. He also recalls the well being driven by a pulley mechanism on a tree, with the rope being tied to a heavy log. This rope was then used to lift the log, to be dropped on to the end of the pipe. The well wound up being 92 feet deep.



C 2305 - Leona Plocki

The cottage was built in the early 1900's as a cooks shack at Hardy Dam and later moved to Whitefish Lake. Former owners were Casey Westin and James Klotz. The later sold to Bob Plocki in 1972.



C 2315 - -Steve and Lori Hilger

Harry Greenwald owned this cottage until 1974 when he sold to the Sessions family. In 1993, they sold to Christopher and Robin McKinney. The Hilgers purchases the cottage in 1995.



C 2324 - Ralph and Susan Garlick

There have been many owners of this land and cottage. The Skinners sold it to Earl Stapleton in 1928. The Stapletons had the cottage until 1938 when they sold to Maurice and Sarah A. Leven. Mrs. Leven sold the property to Herman and Alice Middel in 1943. Gordon and Gladys Hope bought the cottage from the Middels in 1945 and sold to Leonard and Ruby Koster in 1946. The Ksters had the property for two years and sold it to Guy and Marian Eva Koops. In 1954, the cottage was sold to Cecil and Coleta Burch. Coleta gave the cottage to her children, Sharie Bird and Cecil Burch Jr, in 1978. Greg and Peg Humbracht were the next owners. Ralph and Sue Garlick purchased in 1999.



C 2325 - Todd and Jacqueline Brayman

In 1958 James F. White and Thomas W. Adkins jointly owned this cottage. In 1963, Thomas W. Adkins sold to Louis Brochu. Later, in 1978, Louis Brochu sold to Todd and Jackie Brayman.



C 2335 - Ralph and Susan Garlick

In 1992, Ralph and Susan Garlick bought this cottage from Craig and Susan North. In 1987 the Norths had purchased the property from Jo-Em Seibenick, who was the daughter of the original owners, Preston and Emma Thurkettle.



C 2338 - Joshua & Michelle Larsen

James Ward sold this cottage to Gerald and Carol Wright in 1977. The Wrights sold the cottage to Steve and Tammy Swanson in 1989. Richard and Krcheisten Wagemaker purchased the cottage in 1994. In 2007, it was sold to Richard Szymczak who in turn sold to Joshua Larson in 2010.



C 2345 - Miles and Mary Underwood

According to the Big Whitefish Lake Directory, this cottage was owned by Ernest Doe up until 1959, then the cottage was owned by the Longfield family Henry & Ruth (Longfield) Ditmar Jr., Edward J.& Barbara (Longfield) Strzyewski, and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Longfield.

From 1965 - 1978 the cottage was owned by Edward J, Strzyzewski, Jr. and the cottage was burned to the ground in 1974 the flames had spread from the Scoville cottage. Dorothy and Bernie Julien purchased the vacant lot in 1979, and in turn sold it to Miles and Mary Underwood in 1986. The Underwoods built a new cottage in 1987, which they called "Lakeside." Then, in 2011 they removed that cottage and built a new home in 2012.



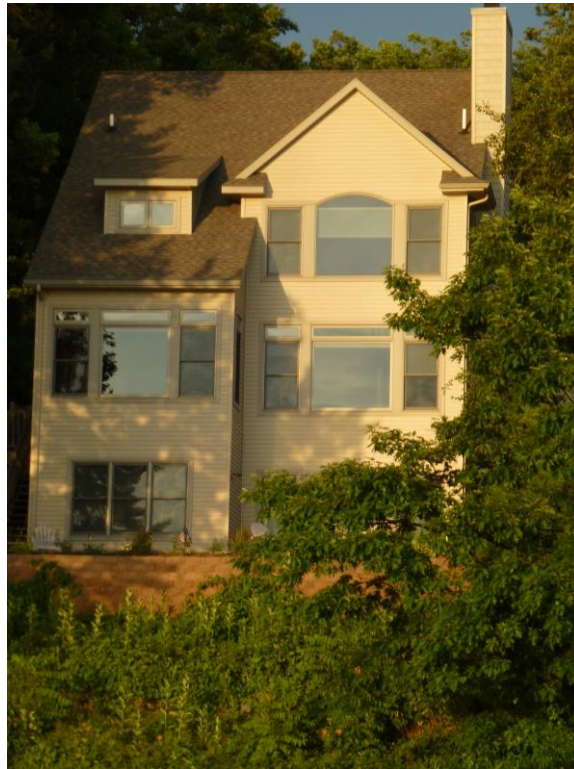
C 2355 - Robert and Sharon Bossemeyer

Prior to 1958 Mrs. Nellie Verheek owned the original cottage. The Big Whitefish Directory shows that C. Dale Lieffers owned this cottage in 1958. He sold to Gordon and Barbara Scoville in 1969. The cottage was destroyed by fire in September, 1974. (See Natural Disasters), and was rebuilt. In 1987, the Scovilles sold to David and Ruby Schmidt. In 1991, they sold to Robert and Sharon Bossemeyer.



C 2360 - Miles and Mary Underwood

Frederick M. Brechting built this cottage in 1972 and sold to Oscar E. and Jeanne Johnson, who in turn sold to their son, Chris Johnson. Miles and Mary Underwood purchased the cottage from Chris in 1997 and have named it "Road Side".



C 2365 - Tom and Sue Boman

Harold T. Clark owned this cottage prior to 1958. Mrs. Harold T. Clark sold the cottage to Lee and Naomi Fitzpatrick in 1969. Merle Boman purchased the property in 1982. Tom and Sue Boman purchased the cottage in 1988 from Jack Boman. Tom and Sue built the new home in 2003. The Boman's are enjoying their new home with Kimberly, Spencer, Dane and Brianna Barnes, Amy, Ryan, Evan and Owen Parks, and Tricia Boman.



C 2375 - Pat and Andrea Szymczak
Sally and Dan Bolthouse

The History of our property can be traced back to 1854, when Andrew Harpending purchased a large portion of the surrounding area that included our property. (168 acres) During the 1880's, this area was acquired by Charles and Ida Martin, who eventually established a popular gathering site called "Martins Resort". It appears that our lot was acquired by James and Mary Skinner 1907, and our lot has frequently been referred to in land abstracts as 'Skinner's Resort'.

Our cottage was built around 1910 by Carl & Blanche Carmody and Levi and Ethel Annis. We've been told that it took about 3 years to build as Mr Carmody, who was a doctor from Cedar Springs, would travel by horse and buggy to the site to work on the structure. In recent years the son of Mr. Annis visited us (he was in his 90's) and told us stories of his father building the cottage and tears came to his eyes as he told us the structure looked exactly as he remembered it.

The property changed hands several times until 1955, when Gene and Bette Szymczak purchased the property from James and Virginia Burman. It was our Father's dream to raise his children on Big Whitefish Lake, and with 9 children (3 were not yet born when he bought the cottage), this was a big stretch for him at the time. Dad's dream was cut short as he passed away in March 1968. In 1989 Pat and Andrea Szymczak and Dan and Sally (Szymczak) Bolthouse purchased the cottage, ensuring the dreams of our father that his kids and grandkids could experience the unbelievable times on the lake.



C 2385 - Ryan and Amy Parks

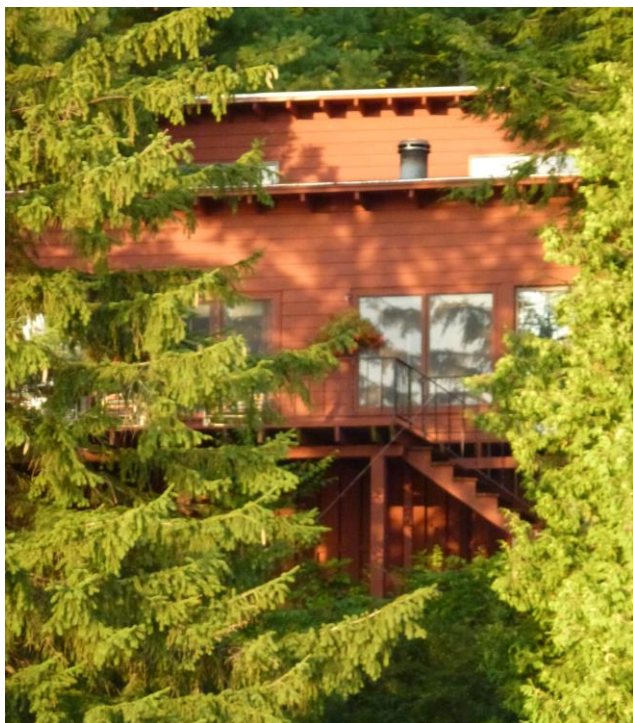
In 1953, Mrs. L. C. Seitz sold this cottage to R. L. Malmquist. Louis R. and Dianne Lincoln purchased the property in 1977. Ryan and Amy (Boman) Parks purchased this cottage in 2012. They have two boys Evan and Owen and are looking forward to many years of family fun at the lake.



C 2397 - Michael and Sarah Julien

In 1990, Sarah and Mike bought the original seasonal cottage (constructed by Andrew and Lilliam Weigan in 1911) from Joyce Harrison. Joyce and her former husband, Roger Harrison, had purchased the cottage in 1963. Other purchasers included Duane and Betty Kosht (1958) Walter and Pearl Church (1939), John and Gertie Seven (1936), and Marie Platt (1928). The original cottage had no foundation and floor support beams spanned the tree stumps under the cottage. In Fall, 2008, the Julien's began replacement of the original cottage with their beautiful new home

designed by Douglas F. Julien, AIA. After enjoying their new home in Summer, 2009, the Julien's became full time residents of Big Whitefish Lake in 2010.



C 2411 - Dorothy Julien

There was only a pump house and steps on the land until 1957, when George and Doris Heartwell built a cottage and enjoyed it until 1966, when they sold to Bernard and Dorothy Julien. Bernie passed away in 1986, leaving Dorothy the sole owner.



History of the Stone Steps

Andrew Weigan owned this land which is located west of the Garden of Allah and is the highest lakefront property on Big Whitefish Lake. Mr. Weigan employed John Rogalewski of Sand Lake to construct stone steps from the high bluff to the shore. Water was pumped from the lake to the Garden of Allah. He also built a cut stone ornate pump house next to the steps approximately half way up from the lakeshore. The entire project was a monumental task. The original steps now lead from the lake to the Dorothy Julien cottage.

Garden of Allah

This magnificent “Garden” of approximately three acres began as a prescription for good health for the developer, Andrew Weigan, of Grand Rapids. His doctor had prescribed “a fresh air activity”, and so the “garden” began. It is located on land that is now the southeast “corner” of Hillis and Dagget Roads. It was begun in 1929 with most of the primary stone construction completed by the fall of 1931. The cost was approximately \$40,000. The stone mason, John Rogalewski of Sand Lake, completed the garden projects according to Andrew Weigan’s design.

The main entrance on Hillis Road consisted of massive iron gates anchored on either side by stone pillars. Iron fencing extended east and west from the gate attached to smaller stone pillars fronting on Hillis Road. A white picket fence was attached and ran parallel to Dagget Road and extended to the southern edge of the property, centered with an arched wooden gate.



A four foot high stone pedestal with a large sundial on top was erected a short distance inside the main gate.

Also steps led down to a picturesque lighthouse. It was lighted at night and was the focal point of the large “Figure Eight” shaped sunken concrete fish pond. It contained goldfish, tadpoles and frogs as well as cattails and lilies.



A round lily pool became home to many hybrid lily plants with an underground vault built nearby for winter bulb storage.



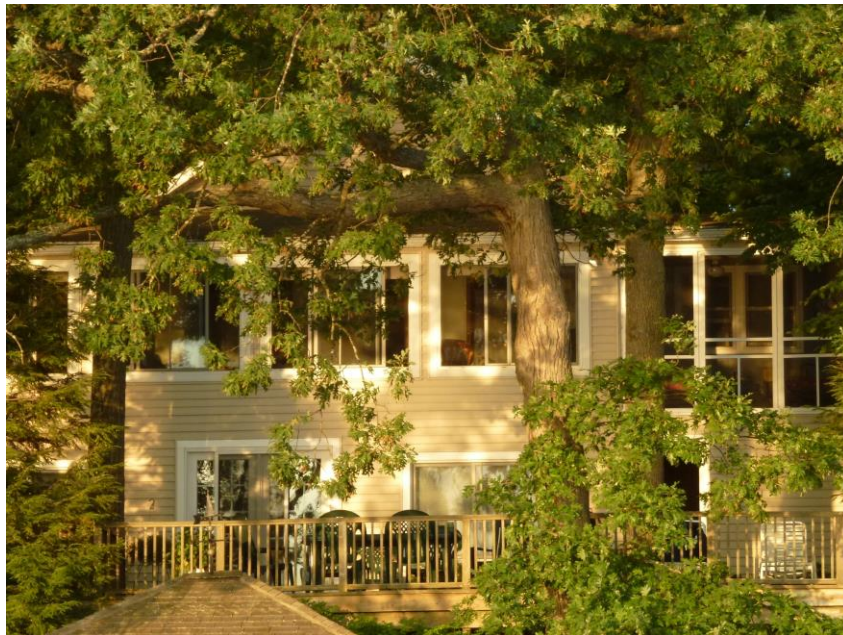
Another item of interest was the rock grotto with trickling waterfall, several flower varieties, and

statuary. Completing the scenic garden were many ornamental trees and flowering shrubs. Several cobblestone benches with marble seats are scattered throughout the area.



C 2429 - Mark Hunt

This Cottage was built in approximately 1905 by the Krause Brothers of Rockford. Thomas Ypma was the owner until 1963 when he sold to Edward H. Phillips. Larry Hunt purchased it in 1964. A section of the bar from Martin's resort is installed as part of the living room. Mark Hunt is the current owner.



C 2439 - Steve and Cyndie Schoenfeldt

The original cottage was built around 1905 by one of the Krause Brothers, founders of Wolverine

in Rockford. His heirs owned it until 1968, when it was purchased by LeMoyne Krebs, a banker. He sold it to Dominic E. and Margaret Conklin in 1973. In 1980, it was purchased by Mike and Mary Ann Steiner, who sold it to Steve and Cyndie Schoenfeldt in June, 1999.



C 2451 - Donald and Karen Hawes

In 1963, J. C. Oviatt sold this cottage to Frank Schineman and William L. Westover. The cottage was sold in 1981 to Ralph and Shirley Elders. In 1987, Dr. Donald and Karen J. Hawes bought this property.



C 2453 - Edward and Gayle Wiers

This cottage was built in 1981 by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hartman. The Wiers purchased it in 1997 from Irwin and Mary Beth Haaksma. The Haaksmas purchased the property from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hartman in 1986.



C 2462 Joel Comstock and Susan Flakne, Deb Flakne

This Property was part of the Skinner's Resort, platted in 1907. The property was sold by James and Mary Skinner to Peter and Marie Hock in 1910. It was later sold to the McBain family, owners of the McBain General Store in McBain, Michigan. The original cottage was nearly identical to the Van Hattum cottage which is three cottages to the north. In 1990 the McBains sold the cottage to Charles and Mildred Creagan. Mr. Creagan was the former owner of Creagan's Pharmacy in Grand Rapids. The Creagans made substantial renovations to the cottage. They enclosed the wrap-around screened porches and installed a new lower level beneath the main floor of the cottage. In 1996, the cottage was purchased by Joel Comstock, his wife Susan Flakne and her sister Debbie Flakne. In 1998, they added the lower cedar screened porch and the upper deck to the lake side of the cottage.



C 2470 - James Dudick

We first came to Big Whitefish Lake in 1964 when we rented a cottage on the lake. We purchased six lots from Ray Klein in 1965. We built our home and it has been our year round residence since 1987.



C 2480 - Nick and Ann Marie Orastian

Lee Farrington built this cottage in 1965. He sold to Nick and Marie Orastian in 1982.

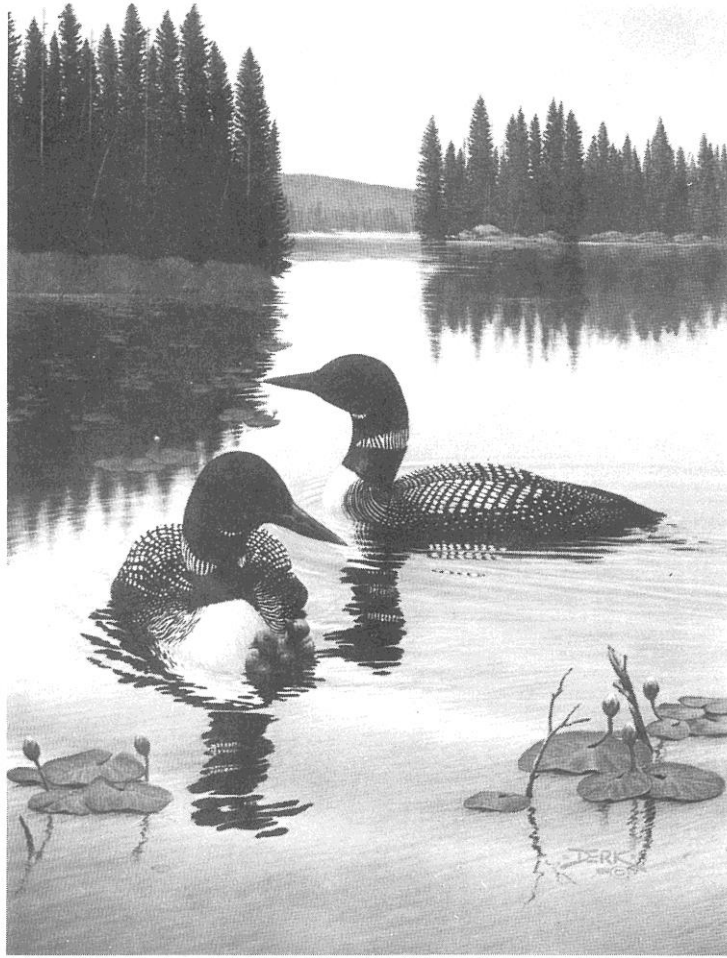


C 2490 - Arnold and Donna Van Hattum, Carl and Barbara Visscher
Bobi Van Hattum, Buyze Children

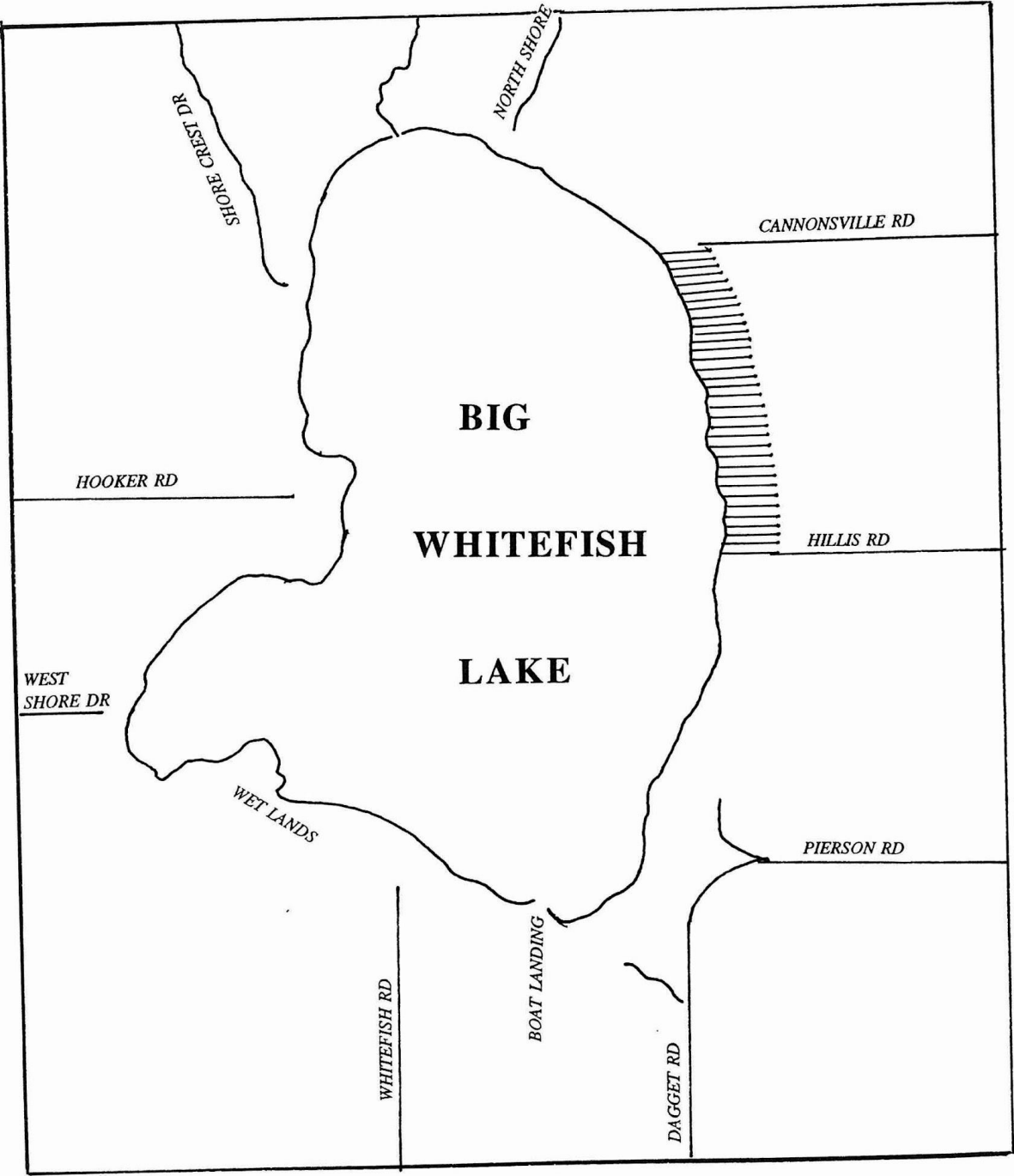
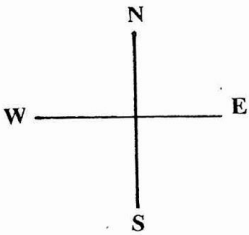
The Truman Hunter Family owned this cottage for many years. They sold in October, 1956 to Arnold and Rose Van Hattum. The cottage is now owned by the Van Hattum children and their families.

Zone D

Harry and Esther Jeffries purchased the entire Garden of Allah property in approximately 1949. As owner of Grand Rapids Industrial Electric Company, he was threatened with striking activity in his plant. He kept his workers busy by having them plant hundreds of small pine seedlings in the back part of the area along Bass Lake Road. The Jeffries also owned seven horses which they kept in a stable on the property. It was their pride and joy to show these horses.



ZONE D





D 22401 Bryant W. Pierce

Bryant always enjoyed his boyhood years at Big Whitefish Lake with his parents at the family cottage on Elmwood Dr. He felt very fortunate to be able to purchase this home in 1988, which is situated on the former Garden of Allah property.



D 22488 – Julie Johnson and Angie Kerr

Ted and Donna Johnson have enjoyed Big Whitefish Lake for many years. They had previously owned the cottage now belonging to Rob Buyze (D2516), before building their present home in 1965. Current property owners are Julie Johnston and Angie Kerr.



D2501 – Jeff and Mary Van Hattum

This used to be known as the “Old Oaks” cottage. It is now owned by Jeff and Mary Van Hattum who purchased it from Ervin and Ruth Sharpless. Ervin and Ruth Sharpless purchased it in 1994 from Phil Rodgers. Phil and Hope Rodgers purchased the cottage from David and Thomas Oakes in 1988. Their parents, Al and Gretchen Oakes built the cottage in 1944. In 1988 the cottage was renovated.



D 2504 – Jeff and Mary Van Hattum

This property was purchased by Tom and Bobbie Van Hattum in 1994. In 2012 it was purchased by Jeff and Mary Van Hattum. There have been several owners of this property in “Dorothy’s Whitefish Lake Plat.” In 1917, James Skinner sold to R.D. McNutt. James Martin was the next owner and he sold to Peter DeWitt in 1923, The property was then deeded to the James Martins’ and then sold to J.L. Boyd in 1926. W. Elsworth Annis was the next owner. Jack Bos was deeded the property in 1939. J. Peral Carrick and Helen Cathery (Cay) Koets bought “The Cottage” in 1957. Helen and her husband Cornelius Koets are listed on the deed in 1963. It is interesting to note that the Koets have one son, Lee Carrick Koets, who grew up on the lake with many summer friends. One of them was Anneli Korhonen from Zone C – 2289. They were married in 1962, and purchased this cottage in 1972.



D 2513 – Bob and Carole Pettijohn

We purchased our home on Big Whitefish Lake in the spring of 1995 from Shirley Poll. We have spent many wonderful fun-filled summers here and plan to never leave the lake. We first heard about the lake through family history. Carole's grandparents came here to the resort on their honeymoon. We still have the original postcard that they sent back home in the early 1900's.



D 2516 – Rob Buyze

This cottage was purchased in 1976 from Art and Violet Chandler. The Chandler's purchased it from Ted and Donna Johnson in 1964. Johnson had acquired the property from his grandparents. This cottage was originally the second story and attic of the Boyd home in Kalkaska, Mi. It was moved and rebuilt by the Boyds. The Boyds had a grandson that had a cottage on the lake which

was at one time a houseboat on the lake. It is now owned by Rob Buyze.



D 2525 – Chris and Susan Howe

This cottage was purchased from Richard and Nancy Talcott in 2004. The Talcott's had purchased the property from Cornelius and Betty Bishop in 1992.



D 2526 - Daniel and Rita Buyze

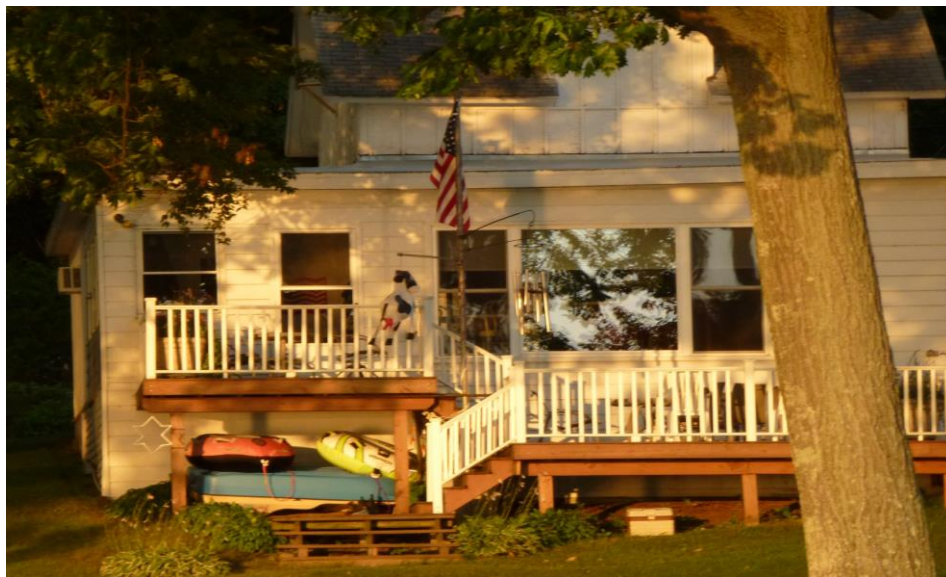
Joshua and Lulu Boyd purchased this property from Albert and Stella Sanders in July, 1928. They paid \$200.00 for it: \$25.00 down and \$10.00 a month until paid in full. Dan and Rita purchased

the cottage from Larry and Dorothy Robinson in 1985.



D 2533 - Dave and Mary Annis

Dave and Mary Annis purchased this cottage in 2004 from Doug and Laura Van Hattum. The Van Hattums bought the cottage from Jack and Ruth Karrer in 1988. Although remodeling has been done over the years, the original structure is estimated to be 111 years old.



D 2535 - Leroy and Vicki Paulen

December 1, 1906, H. E. Campbell and Teresa Campbell sold this property to James A. Skinner. On February 20, 1917, the property was platted by James Skinner as "Dorothy's Whitefish Lake Plat". On June 25, 1946, James and Helen Skinner sold to Hattley D. and Arlene Rector. In 1948, the Rectors sold to Kenneth and Janette Hansma. Kenneth passed away, in 1954. Later, Janette

remarried Mac McDonough, and they retained ownership, until 1977. The cottage was then sold to Gordon and Barbara Workman in 1977. The Paulens purchased the home on July 1, 2000.



D 2545 - Robert and Madeline Remer

The United States sold this property to Andrew Harpending in 1854. The Osterhout and Fox Lumber Company owned this land from 1881 to 1886. It was then sold to Edwin C. Gage. Mr. Gage was the owner until 1906 when he sold to H. E. and Teresa Campbell who platted it out as Campbell's Resort. In 1906 E.A. Remer bought Lot 5, Block B for \$150.00. He and his family camped on the property until the cottage was built in 1916. The cottage was called "Beech Mont" because it was built on a knoll surrounded by beech trees. Upon Ernest's death, the property was transferred to his son, D.J. Remer on June 21, 1931. In 1959, the property was passed to the next generation, son Robert Remer. Six generations have enjoyed the cottage and are still using it.



Ernest and Emma Remer camping with others in the Beech Tree Grove in 1903.



Elmwood Section of D



D 2555 - Barbara Workman

Fred and Mary Hubbard bought this lot from H.E. and Teresa Campbell in 1907. The property stayed in the Hubbard family until 1956, when it was sold to Bob and Betty Remer. The Remers owned this property until 1960, when they sold to Jack and Selma Knowles. Gordon and Barbara Workman bought the cottage from Selma (Knowles) Thatcher in 1987. In 2000 the Workmans took down the old cottage making way for their new log home to be built. Gordon passed away in 2002 never to see the new place. Barbara built and completed the log home in 2003.

The Elmwood Section of Zone E

The sub-division called Elmwood was platted by Herbert VandenBogert in the early 1920's. It was called Elmwood because it was heavily forested with Elms which later succumbed to Dutch Elm disease. All these cottages originally and built-in water cooling refrigerators which circulated

“flowing well” water which was a constant 50 degrees. In 1944, Cannonsville Road was built giving convenient access to this property.



D 2577 - David and Marie Van Male

Fred Kistler purchased one of the four lots that were originally Martins Resort (Campbell Resorts) and built a cottage in 1969. We purchased the cottage from the Kistlers in 1975 and had many good times with family and friends and enjoyed many summers as our children grew up. When our family grew and we then had grandchildren, we sold the cottage to be moved off the lot. We built our home in 1999 and live here year round now.



D 2583 Robert and Norma VerHeulen

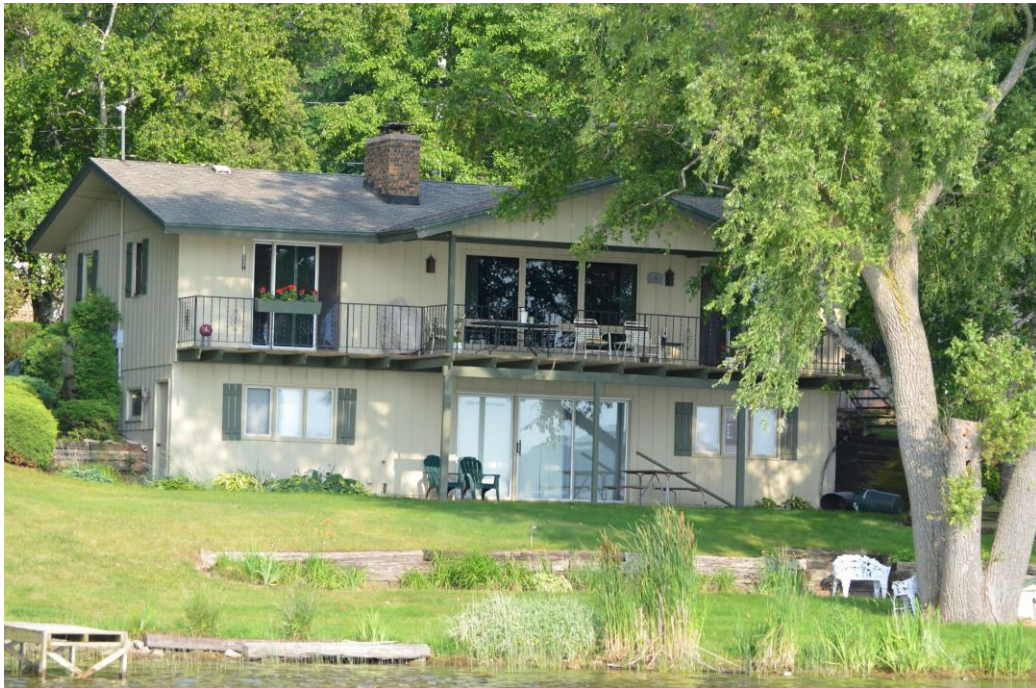
This property is located on the site of the old Martin’s Resort, which was subdivided into 4 lots by the Big Whitefish Lake Development Corporation. Earl and Theda Pierce purchased one lot in

1969, and built a home in 1971. Christine Diaz owned the property from 2008 to 2010. The cottage was purchased by Robert and Norma VerHeulen, in 2010.



D 2605 - Larry and Joan Gardner

This property is located on previous Martin's Resort land which the Lipski's purchased from Ray Klein in 1971. Harry and Stella built their year round retirement home in 1972 after a 25 year period of renting different cottages on Big Whitefish Lake. Larry and Joan Gardner now own this beautiful property.



D 2611 - Bill and Barb Rollins

We purchased this home in 1988. Ray Klein was the previous owner and builder. It was built in 1970, and was previously part of the Martin's Resort.



D 2625 - Tim and Kathy Gleason

The land was purchased by James and Clara Martin in 1906, but the cottage was not built until the 1930's. James Edward Martin and wife Maude purchased the estate in 1948. It was sold to the Worobec family in 1954 and then purchased by Larry and Barbara Gardner in 1989. The Gleasons bought it from Larry Gardner in September of 1999. The fireplace was designed and built by the same man who did the work around Allah's Garden on Whitefish Golf Course. The Gleason's remodeled the basement in 1999 and built a carriage house. A master suite was added in 2006.



D 2645 - Reichle Family

This cottage was used primarily on weekends for many years by the initial owners, Ralph and Betty

Reichle, who purchased it in 1952. Ownership passed on to their son, Donald and his wife Paula. It is now owned by their four children, Tonya, Renee, Don and Ralph.



D 2649 - James and Marilyn Obuchowski

This turn of the century cottage was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Obuchowski in 1943. James, their son, and his wife, Marilyn became owners in 1971. They are gradually remodeling the cottage.



D 2655 - Del and Mary Lou Meulenberg

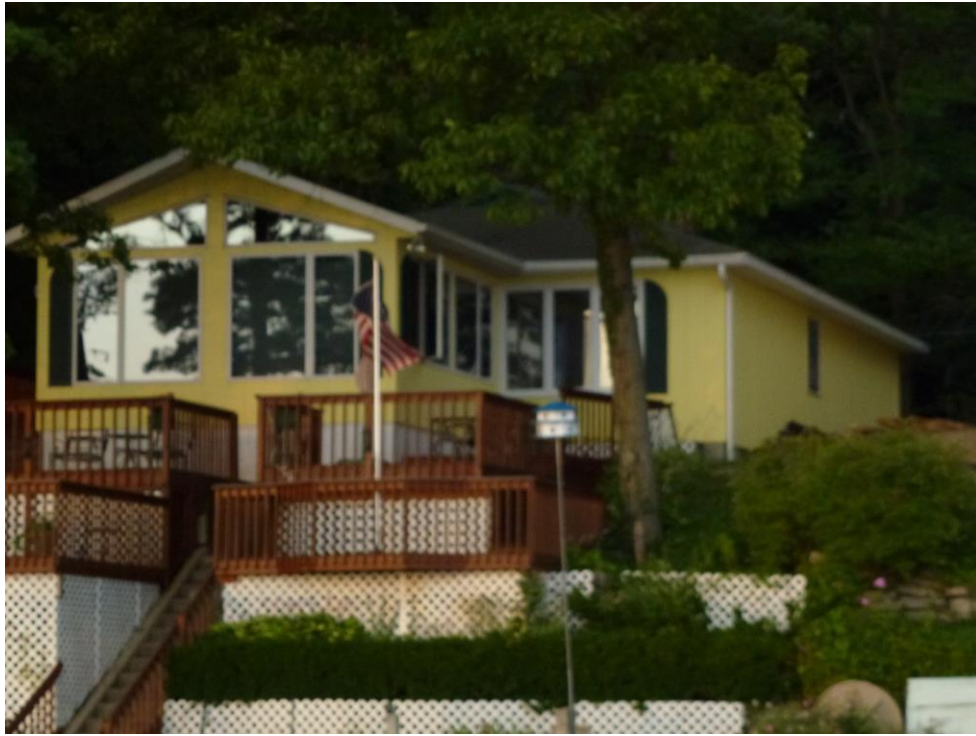
The cottage at 2544 Elmwood was purchased in May, 1991, from Robert H. and Mary Ann Cichewicz by Delmar J. and Dorothy VerWys, who owned the property at 2895 Elmwood. In the years that followed, extensive landscaping was done, including large front and rear decks. A third bedroom was also added. The cottage history dates back to the 1930's. There have been several

owners including: Guy R. and Myrtle N. Gates, Gerald F. and Bertrice A. Britten, and Henry and Bernice Cichewicz. Bob and Mary Ann became the owners upon the death of his parents in 1986 and have since moved to Zone G where they reside permanently.



D 2665 - Donald and Paula Reichle

The original cottage was built in 1923 by Joe McDermott and Mel DeVriendt. DeVriendt sold his interest to Joe McDermott. Ownership passed to Mary (McDermott) Holmes, daughter of the builder. The Holmes lives here during their first year of marriage because of a housing shortage in Grand Rapids (during WWII). She recalls wading through waist high snow from Hillis Road to get to the cottage. The cottage was purchased from the Holmes family by Sidney and Suzanne Lynema in 1984. The cottage was sold to Michael and Chris Eng in 1994. Mike and Donna Mae VanderPloeg purchased it in 2000. Donald and Paula Reichle torn down the cottage and rebuilt in the summer of 2011.



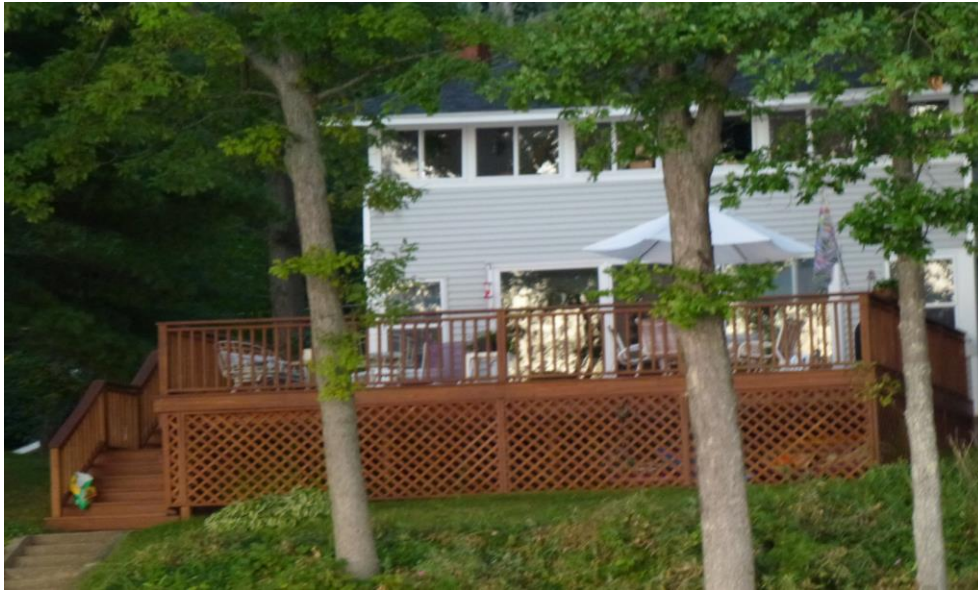
D 2671 - Lynn and Linda Kolderman

The original cottage was built in 1935 by Fred and Jeanette Depres. The cottage was replaced by a year-round home, and purchased by the Kolderman's in 1992.



D 2675 - Richard and Mary Douthett

The cottage was built for Margaret DeGroot in 1921. In 1948, Michigan Tag Company took possession, naming it "Mitt Co". It was used for business entertaining for several years. From 1960 to 1964, Mrs. Amy Sanders Robinson was the owner. She was the daughter of the owner of Michigan Tag. Dick and Mary Ann Douthett purchased the cottage in April of 1964.



D 2685 - Jerry and Patty Rohen

Ownership of this cottage goes back to the Fox Family, who named it “The Fox Den”. They were followed in ownership by Nelson and Elizabeth Lynch. The Tietema’s took possession in 1987 and made many improvements. Jerry and Patty Rohen purchased it in 2012.



D 2695 - Carol Conner

Our cottage “Bree-Z-Oaks” first came into our family in 1948 when Carol’s Great Great Uncle, John Hulst, purchased it from George and Anna VanEtten. Originally built by William and Alice Lyman in 1922, the house was just sitting on 2X4’s and it sat on blocks of tree trunks. There was no basement and the rugs would lift off the ground when the wind blew. Pollard and Marie Jeffries bought it from Marie’s Great Uncle John in the 50’s and started the first of many renovations including insulation, drywall, a full bath and glassing in the porches. Carol Jeffries Conner inherited the cottage in 2002 from her parents. In 2004 a major remodel was done adding additional space to the first floor and it and become the Conner’s permanent home.



D 2715 - Pat and Julie Mead

The cottage was built in 1945 for Gerald and Doris Ringold. It was later sold to Ken and Jean Honholt in 1960. Doug and Karen Honholt owned the cottage until 1998 when it was sold to Jerry and Patty Rohen, and Pat and Julie Mead. It is now owned solely by Pat and Julie Mead.



D 2725 - Christopher and Robynn McKinney

The original owners were the Simmons family who built a cottage in the early 1900's. It was a mere shell; wall-divided rooms and no ceilings. Mrs. Ronolla Chapman purchased it in 1937 and spent many years remodeling the premises. It was then passed on to Richard and Irene Chapman. Chris and Robynn McKinney purchased the cottage in 1995.



D 2735 - Gary and Lori Byker

Chas. F. Howe was an early owner of this cottage, perhaps in the early 1900's. It was a hunting lodge at that time with an open beam ceiling. In 1936, Orison MacNaughten purchased it and extensive remodeling was done. Gary VandenBosch was the owner, followed by the Maxins. It is now owned by Gary and Lori Byker.



D 2745 - Gary and Beverly VandenBosch

The original cottage was built by John and Florence Timmer in 1947. It was later inherited by their son, John G. Timmer. In 1985, the VandenBoschs' became the owners. In 1993, the old cottage

was razed and a new one constructed.



D 2755 - Joyce Pouba

Ernest C. Petrie purchased the land in 1918. Eliza M. Race was another early owner of the lot. Then in 1938, Charles and Orchis E. Darling bought the lot and built the cottage for their daughter, Laura Jean (Davis) Slagel for her 18th birthday. The cottage was built in 1939. The Poubas purchased the cottage from the estate of Laura Slagel in 1992. They tore down the old cottage and completed their new lakefront home in 1993.



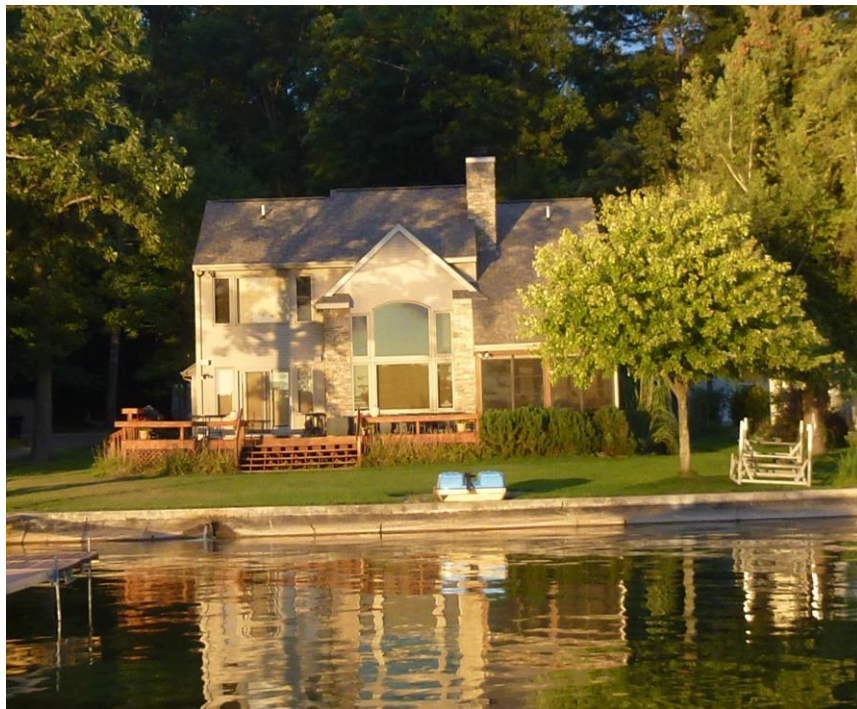
D 2765 - Todd and Michelle Emery

Jack and Karen Weaver purchased this home from John and Grace Rysdyk in 1998. The Rysdyks purchased the original cottage from Marjorie Boven in 1992. They tore down the cottage and built a year round home. Todd and Michelle Emery now own this cottage.



D 2779 - Bret and Nancy Doud

The Little Red Log Cottage was designed and built by Mr. H. B. Rohloff and sold to Josephine VanGilder of Big Rapids in the 1970's. In 1993 it was sold to Joel and Cheryl Piatt, who made several changes. It is now owned by Bret and Nancy Doud.



D 2815 - Bill and Christine Syverson

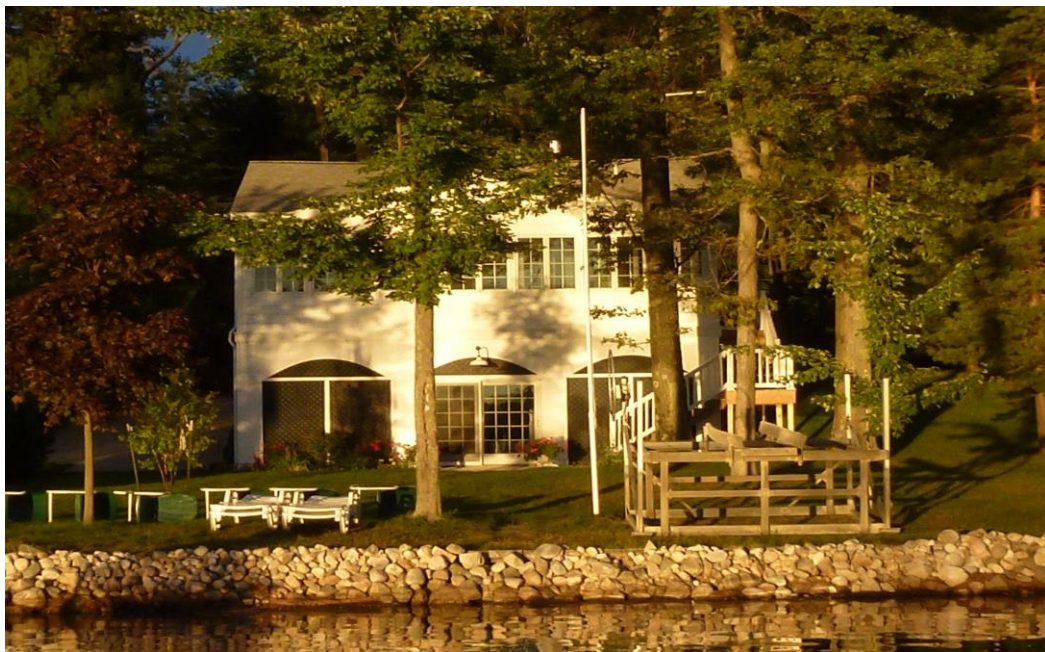
The original cottage was built by John Schaperkotter. The next owners were Mr. and Mrs. Miltgen, followed by Sanford and Mary Farness. The Syverson and Brinkmeyer families jointly owned the property from 1984 to 1995. In 1999, the Syverson family razed the original cottage and their new

lake home was built.



D 2825 - Bryant and Mary Kay Pierce

This cottage was built for Neil and Josephine DeYoung in 1948. In 1968, Gordon and Ruth Elder took possession with their three children. In 1999, Ruth sold the cottage to her nephew, Bryant W. Pierce. Bryant grew up on this lake in his parents cottage at 3007 Elmwood.



D 2835 - Ken and Mary Jane Timmer

The cottage was built about 1930 by Matthys and Wilhemina Nuberg. It was sold to John and Kate Palma in 1944. It was inherited by their daughters, Genevieve and Robert Smits and Saramae Wierenga, in 1974. Present owners, since 1994, are Ken and Mary Jane Timmer, daughter of the Smits'. Extensive remodeling has been done in recent years.



D 2855 - Donald Schmock

Two lots were purchased in Elmwood Park in 1940 from Mr. Herbert VandenBogert by Richard and Olive Schmock. The current cottage was constructed during the summer of 1941. The cottage was purchased by Don and Toni Schmock in 1985.



D 2875 - Daniel and Alice Trapp

The cottage was built for James VanStencil in about 1935. Chester Jaqua became the owner in 1950, followed by Calvin Foster in 1971, and Henry DeZeeuw in 1980. Trapps' purchased the cottage in 1982

and have remodeled extensively.



D 2895 - Daniel and Joyce Parmeter

The former owners were the Berands. The cottage burned to the ground in 1945 and was rebuilt. Joe and Dorothy VerWys were the next owners. The Parmeters purchased the cottage in 1991.



D 2919 - Jerry, Nancy and Dan Ronda

The cottage was built for William Schaperkotter in the mid 1920's. Ken and Lois Ronda purchased it in 1956 from Zula Ludwick. It is now owned by Jerry, Nancy and Dan Ronda.



D 2927 - Ruth Verwys, Dane and Jan VerMerris

Vince's parents, Vincent and Josephine Verwys, began renting the VandenBogert cottage for the month of July in the mid 1920's. In 1944, they bought the cottage next door, which was owned by Mrs. Zwingenberg and her daughter and son-in-law; the Jensens. In 1966, Vincent and Ruth became the owners. Remodeled in 1980, the cottage is named "Sweet Content" which beautifully illustrates what the lake has meant to our extended family.

D 2943 - Dan and Alice Trapp

The original cottage was built by Herbert VandenBogert in 1927 and purchased by Dr. and Mrs. J.R. Dunwell in 1944. They extensively remodeled in 1948. In 1977, Ron and Nancy Dunwell became the owners, and in 1993 it was sold to Dan and Alice Trapp. The cottage was razed and now a vacant lot now stands in this spot.



D 2955 - Richard and Louise (Brummel) Zeeff

Marvin “Red” and Louise Brummel purchased the cottage in 1959 from Bernie and Jean VanderVeen. They had purchased it from the Inwoods a year before. The Brummels made many additions. “Red” passed away in 1987. He dearly loved his summer get-away. Louise married Richard Zeeff in 1990 and is truly happy reflecting on over 50 years of beautiful memories at Big Whitefish Lake.



D 2975 - The Becker Family
Reed and Amy Becker, Rob Becker, Mark and Laura Wiltz

This cottage was built in 1948 by Frank and Evelyn Marsden. Upon their deaths the cottage was inherited in 1980 by their daughter, Carol Becker and family. The cottage was inherited by her children after her passing in 1993. This family cottage has remained in the family of the original owner.

Zone E



To the early settlers, Whitefish Lake was known for its excellent fishing; so much so that in 1901 the State Legislature passed a law prohibiting ice-spear fishing on the lake. As lumbering was a prominent feature of the area, the lake was a convenient spot in which to dump pine logs where they would be protected by the water until the saw-mills could receive them. Oosterhout and Fox Lumber Company was the prime recipient; having acquired the lake rights in the mid 19th century from Andrew Harpending. The area had been owned by the US Government prior to this.

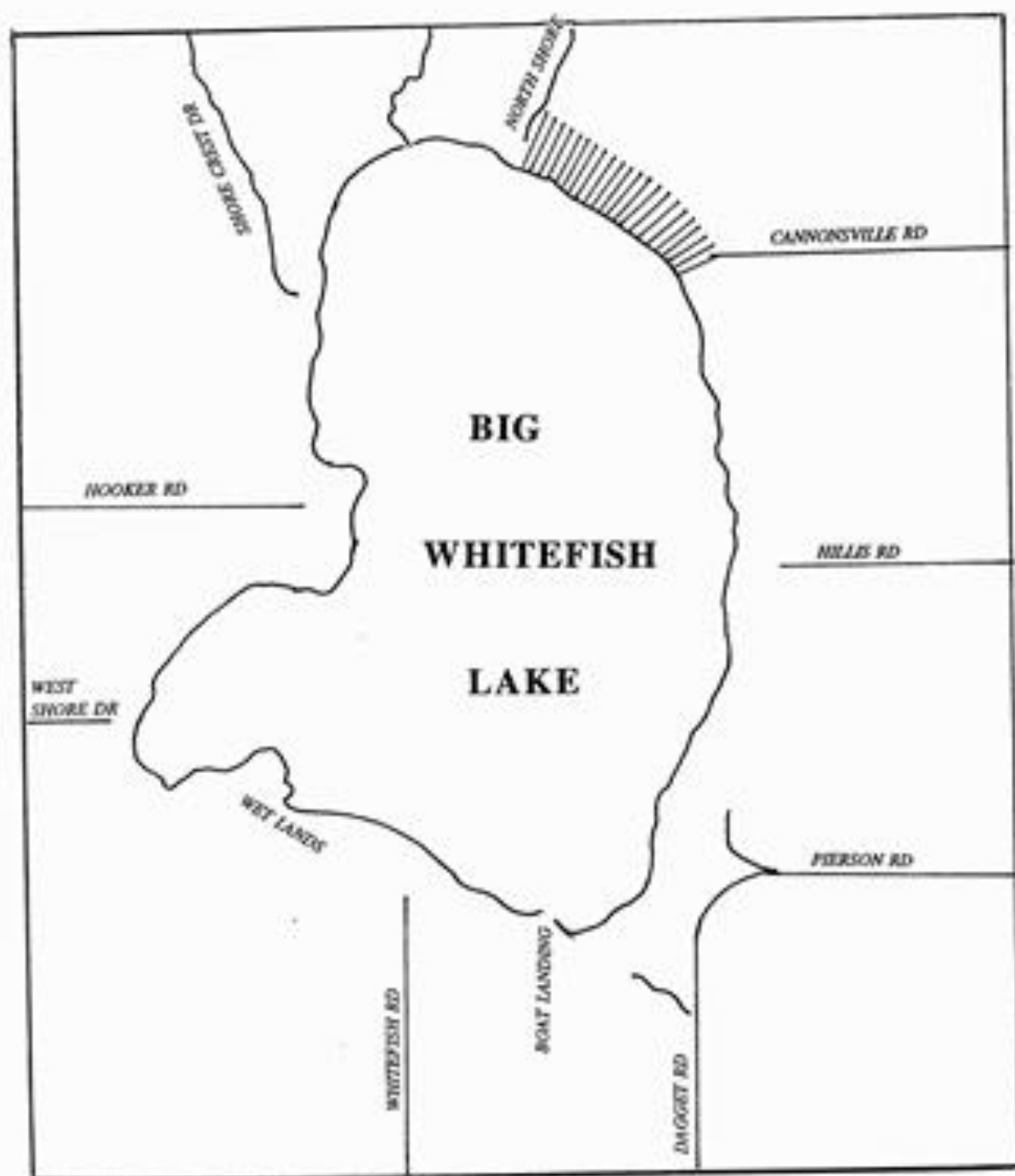
In 1897 a group of Howard City businessmen purchased a tract of forty acres on the northwest shore of the lake and incorporated it as the Howard City Resorters Association. This area was platted into lots 60' by 125' and named Wa-Be-Keego, the Chippewa Indian name for Whitefish. (Wa-Be; white, Kee-Go; fish). Salient features of the area are its numerous artesian wells, ever spouting pure clean water; a dense grove of pine, elm, and white birch trees. A large number of white birches were lost in the 1952 tornado.

Early settlers included S.C. Scott, J.A. Collins, and W. H. Collins. Many of the earliest cottages on the lake were built here.

The Howards City Resorters Association remains in existence, serving as a guidance and regulatory body

for the twenty cottages in the area.

ZONE E





E 2995 - Bill and Beth McKee, Doug and Amy McKee

In 1924 Herbert and Alice VandenBogert platted the Elmwood Section of Big Whitefish Lake. Twenty years later, in 1944, they build our cottage. Subsequently, in 1950, they sold it to Tony Wanczuk. He sold it to Bill and Jean McKee in 1964. They made many improvements including a dining room addition, a guest house and garage. Currently the cottage is owned by the McKee's sons, Bill and Doug, and their families.



E 3007 - Watson and Lorraine E. Pierce

After purchasing our lot from the VandenBogerts in 1956, we built our cottage in several stages. In 1958 we added 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, and an extra large garage. Then in 1998, we enlarged the living/dining area and included an extra large deck. In 1994 we moved here year round. The Pierce family is well represented on the lake, with Watson's brother, Earl and Bryant owning cottages. Since our family owns Whitefish Lake Golf Club we are here to stay.



E 3015 - Robert and Sandie Dunn

The original cottage was built by Arthur E. Schultze in the mid 1920's. In 1940 Ted and Donna Sprik purchased it from him for \$2000. After their deaths, Elmer and Helen Leeuw (niece to the Spriks) inherited the cottage. The Leeuw's daughter inherited the cottage in 2002, when Helen died. In 2008, it was an emotional decision to build our new home. Sandie's mother had been coming to the cottage since she was a young girl, now her great grandchildren love the cottage too.



E 3035 - Barbara Wuehrmann and Jim Palazzolo

We purchased our cottage in 1989 from Henry and Ruth Ditmar, as a welcome haven and escape from our two busy careers. The cottage was built by Dr. George Miller about 1928. The next owners were the Lloyd Lanes, who owned the Grand Rapids Womens Ball Team, "The Chicks". The next owners were John and Ida Rauser, followed by Dr. and Mrs. Donald MacIntyre (1958-1963) who sold to the Ditmars in 1963. The Ditmars remodeled the cottage, and lived here year round. We made a major renovation during 1999 and 2000, converting the single story cottage to a two story home.



D 3043 - Ronald and Myra Boss

The cottage was built by Henry and Grace Mitchell (Howard City Bakery) in 1928. In 1948, James and Helen Ruster and family became owners and enjoyed the cottage for many years. The cottage was sold

to Ron and Ryra Boss in 1982. The cottage was renovated in 1999.



D 3049 - Harold and Jane Rodenhouse Family

In 1924, Mary E. Perry (the former owner of the Homan cottage, which she sold in 1919) had the cottage built for her two daughters because she missed the lake so much. In 1940 the Helms family purchased the cottage. In May of 1942, Allan and Jerry Robinette and family became the owners. Allan, a school principal, was an avid sailor and could be seen cruising the lake almost every evening. Subsequently, the cottage became the property of their daughter, Jane and son-in-law Harold Rodenhouse.



E 3055 - John (Shawn) and Gail Quinn

This year round home was built in 1992 by Bob Urban, Gail Quinn's father. It was build on the site of

A.D. Mayers' cottage. Bob passed away in 1997, and Gail and Shawn, children Kristin and Ryan have taken over ownership.



E 3063 - Bob and Jane Urban Gillett

In the mid-twenties, this cottage was built for Mr. and Mrs. Mason. Fred and Genevieve VerHey, moved in with their daughters in the early 1950's. In the mid 60's they sold to Red Brummel who used the cottage for rental purposes, until he sold it to Robert Urban in 1977. Bob Urban, my father, passed away in 1977 and I took ownership in 1999.



E 3071 - Christine Nicoletti

This cottage was built in the early 1900's by Mr. and Mrs. John Herold of Howard City. In the mid-

twenties it became the property of her niece and husband, Orson and Muriel Pemberton who later sold to Bill Boylen in 1976. Bill's daughter, Christine Nicoletti purchased the cottage in 1999.



E 3081 - William and Linda Boylen

William T. Boylen purchased the lot from Al Denner in 1993 and built his lovely home in 2003, next door to his daughter, Christine.



E 3091 - Tim and Cindy Lesneski

The original cottage was built by Benjamin Porter Sr. It was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Huttenga in the early 1940's. A vivid memory of the Huttenga family is the 1952 Tornado. As the ominous cloud approached, more than a dozen children were hustled into the house and made to crawl under the beds.

The Huttengas sold to George and Jean Denner about 1954, who with children Al and Nancy, enjoyed the cottage until 1991 when it was sold to Tim and Cindy. Cindy had spent many happy summers on Big Whitefish Lake as she is the daughter of Barb Schoendorf in Zone B. The old cottage was razed in 2002 and a new home built in 2003.



E 3095 - Dean and Joan Downs

The Simerinks had rented at the lake and loved it and thus purchased their place from Art Ekenberg in 1966. The logs for the cottage were from trees on the premises and built by Arthur Schwaiger in about 1942. The cottage was purchased by Dean and Joan Downs in 2001.



E 3096 - Frank De Haan

The center of this cottage was constructed in 1950, at what was planned to be the intersection of Grand Avenue and Division Street. Sometime after that the back section was added. In 1966 Division Street

was vacated and became part of this property. Mr. and Mrs. Don Allen had the front addition built in the last 70's. From 1981-95 Richard and Marilyn VanderMarkt were the owners and put in the perennial garden. Jean Frank owned the property for only one year, and we have enjoyed summertime here since 1996. We added the porch in 2003.



E 3105 - Paul and Judi Smith, Rose Plocki

The original cottage was the barn of the lumber camp next door; Dr. Clapp became its owner in the early 1920's. It was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Plocki in 1957 and Bob and Rose Plocki inherited it later and built a new cottage. Paul and Judi reside here now.



E 3113 - Marge De Ruyter

The original cottage was a lumber camp cottage across the road. In 1920 Fred Newman purchased it and

held it until 1925 when Lawrence and Margaret Slade became the owners. In 1961, their daughter and son-in-law (Mart and Marge DeRuyter) inherited it. In 1973, the old cottage was razed and a new year round home was constructed. The cottage was remodeled in 2012.



E 3119 - Roger and Lu Anne Bleiler

This cottage was originally purchased in 1919 by Cornelius and Jeannie Goudzwaard for \$950.00. Later it was taken over by their daughter, Marge Homan. Roger and Lu Anne Bleiler after major renovations are now building BWL memories with their family and friends.



E 3127 - Lois Weaver

The cottage was built by John Grupa in 1937; sold to Vern and Margaret Magnuson in 1947 and then sold to Richard Janke in 1967. Many additions and improvements have made this a year round home. Lois Weaver purchased the home from the Jankes in May, 2000.



E 3135 - Keith and Lisa Jarvey

The cottage was originally built for George Messenger of Howard City, about 1910. In the early 1930's it was sold to Kathryn LaPeer, who lived with her elderly mother until 1952 when they sold the cottage to Jack and Lucy Davies. Jack was instrumental in organizing sailboat races on the lake. In 1976, the property was purchased by Martin and Betty Schuiling and sold to the Myers in 1992. For Martha Myers it was a blissful "coming home" as she is the daughter of Dale and Jean Frank (owners of Skinners Drug Store and the Sailplace in Cedar Springs). Martha had spent many summers on the lake at her parents cottage, (now the Mulls), in Zone C. Roger and Martha tore down the original cottage in 1993 and in 1994 moved into their new year-round home. Larry and Karen McNamara purchased the home in April 2006. Keith and Lisa Jarvey purchased it in 2013.



E 3143 - Fred Jennings and Michael Collins

This cottage was built by James A. Collins of Howard City about 1902. It was sold to Dr. George Miller of Kalamazoo, before 1920. Ralph and Jessie Jennings purchased it in 1926 and in 1968 the cottage was inherited by Betty and Fred Jennings. It continues to be enjoyed by Fred, his sons Tom and John Jennings,

his daughter Renee Collins and Betty's daughter Cindy Edwards.



E 3149 - Charles Q. O'Donald

The original cottage was the oldest cottage on the lake. It was built in the late 1800's for Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Scott of Howard City, whose daughter Kathryn became Mrs. Chester Crimmins and resided in Zone B until 1987. Mr. Scott would commute daily from the lake to Howard City by horse and buggy. Bella and James Haskins were the next owners, followed by Mr. Ross. It was sold to Mary O'Donald in 1953 and in 1956 Charles and Virginia took possession. In 1975 the old place was demolished and replaced with a year round home. Charles Q., the current owner, is the son of Charles and Virginia O'Donald.



E 3155 - Michael and Glenda Glenn

This is the site of one of the oldest cottages on the lake, built for William H. Collins of Howard City in 1898. Daughter, June Collins, inherited the cottage. Ira and Marge Bosscher took possession in 1952. They later became year round residents and sold to the Sterkens in 1989. The cottage was purchased by The Glenns in 2002. They built their beautiful new home in 2002 and 2003 and are sharing great times with Family and friends.

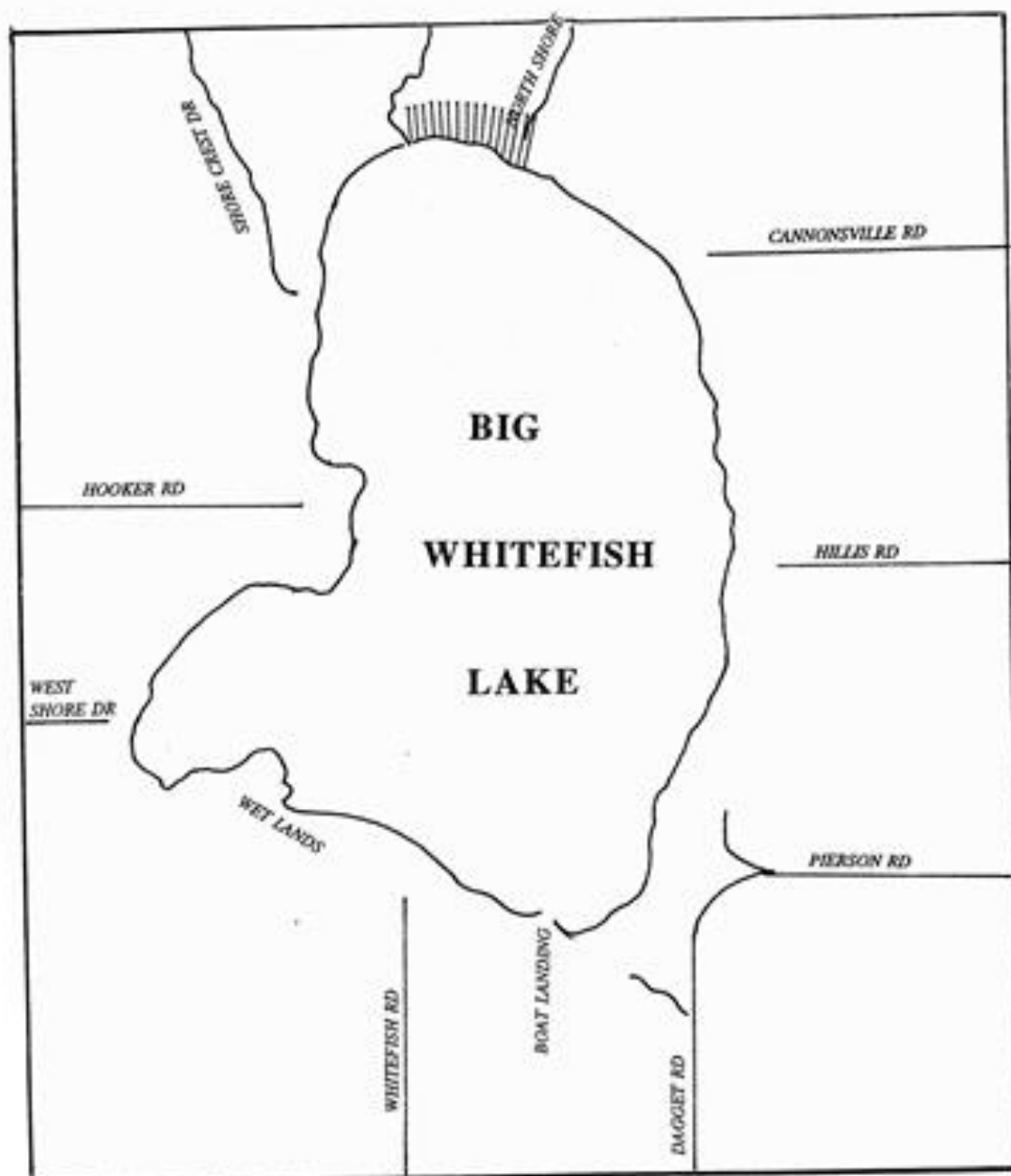
E 3161 - Michael and Glenda Glenn

The original cottage was built by Chester Crimmins in 1926 and sold to Albert and Adeline Bond in 1932. James and Doris (Bond) McMullen took possession in 1982. Some of Doris' memories from early days include how "we kids were paid one cent for every two newly hatched garfish we could catch in small nets. We soon learned we had to cut off their heads because otherwise they ate each other." In 2013 this property was purchased by Michael and Glenda Glenn and the old cottage was removed and extended play area was created.

Zone F - North Shore Drive



ZONE F





F 3199 - Michael and Christine Florentine

The cottage was built by Dr. and Mrs. Otto Kieling in 1948. Tom and Sandra Blackwell purchased the cottage in 1981, making some renovations before selling it to Dr. Tom and Barb Shaw in 1966. The home was purchased by The Florentines in August, 2001.



F 3215 - Michael and Laura Puff

In 1948, Dr. Olin and Claire McConnell built the first cottage on the North Shore. In 1962, Dr. Kornelius

and Madeline VanGoor took possession. In 1993, it was sold to Dr. Michael and Laura Puff. The wind storm of 1998 took down many of the huge oak trees surrounding the cottage, transforming this shady, mossy lot into the sunny setting it enjoys today.



F 3235 - John Krehbiel

The cottage was built by Dr. Donald and Ruth Flynn in 1949 and was sold to Ken and Sally Hungerford in 1965. Ken was killed in 1973 and Sally married John Krehbiel in 1976. In 1984 the cottage was razed and the present home was built.



F 3273 - Kenneth and Noreen Hungerford

Stan and Connie Byington built this cottage in 1949. A lively family of eight children enjoyed the lake for several years. In 1981, Ken, (married the girl next door) and Noreen (Byington) Hungerford took possession. The gazebo and garage were built in 1983. In 1993, the original cottage was torn down and a new year round home was built.



F 3291 - Bing (Tim) and Cindy Byington

Our red cottage on the North Shore was built in 1953 by Jim and Sally Patterson. Bing grew up next door in the original Byington cottage and felt very fortunate to be able to buy it from the Patterson family in 1996. We restored much of the cottage in 1997, with the main objective to keep as much of the original character of the cottage as possible. The 650 square foot braided rug, that Sally Patterson took three years to make is still intact! The original fireplace remains, which was built from bricks that were recovered from a one room schoolhouse that was being torn down. The bricks cost a penny a piece. Because of the size of our family an additional family room was added. The fireplace in this room was built by Steve Henderson, another resident of the lake.

The lineup of cottages, during the 50's and 60's, on the North Shore, used to be, Hungerford, Byington,

Patterson and VanEss cottage.



F 3305 - John and Nancy Patterson

The original cottage was built in 1960 by Dr. Roland and Dorothy Benson. The Bensons sold to the Robert VanEss Family in 1975. John Patterson met Nancy VanEss in 1975 and married the girl next door. John and Nancy took over the cottage in 1997, when Robert VanEss passed away. In 1999, they razed the old cottage and built their current year round home. John grew up next door in the “red” cottage, which was sold to the Byingtons in 1996.



F 3325 - Jean Day

Wells Blanchard built this cottage and sold it to Dr. Benson shortly after its completion in 1952. Later, Dr. Alison VandenBerg and family took possession for a few years. Charles and Jean Day have owned

it since 1967.



F 3343 - Scott and Shelley Barnard

In 1949, the second cottage on the North Shore was built by Lloyd Reynolds of Greenville. Marvin and Kay Schneider of Sparta took possession in 1957. The cottage was sold to the Bittners in 1989. After 10 years of fun filled summers and New Year celebrations, the Bittners demolished that cottage in the fall of 1998. The present cottage was built in 1999 and occupied in July of that year. Christine Dias purchased the home in January 2010. Scott and Shelley Barnard purchased the home in 2013.



F 3365 - Ed and Shirley Van Dyke

We bought our lot from Bernie Fellows in 1980. Ed built our home and we moved in October of 1995.

Before this we were at 2563 West Bay Dr. We have lived at Big Whitefish Lake for 54 years (1959).



F 3381 - John and Kris Holmes

The cottage was built by Dr. Kenneth Fellows in 1949. It was sold to Paige and Fred Brace in 1969 and in 1992, Scott and Judy Morgan took possession. The property was purchased in 1993 by Vern and Judy Robinson. Bruce and Laurel purchased in 1998. This home is now owned by John and Kris Holmes and had undergone a major renovation in 2011.



F 3399 - Michael and Christine Florentine

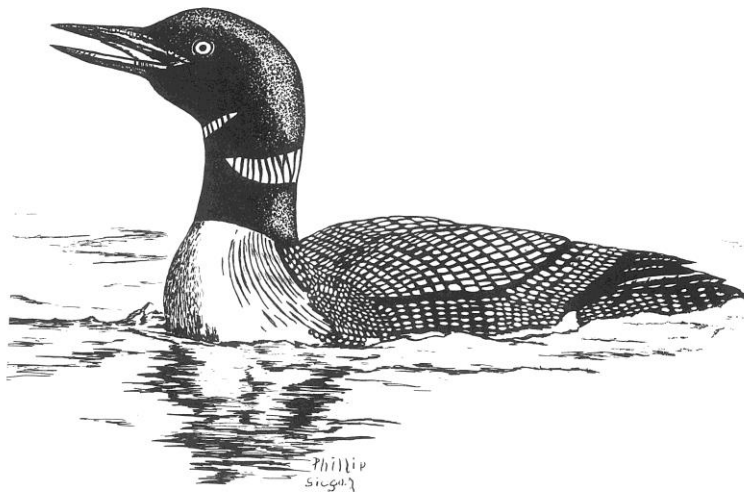
The original cottage was built in 1953 by Dr. and Mrs. Winslow Holcomb. They sold to Tom and Laurie O'Conner. The O'Connors sold to Ray and Judy Meyers in 1972 and they sold to Jim and Kathy Ogg in 1992. The cottage was named "Kathy's Garden" at that time. The old red and white cottage was razed in the fall of 2002 with the help of a hard working Amish family and the Grand Rapids charity Home Repair Services. Some of the sadness of seeing the old place go was tempered by knowing that much of it would be put to further use. Jim and Kathy Ogg moved into the new home July of 2003, and became year round

Big Whitefish residents. This beautiful home was sold in 2013 to Michael and Christine Florentine.

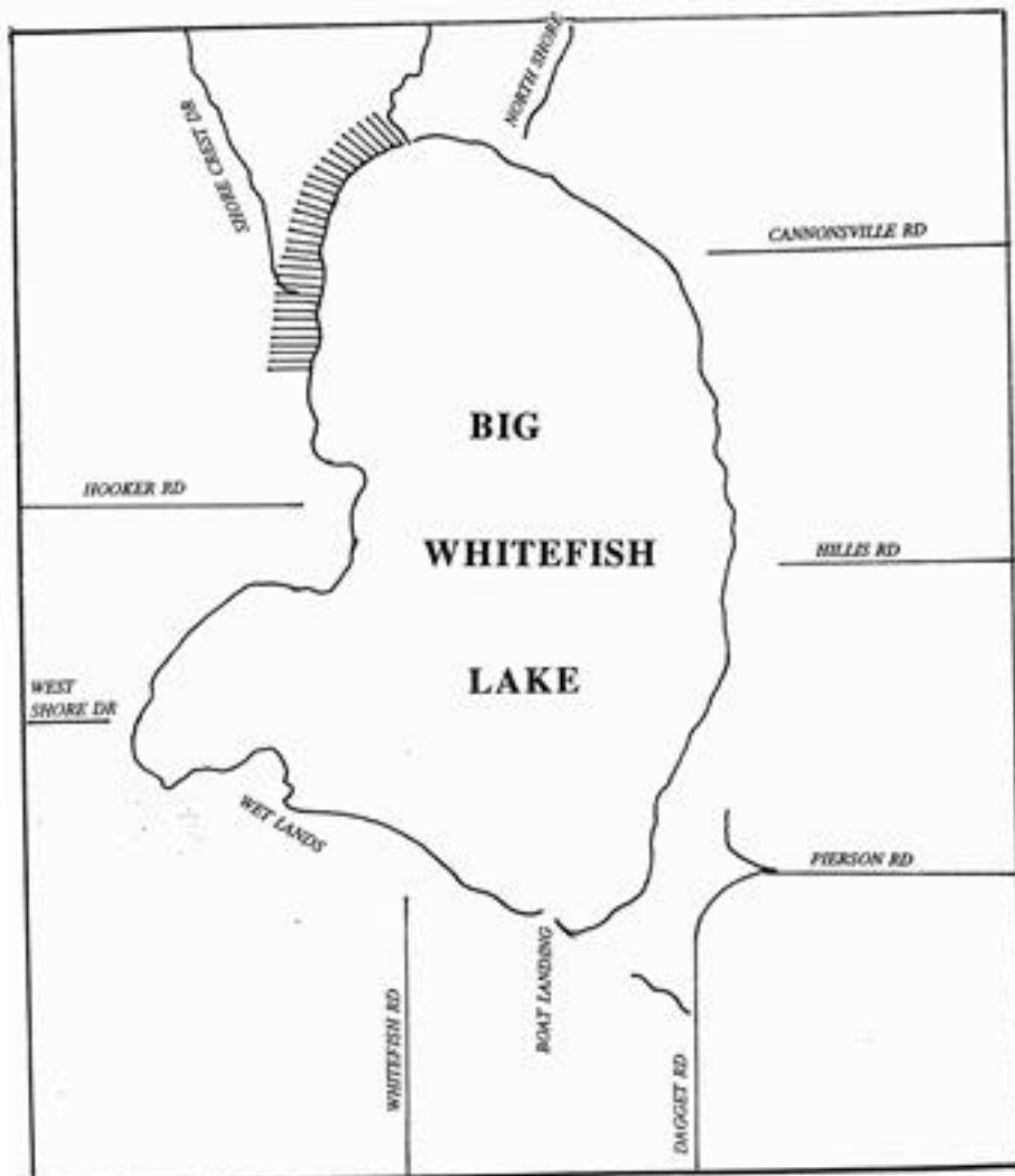
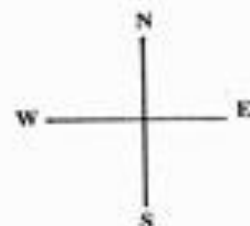
Zone G

Montcalm Estates Association

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Helms sold their property bordering the northwest side of Big Whitefish Lake to Whitefish Lake Land Co., which included co-partners Kenneth Morris, Louis J. Schaefer and Edward W. Leonard. The Helms and the Whitefish Lake Land Co. drew up a declaration of covenants and restrictions on April 16, 1973 designating the property as Lots 1-13, 14 and 15 inclusive as Montcalm Estates No. 1, Pierson Township, Montcalm County. This property is wooded and hilly. It has been logged at the turn of the century with many deadheads left along the beach and in the lake. The present growth of mostly mature oak trees is second growth, consequently--"The Woods". George D. Miller, Realtor, sold the lots. In time the streets were names Lakeview Lane and Shorecrest Drive.



ZONE G





G 3081 - Walt and Cora DeVries

Lynemas purchased this land from Ed and Shirley Van Dyke in 1990. The land had previously been owned by Neal and Jessie Helms. Sid and Sue built their home on this property in 1994. Walt and Lora DeVries purchased this property in November, 2010.



G 3073 - Tom and Cynthia Matelic

Steve and Deb Van Dyke bought the lot from their parents, Ed and Shirley Van Dyke in 1995, and built their home the same year. Tom and Cynthia Matelic now own this home.



G 3063 - Scott and Michelle Fraungruber

The original home was built by Ed and Shirley Van Dyke and sold it to Mike and Kathy Green in 1995. After the deaths of Mike and Kathy Green, the house was razed and a new home built. Scott and Michelle Fraungruber purchased it in 2012.



G 23099 - James and Susan Wanner

Kenneth R. Morris sold his interest in this lot to the Wannners and they build their home in 1978.



G 23109 - Patrick and Peggy Goggins

This was the second home build in this plat. It was built by Fred and Lucille VeenKamp in 1976. Leonard and Ellen Hoffman bought it in 1986. The Coles, Morris and Louise purchased it in 1990 and sold it to Douglas and Margaret Smith in 1993. The current owners, Patrick and Peggy Goggins bought this home in 1996.



G 23119 - Jeffrey and Gigi Van Erp

Jeff and Gigi Van Erp purchased their lakefront home from Richard Jansak and Linda Albright in the fall of 1998. It has become their peaceful retreat for them and their three children.



G 23129 - Robert H. and Mary Ann Cichewicz

John and Ruth Marvin built their summer home in 1974. This was the first home built in Montcalm Estates I. They sold it to Daniel J. and Doris J. Oakes in 1984 for their summer home, but it eventually became their year round residence. On May 10, 1990, Robert H. and Mary Ann Cichewicz purchased the home and have made it their permanent residence. They purchased the adjoining lot on the south, Lot 5, on September 5, 1990.



G 23149 - Steven Servaas

This home was built in 1975. Steve Servaas also owns Lot #7.



G 23169 - Craig and Alice Van Ess

In September of 1973, Ralph and Mary Elizabeth Upton bought the land from Montcalm Estates and took possession of their new home, built by R. D. Brooks Builders in October of 1981. Craig and Alice Van Ess bought the property from them in 1999.



G 23179 - David and Mary Annis

Our home was built in 1997. We became year round residents in December of that year. Previously we

had a cottage on West Bay Drive.



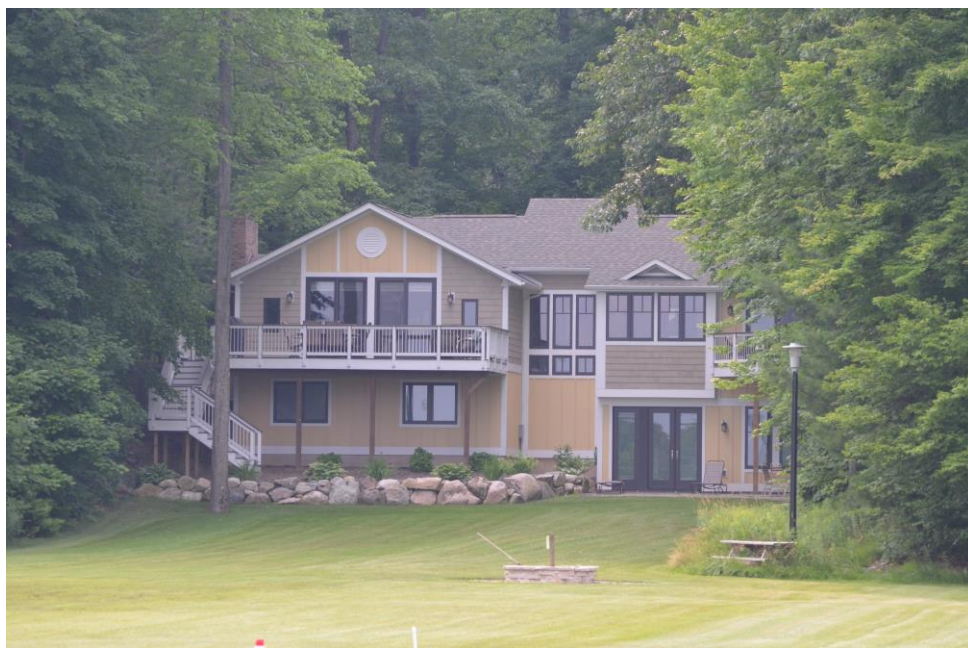
G 3020 - Terrence and Colleen Endres

This cottage was built in 1977, by Richard and Sarah O'Donald. It was purchased by Roger and Karen Chutter in 1991. A main floor bedroom and bath was added in 1992. This cottage is now owned by Terrence and Colleen Endres. This is a part of a 13 lot association known as Montcalm Estates.



G 3010 - Jeanette O' Donald

The land for this cottage was purchased in the summer of 1976. In 1977, a spot was cleared for the cottage and building began. The cottage was finished in 1978. We have wonderful neighbors and really enjoy our five months here in Michigan.



G 3000 - Thomas and Linda Wagenmaker

This lot was developed by the O'Donald Brothers and sold to Bill and Ardie Joling and the cottage was built in 1988. It was purchased by Thomas and Linda Wagenmaker in 2008.



G 2970 - Robert and Charlene De Young

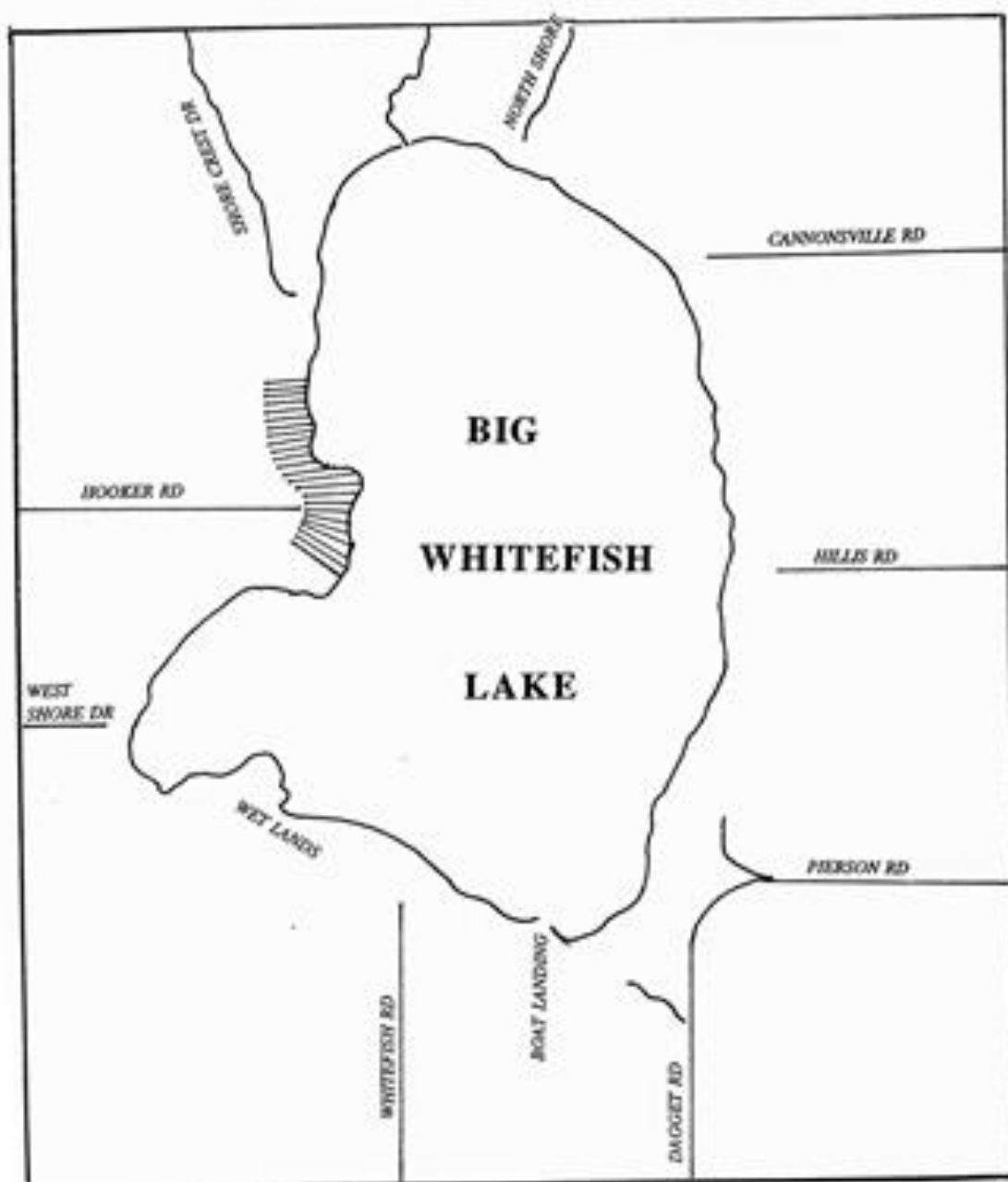
This home was built in 1998.

Zone H

The United States General Office approved the List of Lands granted to the State of Michigan, June 1856, to aide in the construction of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroads. Jacob O. Probasco acquired this land in 1877 and leased it to other parties for the removal of all “pine timber lying and standing”. Alman R. Carpenter bought this property in 1903. Then in 1954, John and Audrey Hooker bought this land from the Carpenter family and platted it into 15 lots knows as “Rush Island Point Plat”.



ZONE H





H 2780 - Thomas and Nancy Hubert

We purchased the land from a group of five men in 1971 and built our cottage in 1976. Since we are in the woods, Tom and son Roger cut down eleven trees for the cottage site. We have enjoyed life on Big Whitefish ever since.



H 2740 - Tony and Beverly Knight

The original owners of this property were Clifton and Janet Helms. In 1981, George and Janet Smith took ownership and enlarged the cottage in 1983. In 1986, Tony and Beverly Knight with their sons, made this cottage their “Happi-Nest”. Many updates and improvements were made over the years. “Happi-Next” is loved, used and shared by all the Knight’s family and friends for great gatherings, happy memories, and a legacy for coming generations to enjoy as well.



H 2730 - Roger and Jaime Louck

This home in the woods offers a beautiful high view over Big Whitefish Lake. The original owners of the property were John and Audrey Hooker. George Smith was the next owner. George then sold to his cousin, Philip Smith, who then built the home. It was sold to James Mosher in 1999. Roger Buurma purchased the home in 2000. It was purchased by Roger and Jaime Louck in 2011.



H 2720 - Jeff Smith

Walt and Marge Karczewski bought this property and started building in 1958. They celebrated their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries at the lake. For many years they enjoyed their big sailboat the “Pe-Jim-Me.” Robert and Nancy Kintz, Jeff Smith, and Chris VanRaalte purchased the property in 2000.



H 2710 - Anthony J. and Theresa Leep

The Leeps built this A-frame cottage in 1965 which was thought by many as “a chapel on the lake.” A good experience was had by dad and sons building this structure. Our family has enjoyed the lake since 1948.



H 2700 - Thomas and Debbie Hackbardt

We bought our cottage in 1985. We added on to the house and made it into our year-round home in January, 1992. The previous owners were Edmund and Sophie Bradowski. They build the cottage in

1967.



H 2690 - Steve Henderson

This property was purchased from Bob Bieska in 1993, and building began in 1996. The land was cleared, stirring up lots of snakes!



H 2680 - Michael Dazy and Karen Annis

The lot was purchased in 1961 from John Hooker. At the time of the purchase, there were five lots available. The main cottage was constructed in 1962. The garage was completed in 1963 and the

breezeway in 1964. All buildings were constructed by the Carriers. In 1985, a pole barn and gazebo were added, completing the construction. Michael Dazy and Karen Annis purchased this cottage in 2010.



H 2670 - Steve Amato

We purchased in May of 1983 from James and Alice Patterson, former owners and builders. The cottage was built in 1968 with an addition added on the front in 1972. We named the cottage “Blue Haven” because of the blue siding and it’s a haven from the hectic city life.



H 2660 - Coleman

This cottage was built by John and Audrey Hooker who owned and platted the area known as Rush Island

Point in 1955. Norman and Leona Sterken purchased the cottage from the Hookers and sold it to Bruce and Arlene Coleman, in 1987. The cottage can be easily recognized by all of the Michigan State flags and banners. The cottage has recently undergone much renovations.



H 2610 Dave and Kay Poskey

We purchased the cottage in July, 1990 from the previous owners and builders, Ivan and Marcella Schneider.



H 2592 - Dale and Elaine Ozinga

Our cottage was built by Walt and Sophie Baranowski in 1960. In 1971, it was sold to Louis and Louise DeBoer, who were the first to live in it year-round. They sold to us in 1983, and after two years we

decided to be one of the “Winter Crazies” and live here year-round. We wouldn’t move back to the big city for anything. Daughter Sue got married in August, 1987 on the deck in the rain. The wedding party went around the lake on our pontoon boat when the rain finally quit. Because we are cat collectors, our place is the “Cat House” at the end of Hooker Road.



H 2582 - David and Johanne Neu

Allen and Mary Parrott built the cottage in 1965. In 1992, Russell and Sandy Vanderwerf purchased the cottage. In 1994, Ray and Lindy Carson purchased and remodeled it. In 1998, Frank and Lyn Berris purchased and remodeled the cottage. In 2000, David and Johanne Neu became the current owners.



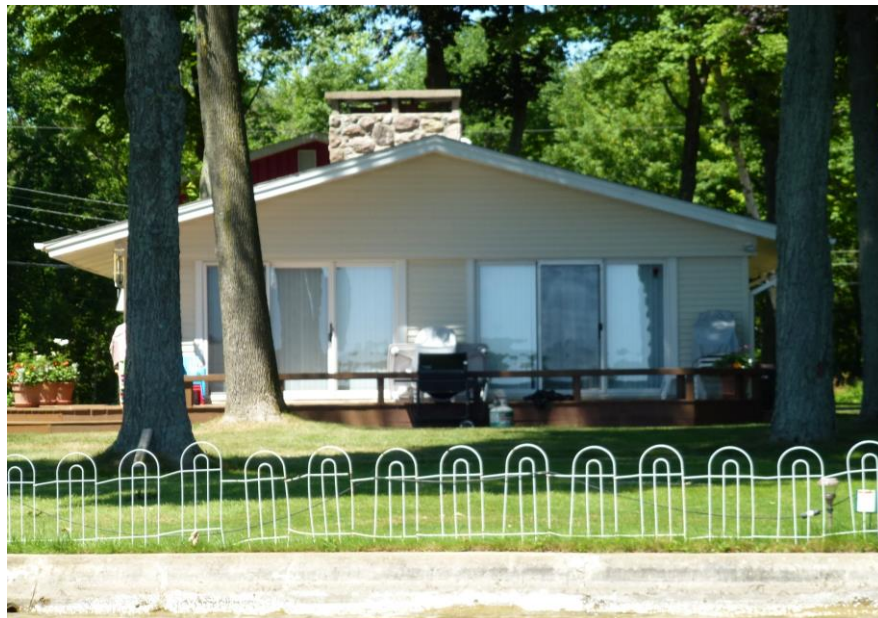
H 2574 - Norma Rau

In 1956, Kenneth, Norma and Betty Rau purchased a lot from Jack Hooker. They cleared the land and built the first cottage on Rush Island Point. In 1957, the cottage was destroyed by fire and rebuilt. In 1968, Ken and Norma bought Betty's interest in the cottage. In 1994, they made it their permanent home.



H 2569 - Kurt and Jeanne Jonker

Mr. Louis Busse purchased the lot and built the cottage in 1962. He sold the cottage to Dr. and Mrs. Manny Butt in 1982. The Butts sold to Robert and Roberta Landstra in June, 1989. In August of 1998, it was purchased by Walt and Cora DeVries. In 2010, this cottage was purchased by Kurt and Jeanne Jonker.



H 2565 - Mitch and Ruth Newenhouse

Clayton and Cornelia VanDyke built this cottage in 1960. It was sold to David and Mary Annis in 1990. David noted that his grandfather, Dr. L.C. Annis, was the physician in Cedar Springs from 1896 to 1938. Dr. Annis mentioned in his diary that he traveled to Big Whitefish Lake to treat patients. Also, by 1912, Dr. Annis owned a cottage at Big Whitefish Lake, located “on the highest point of the lake”. The Newenhouse family purchased the cottage from the Annis family in 1995.



H 2563 - Nancy Barcheski

Edward and Shirley VanDyke bought a lot from Clayton VanDyke in 1968. They built their cottage in 1969. Dan and Nancy Barcheski purchased the cottage in 1995.

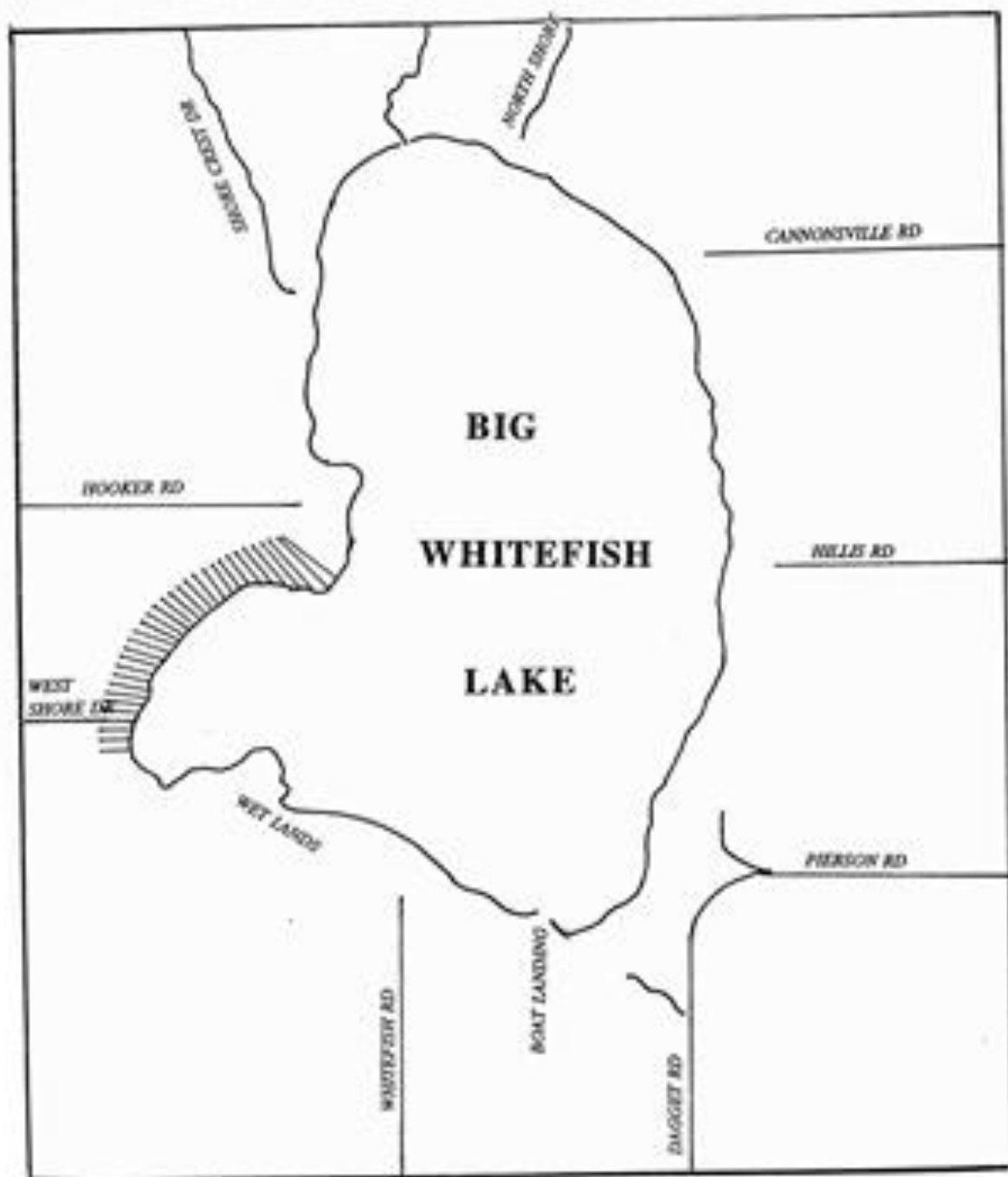
Zone I

Zone I is located on the southwest side of Big Whitefish Lake and contains the land between the wetlands on the south around the Cove to and including the point on the north where the Bisbees currently reside. This area contains 47 plus acres which were granted by the United States to Lorenzo J. Roder on October 23, 1854. This parcel as a whole was owned by various people but was divided by Woolsey Cronkhite and his wife on November 8, 1886 when he granted the south one-half of Lot 3 which contained 24 acres more or less to William C. Phillips. It is thought that this area was used primarily for lumbering, and that no houses were built on the lake frontage. However, it is also believed that "Mike Lamphiere" was born in a log cabin on the west side of Big Whitefish Lake. When the West Shore Drive Plats--One and Two were being developed, the remains of a log construction was found in the area that is now known as Lot 18.

On November 8, 1902, Justus E. Lee and wife Cynthia were granted ownership by William C. and Louisa J. Phillips to the North one-half of "Fractional Lot 3" in Section 19, T 11 N Row 10W, containing about 24 acres. Later on April 12, 1912, Justus and Cynthia provided a Warranty Deed to Richard H. O'Donald for this same property, then sold this 24 acres to Norman A. Peters on August 7, 1923. Later, on July 6, 1967, Albert W. and Alice Kremers along with Thomas E. and Ruth C. Reminga purchased this north one-half Government Lot 3 with the exceptions of easements and restrictions for driveways and roads, and that property owned by Mike and Mary Mosey. They obtained this land from the estate of Norman A. Peters and developed the present West Shore Drive Plants one and two.

On December 12, 1985, Samuel Hartt, Attorney, purchased a parcel of land which started at the NW corner of the South one-half of Lot 3, thence South 20 rods, thence East to the meander lines of Whitefish Lake: then Northerly along the bank of said lake to a point directly East of the starting point; thence West to the place of beginning, from George Cain and his wife. Justus E. and Cynthia A. Lee, however, purchased this same property from the heirs of Samuel Hartt on August 14, 1918. Justus and Cynthia later, on March 24, 1926, sold this lake frontage to Peter VanderVeen. Peter laid the foundation and hired Newhof Builders of Grand Rapids to construct the first home in the south one-half of Government Lot 3 and second home to be built on the west side of the lake.

ZONE I





I 2500 - Devin and Dawn Norman

West Shore Drive Plat was developed by Albert Kremers and Thomas Reminga. This home was constructed in 1974. It is located on the east side of the point. It was purchased in 2006 by Devin and Dawn Norman.



I 2490 - Gladys Bisbee, Dave and Pat Bisbee
John and Sally Kamphuis

This home, know as “The Point” was built by Albert Kremers. In 1976, Marvin Brummel purchased this site. In May, 1978, Ivan and Gladys Bisbee purchased the parcel. Ivan passed away in 1996. The family

is in the process of updating the home.



I 2470 - Gary and Terri Douthett

We purchased our cottage in 1994 from Ron and Carol Kaminski. Mr. Kaminski built the cottage in 1988. They had purchased the property in 1987 from Mrs. Albert Kremers.



I 2465 - John and Sally Kamphuis

Denny and Joan Duimstra purchased the property in 1989. They moved into their home in 1993. It is now

owned by John and Sally Kamphuis.



I 2460 - Cindy Douthett

This home was built in 1975 by Paul D. Howard. He lived there until June of 2000 and sold the home to Cindy Douthett. At the time of purchase, the home had been neglected and in need of repair. The home has been completed restored.



I 2440 - Arnold and Thelma Miedema

In the late 1960's James and Audrey Albertson constructed the present home. In 1987, they sold the residence to Robert Melaik. It was purchased by Joseph and Barbara Rathbun in 1991 and sold to Arnold and Thelma Miedema in 1998. In 2000, the Miedema's purchased a lot from Bob and Doris Winkel

which is across the street. A garage was built on this lot in 2000.



I 2430 - Joe and Lisa Beyer

Our home was built in 1970 by Ted Kneibel. It was the second house built in this plat. In 1995, we purchased the summer home from Ted and Doris Kneibel (Lisa's parents). It is now our full time residence, holding many great memories from Lisa's childhood and also creating many more with our family.



I 2420 - Eric and Laura Roggenbuck

Chris and Rebecca Johnson purchased lots (the lake and back lot) from Jerry Thome in 1998. Construction began in September of 1998, and was completed in March of 2000. Chris' parents have

owned property next to the Big Whitefish Lake Association tennis courts on Hillis Road for over 60 years. This home is now owned by Eric and Laura Roggenbuck.



I 2410 - Bob and Dori Winkel

The lot at 2410 West Shore Dr. was purchased by Bob and Dori Winkel in the fall of 1994, from Jerry Wallace. In the summer of 1996, Bob and Dori began construction of the home that is now located on the property. In February 1997, we moved into our new home as year-round residents. We have completely enjoyed living on the lake and sharing the experience with our family and friends ever since.



I 2400 - Richard and Mary Ann Townley

In 1978, Chester and Dolly Warner built this home. In May, 1990, we purchased the year around home

from Dolly Warner.



I 2390 - Dave and Nan Haadsma

Our cottage is now our home! We bought our lot from the Kremers and Reminga families in 1969 as the plat was being developed. Construction of the original cottage was begun in 1972 and completed a few years later. Our six children were ages one through thirteen at the time of lot purchase, and so treehouses, makeshift rafts, the hunt for turtles and frogs, not to mention swimming, fishing and water skiing were the gleeful pursuits of those years. The original cottage has been remodeled as of Spring, 2000. The new addition accommodates car, boats, laundry appliances, seventeen grandchildren as well as us, Dave and Nan, who think “living at the lake” is great.



I 2380 - Aaron Kroemer

During 1989-1992 Robert and Laura Mitchell constructed the solid log home, detached garage and pole barn with the help of family and friends. Rich and Marcia Lievense purchased it in the fall of 1996 and named it “The Dancing Bear Lodge” because of our many faux bear collections and accessories. It has

been a place of much laughter and good times spent with many friends and family. It is now owned by Aaron Kromer.



I 2370 - Wayne and Shelley VanderKolk

Jim and Judy Dense' purchased the lot from Ed VanDyke in August of 1995. In December of 1996, construction began and the new home was completed by Memorial Day of 1997. This home was purchased in 2008 by Wayne and Shelley VanderKolk.



I 2360 - Steve and Pat Herrema

Fred and Gladys Butterworth built this cottage in 1978-1979. We purchased the cottage from the Butterworths in 1996.



I 2351 - Brian and Mary Van Wert

The home was built in 1989 by Cameron Helms. Our brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Laurie Thome, purchased this site from him in 1992. We moved in during September, 1996 after the Thomes built a new home across the street.



I 2350 - Linda DeBoer

Our home was built in 1978 and it became our permanent residence in 1979. In 1981, a pole barn was constructed across the street.



I 2340 - Glen and Denise Johnson

We bought our home in the fall of 1998 from brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Laurie Thome. They built it while they lived in the house directly across the road, in what is now the Van Wert residence.



I 2343 - James and Susan Van Holstyn

Greg Wicz built this home in West Shore Plat Two during 1990 and 1991. James Van Holstyn purchased the property in 1993, and has added a large pole barn behind the house.



I 2330 - Jerry Thome

In 1971, Carl and Vi Garlock were the first to build a home in the new development known as West Shore Dr. Plant One. In 1989, they built a pole barn across the road. We purchased this year-round home from them in 1991. In the fall of 1998, we built the stone sea wall and continue making landscaping improvements.



I 2300 -Andy and Phyliss Steensma, Bruce and Sara Uekert and Keith Steensma

This land was purchased by Norman A. Peters in 1923. The cottage (presumed to be built by Norman Peters) is thought to have been the first house built on lake frontage on the southwest side of the lake. This was never a part of the West Shore Drive Plat One. In 1968, Norman A. and Edmund D. Peters and others, sold this site to Richard D. Byington and his wife. They remodeled the old cottage and later sold to Jerry Alverson and his wife in 1971. In 1979, Steven and Diane Clark purchased the property and built the garage. Mike and Mary Mosey bought this parcel in 1989. In February, 1996, the old cottage was razed after being told it could not be saved. Mike and Mary Mosey then built the current home and took up permanent residence. It was purchased in 2008 by Matt and Julie McCallum. This home was purchased in 2013 by Andy and Phyliss Steensma, Bruce and Sara Uekert and Keith Steensma.



I 2280 - Jeff and Lori Grover

This residence was the fifth house to be constructed in the plat and was built by Robert Kaminski before 1975. In 1978, Carol Conklin and Jack Smith purchased the site. Later in 1983, Greg Wicz bought this house from Carol Conklin. George Smith purchased it in 1994-1995. Jeff and Lori Grover purchased it

in 2006.



I 2262 - Frank and Sue Johnson

Ruben and Mary Lou Kangas purchased this site from Albert W. Kremers in 1972. They built the present home in 1980. The Johnsons purchased the cottage in 1999.



I 2250 - Ruth Andrus

In 1926-27, Peter and Deanna VanderVeen had the old cottage built. It is thought to have been the second oldest cottage built on the southwest side of the lake. Herman and Helen VanderVeen became owners in 1953. In 1971, they razed the old cottage and constructed the present year-round home. This house sits

well above the lake level providing an outstanding view. In 1978, Jack and Ruth Andrus purchased the property.

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2012
By Pat Knight

A whispering breeze translates the language of trees
Each ripple of water holds memories in peace

And then, a misty heaven, of calm;

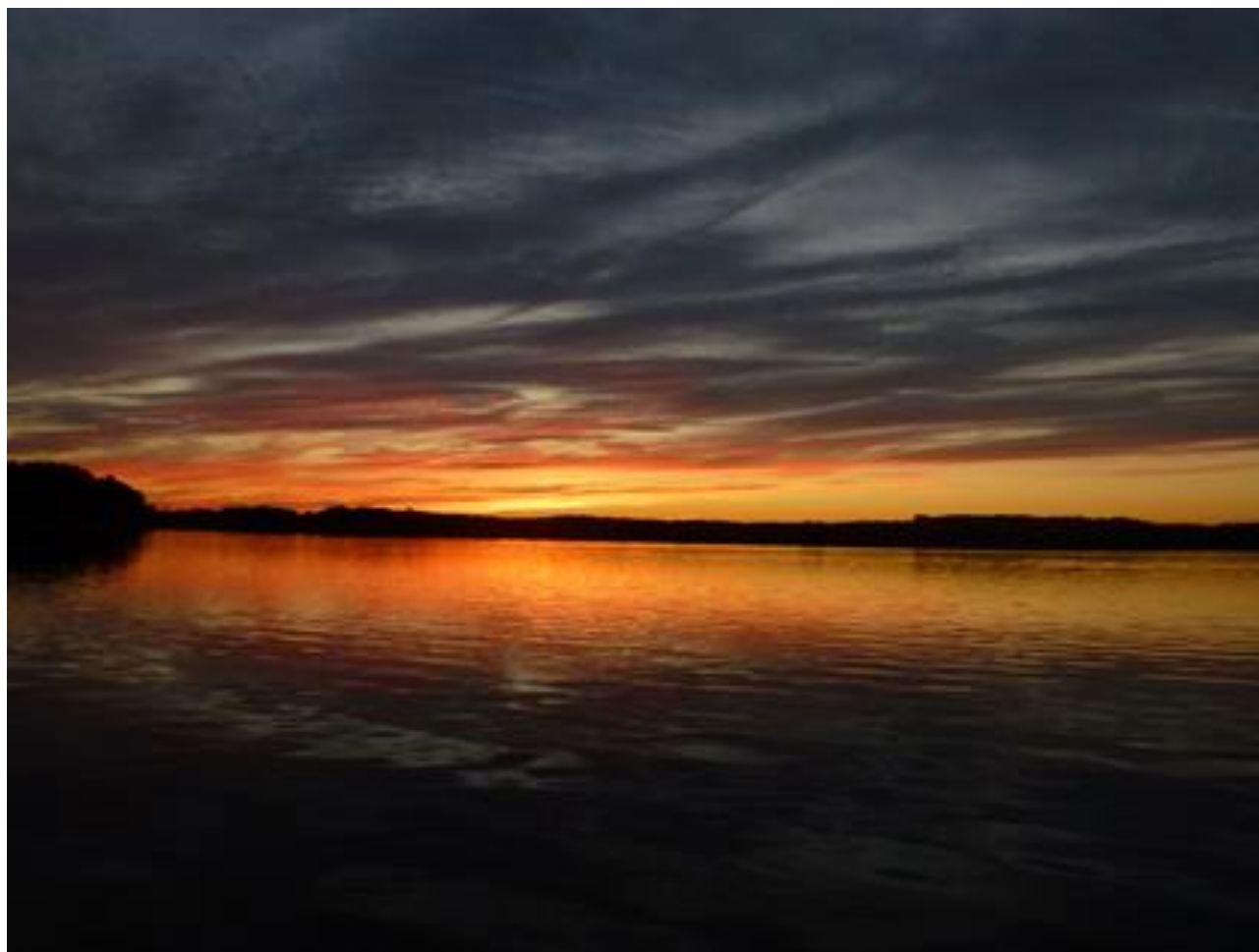
A simple reflection, maybe our inner self
A gathering of history and future itself
The conclusion being the beauty of now
She is just trying to show us how

Just at that moment we see the sky
Existing in the mirror of water in lie

Suddenly our country's symbol boasts a white tail
Right through our picture of reflection we stare
A simple image of who we really are
And who we will be from here to there

Take comfort with blissful ripples capturing your soul
Which hold you forever and beyond in whole
We will always be home wherever we land
Given this gift of Big Whitefish we stand

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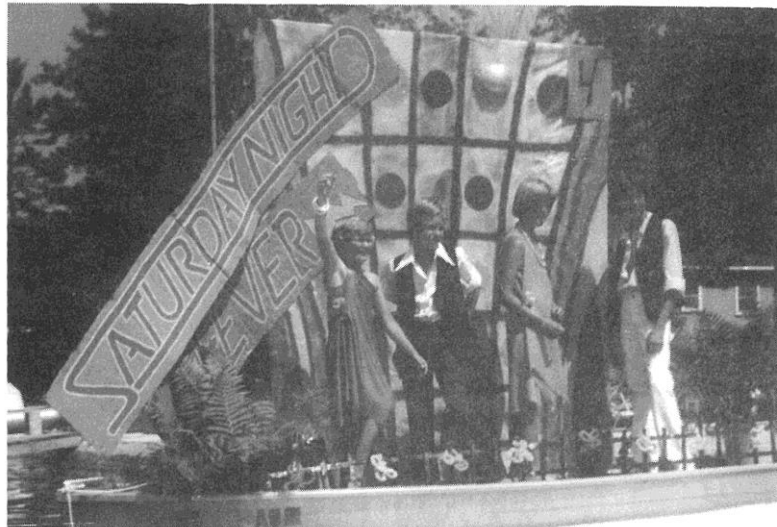
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BOAT PARADES

In the early 1950's an annual Boat Parade was inaugurated for the 4th of July celebration. What a challenge to come up with new ideas and a new theme every year! An even greater challenge was to translate the theme into something that could be anchored onto a boat that would stay upright despite high winds and waves. Each year a new theme was used, ranging from Nursery Rhymes to TV programs to Historical Events. Every cottage owner was entitled to vote; the votes being picked up by a tail end boat following the parade. Prize winning boats received plaques to grace their walls.

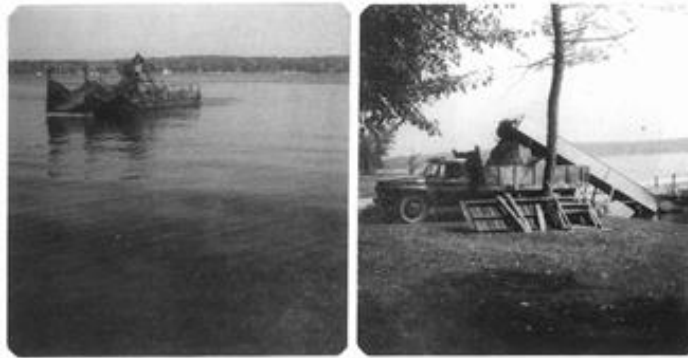
By 1993 cottage owners had grown weary of the parade and a new exciting program was initiated - Northern Lights. Every cottage owner was asked to decorate his property with twinkling lights for the whole 4th of July weekend. Whitefish became a fairyland of lights after dark.

Due to popular demand, the boat parade was reinstituted in 1999 and continued through the early 2000's and into the 20 teens. Some of the popular themes ranged from Favorite Children's Story, Historical Event, Decade Theme, to Favorite Song, or Movie. This has continued to remain as a fun, family event on the 4th of July.



WEED HARVESTING

The southwestern and western shorelines of many inland lakes promote weed growth faster than other areas and Big Whitefish Lake is no exception. To combat this problem, the Big Whitefish Lake Association began a weed harvesting program in 1978, which continued on an annual basis during September, until 1991. As many as two thirds of the association members contributed \$30 annually toward this program. The machines cut the weeds to a maximum depth of five feet and the weeds were then placed on the loading barge. The weeds were then pushed up a conveyor by hydraulic machinery, dropped into a waiting truck and delivered to farmers fields.



Big Whitefish Lake Sewer System

By mid 1970's it was becoming evident that something had to be done about the sewage situation at Big Whitefish Lake. Most of the outhouses had been replaced by indoor plumbing. But the septic systems that had evolved had developed before the Montcalm County septic regulations. Or should we just politely say that the septic systems in operation at Big Whitefish Lake had overwhelmed the ability of the ground to absorb sewage.

This was most acute in Fire Zone B. The low lying land bordered to the East by high ridges, proved again that fecal matter does not flow uphill.

Therefore Zone B was the first to install a community sewer. This sewer system worked so well that the rest of the lake became increasingly interested in a sewer system.

Dan Buyze recalls that in the early 1980's the owners, aided in large part by the Big Whitefish Lake Association, broke up into neighborhood groups to petition the Pierson Township to form a drainage District for the Lake. The petition barely passed, as there was considerable opposition.

The petition was then forwarded to the County. Eventually the Drainage district fell under the jurisdiction of the Montcalm County Drain Commission, where it resides today.

The Drain Commission put the project out for engineering bids. Progressive Engineering won the bid. Part of engineering was to find where to put the waste treatment plant. There was a 60 acre parcel to the north of the lake that the County was able to obtain without use of eminent domain. Montcalm County now owns the property.

After the engineering studies were completed, the process of obtaining easements, rights of way and permitting was started. The first big hurdle was to obtain a permit to go under the Channel (officially "Whitefish Outlet,") and accompanying wetlands. After that any and all modifications needed further permitting.

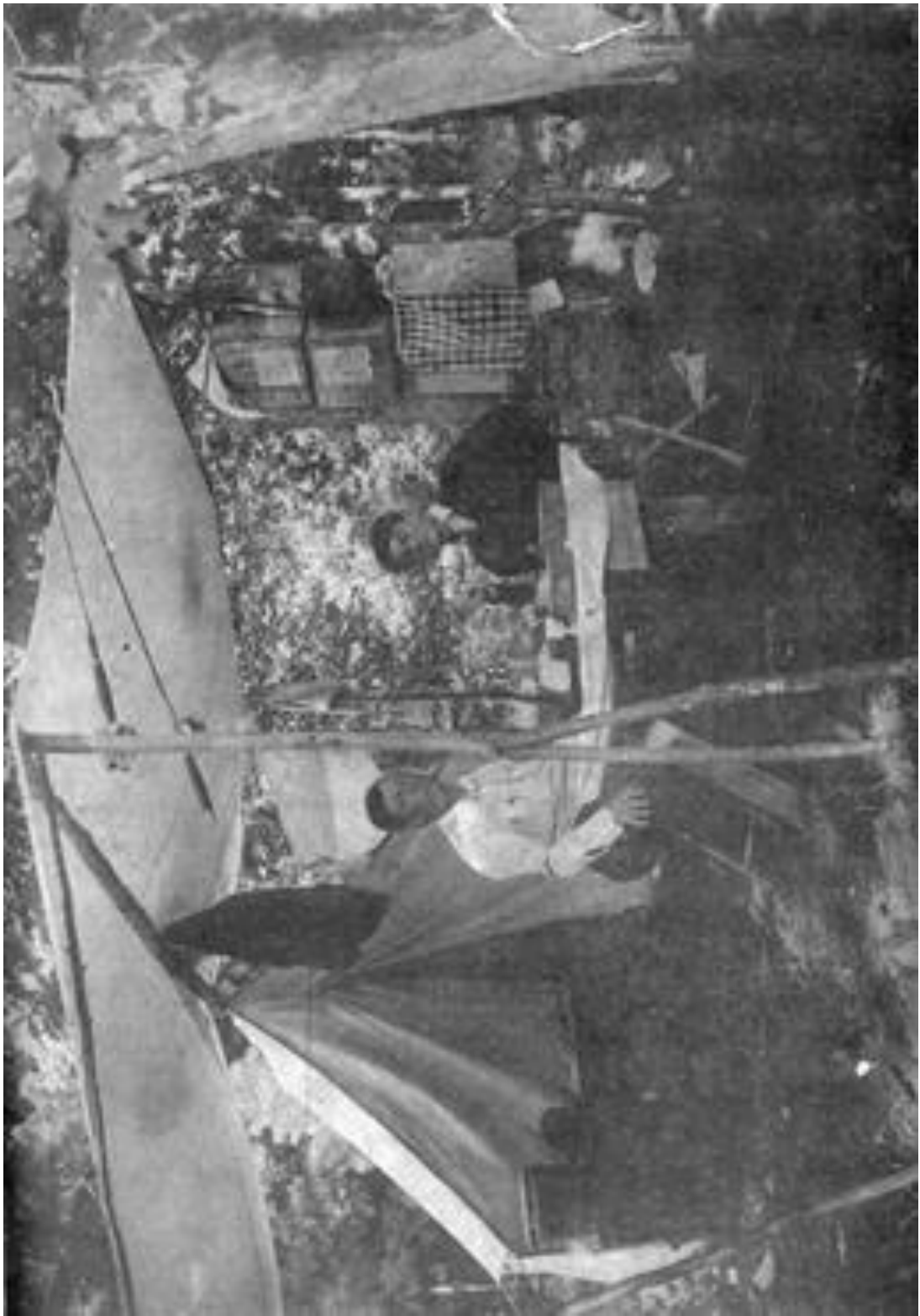
An interesting bit of history on the evolution of the sewer systems can be gleaned from the Big Whitefish Lake Association Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons Meeting of March 26, 1987, Bill Dickinson, Presiding: "Dan Buyze reported on the Lake's sewer System progress. The most important discharge permit was received last week. The contractor expects to break ground in about two weeks and will either start at the treatment facility north of the lake or in the cove. There is still some problem obtaining the required easements, but Dan expects these to be resolved. He also reported that Progressive Engineering will place a wooden stake with an explanation at each cottage so that the owner can indicate (with the stake) where the lead from the sewer line should be located. Dan said all engineering is done for the sewer system and the only permit still needed is a wetlands permit to build the sewer under the channel at the north end of the lake. Dan also indicated that a representative from Progressive Engineering plans to attend the June members' meeting to answer questions."

The last hurdle was the ground water discharge permit.

Currently the Department of Natural Resources samples the ground water at regular intervals. They particularly look for elevated Sodium levels. Thus the ban on water softener connections to the sewer system. The ban on garbage disposals is due to the fact that garbage sludge from disposals clogs up the system with its many sewage lifter stations.

Many say that the sewage system saved the lake. One only needs to compare the water quality at Big Whitefish Lake with surrounding lakes without sewers.





Camping on the high ground behind Hartt's Resort

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford

July 8, 1991

Dear Louise,

Whitefish Lake was a very important part of my formative years. Growing up in Grand Rapids I was very fortunate to be able to spend my summers at the Lake with a wide range of family and friends.

Perhaps my most vivid memory of Whitefish Lake is not really a memory, but a story that was related to me time and time again, so that it seems to be a memory. It seems there was a young toddler by the name of Elizabeth Anne Bloomer who became a most accomplished scavenger around the picnic area of the Lake. Apparently, I was a cute little thing and the visitors to the Lake delighted in sharing their treats with me. As I became plumper and plumper, my Mother resorted to drastic measures. A sign was placed on my back, just at that point where it was impossible for me to reach. The carefully printed sign said simply "PLEASE DO NOT FEED THIS CHILD!".

The remainder of my summers at Whitefish Lake were filled with great fun and wonderful memories, but not nearly so many calories.

I have often thought of those happy summers and still hope to return for a visit someday.

With my warm, best wishes,

Betty Ford

Ms. Louise Storme and
3721 Burton, S.E.
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By CAROL HANSEN

WHITEFISH LAKE — Cottagers at Whitefish Lake took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the long Fourth of July weekend to extend hospitality to many visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verschut had as their weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Storms and Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Diederich and Edward Storms of Grand Rapids and Miss Louise Gould of Battle Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Diederich and Mr. William E. Diederich, who has just returned from Fort Sill, Okla., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Crissman of Howland City.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert T. Lustig have been entertaining their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Robert M. Davis for the past few weeks. The Davises are formerly of Mendocino, Pa., where Dr. Davis was professor of psychology at Allegheny College. Dr. and Mrs. Davis are enroute to Santa Monica, Calif., where Dr. Davis has accepted a position.

Mrs. William Gault and daughter, Katharine of Berkeley have been guests at the Lustig cottage for the past week. Guests over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Trout of Ypsilanti, Miss Barbara Devine of Battle Creek and Mrs. Robert Mason of East Lansing, have been the guests of Miss Dorothy Lustig for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blackport and Boony and Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boyles and Mary Jane and Susie, Mr. and Mrs. William Erdley and Bill, Chuck and Kathy and Mr. and Mrs. Thelton Springer and son were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Dunwell for a potluck on the Fourth.

In the Hunter Cottage for a week are Mr. and Mrs. John C. DeMaagd and Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeMaagd and Billy and Diane of Grand Rapids. Their guests during the week will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Pierce and Sara Linda, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Bouding and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Flecker, Mrs. Alvin Eldersveld and Laurie and Marcia, Jack Stok and June and Dale, Mrs. William Geelhood and Shirley, Mildred and Glen, William Uptegraf, Miss Marcia Dittmar and Mr. Charles DeMaagd.

In the Knott cottage for the summer are Mr. and Mrs. Julian M. Norman, John, Mabel Ann, Larry and Ronald of Grand Rapids. Their guests for the holiday weekend were their son, Seaman James Norman, Miss Eleanor Wiestra and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Polack.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burch have as their guests for the week, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Nichols and son of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wood and Dick of Belding were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anna Korhonen and children, Burk, Sally, Annell and Donald of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heit were hosts over the weekend to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wurst and Sharon and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heitman, Henry Jr., Linda Kay and Jimmie.

Mrs. Frank Burt entertained Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tuck of Fayetteville, N. Y., over the weekend. Her recent niece of Chicago.

Mrs. May Mattson and grand children, Kathleen and Paul and Sharon and the guests of Mrs. Beason.

The Williams in their weekend guests Mrs. H. Winston and two of their children.

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Mr. and I will be entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dittmar and children, Jeanne and Eleanor, Mrs. and David and Fred Vander.

Spending this week in Ver Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Dykstra and Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Thomas vice Dale.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Margen Ellis of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Syme-tru' Thomas, David, Donald, Susan and Sally.

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Guests Visit at Whitefish Lake

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. De Good and daughter, MerriAnne of Grand Rapids are the guests of this week of Mr. and Mrs. Ham Schepenkoter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pound and Becky and Patty of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pound of Lansing are spending the week in the Cottage. Their guests have been Mr. and Mrs. David Brian of Grand Rapids, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Alex.

Frank Burt was honored at his birthday party by his wife Sunday. Guests at the party included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Erikson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dewey and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burt and Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Tuck.

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THE LAKE for the month of August are Mr. and Mrs. Grace D. Smith and children, old, Jonathan and Sally. Dev-erest is Craig Thompson, of Dr. and Mrs. Edward C.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Car-on and children, Nick, Bill, ngela and Theresa, are occupy-ing the cottage of Mrs. Floyd A. arther. Their weekend guests

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“The Old Kentucky Home”

It is believed that this house was located at the NE corner of the present home of Marge Walenga, on the hill in back of the old Hartt’s Resort.

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

I will rise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
Nine bean rows will I have there, a hive for the honey bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavement gray,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

William Butler Yeats, 1895-1939



Sunset at Big Whitefish Lake



SUMMERTIME FUN



Whitefish Lake Statistics

It is surprising to know the amount of water that flows into Big Whitefish Lake. By striking off an average on seven flowing wells, we came up with an answer of 7.7 gallons per minute from each well. The results are as follows:

**7.7 Gallons per minute per well
462 Gallons per hour per well
11,008 Gallons per day per well
3,954.420 Gallons per year per well
395,442,000 Gallons per 100 wells per year**

This is just a wild guess. There may be wells opening into the lake that we do not know about, but I think you can be sure the amount we estimated is far short of the real figure.

Big Whitefish Lake covers 597 acres. The experts say we have four miles of shore line.

The temperature of the water varies from 76 degrees on the surface, to 50 degrees at a depth of 50 feet.

The greatest measured depth of Big Whitefish Lake that we know of is 54 feet.

Patrons

Thank You to the many patrons who have given so generously.

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Gerald and Joy Antvelink

Becker-Wiltz Family

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Bing and Cindy Byington

Eric and Sarah Cavalli

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