

Madison Historical Society

June 2017



The Museum is now open every Tuesday from 2-4. Our new exhibit features TOOLS. Pictured below is a rare 1-10 Scale Bridge Truss Pattern used in the construction of covered bridges in the early 1800s. It was gifted by Professor Russell Skelton in 1965.

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From the Curator's Desk—Karen Lord

It's hard to believe it's been a year since we presented the Wedding Dresses Through the Decades exhibit. We have a slide show of this event available for review every Tuesday 2-4 pm at the museum, and also on our website. This summer we take a look at the tools that our forefathers (and some of our grandfathers/mother and fathers/mothers) used in their everyday lives. Madison has a rich history in:

- The Silver Lake lead mines discovered by Ephraim Tibbetts and first worked in 1826.
- The Granville Brothers airplane
- Farming—to include produce, beef, shoots, maple sugar with which the town folk bartered for groceries & supplies in Portland.
- The railroad—construction began in 1870.
- Wheat and flax were grown. Linen cloth was made from flax.
- Lumbering
- Iron was mined and wrought into nails, horseshoes and other necessities.
- Shoemakers, hotels and taverns dotted our landscape.

The Madison Historical Society is proud to present local tools from these various trades and others. Come visit and discover how these tools were used. We also have a few tools that we need to identify, and if you know what it is, please let us know.

COME, VISIT, AND EXPLORE THE TOOLS OF THE PAST

We are pleased to report that our World War II memorial plaque was restored over the winter by Penny Hathaway. It had hung outside for many years and was badly damaged. We haven't exactly determined where it came from, but it is speculated that it was provided by the Silver Lake Woman's Club during wartime. It was designed to come apart at the bottom for the addition of names.



Here it is in this 1976 picture above.



SUMMER MEMORIES!

WE RECENTLY ENJOYED RECEIVING A LETTER FROM BILL HARMON:

The March 2017 Newsletter article "Boy Scouts in Madison- 1932" triggered memories. Apparently that organization died out only to be reorganized in the early 1940s. Bob Chick and Bob Leavitt were the leaders.

The day we climbed Mt. Chocorua TWICE comes to mind. We received a request from Rochester, NH Boy Scouts to guide them on their hike up Mt. Chocorua. We wondered why they would need a guide, not thinking that they hiked on cement sidewalks while we took short cuts through the woods and farmers' pastures. No matter. We jumped at an excuse to climb our beloved Mt. Chocorua.

When we met them, they had already pitched their tents on the edge of the Piper Trail parking lot.

"What's going on? Aren't we going to spend the night on the mountain?"

"No, we have to go to (Catholic) mass in the morning."

"Well, we'll get you there."

"No, we have to be sure we make it on time."

We were disappointed, but they were our guests and we must be about our "guiding." Happily, the rest of the day was uneventful and we found ourselves back at the parking lot.

Now what do we do? Somebody said, "Let's go back up the mountain." While discussing that silly idea, we noticed that our two youngest (Gerald and Dickie) had disappeared. We had our answer. They heard our conversation and took off up the mountain and we had to catch them. Fortunately, we caught up to them part way up and continued on. We enjoyed the evening at the Weetamoo cabin and were tired enough to get a good night's sleep.

Again, the hike down early Sunday morning was uneventful. There were the Rochester Boy Scout tents. We peeked in. There they were. We banged on their tents.

"Thought you had to go to mass."

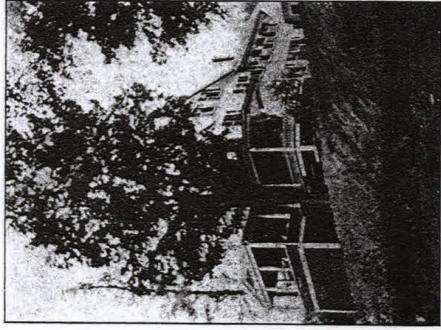
"Oh, yes. But what are you doing here?"

"We just came off the mountain. We went back up yesterday evening."

I don't think they believed us. Who else do you know that climbed Mt. Chocorua twice in one day?

The Junior Camp

is delightfully situated on Conway Road facing Chocorus Mountain, Mount Whittier, Mount Washington, and the Presidential Range. It is up to date in every way, most delightful spot for rest and comfort. Tennis court. Short way from Silver Lake, Boating, Bathing, and Dancing.



HOTEL MAJORS VIEW FROM WEST ON STATE ROAD

Season starts June 1st and continues on through hunting season and winter sports.

Transient rates, \$3.50 a day and up. Regular rates \$22.50 to \$30.00 per week. Will accommodate forty guests. Our bus meets all trains at Madison station.

where they can sit around the Camp Fire popping corn, toasting marshmallows, and enjoying camp life as only boys do.

On stormy or cold evenings the time will be spent indoors playing games, listening to the Victrola, reading, and engaging in other forms of entertainment.

Boys are required to write home at least once a week.

No spending money will be advanced to boys unless deposit is made for same. Amount of spending money should be designated and authorized by parent or guardian.

RATES

The charge for the regular term from June 29th to September 1st is \$250.00. The Long Term begins June 17th and ends September 15th. A charge of \$5.00 extra is made for this term. One-half of tuition payable June 15th; balance at opening of Camp. Registration fee with application blank (will apply on Camp fee), \$15.00.

The Men's Camp for Recreation, Fishing, and Hunting begins September 3rd and extends through the hunting season. Terms and information will be furnished on application, also information regarding license fees for hunting and fishing.

A camper is entered for the specified time, and no rebate is allowed for withdrawal.

As the number of campers is limited, early registration is necessary.

FALL CAMP FOR MEN AFTER SEPT. 3rd

At the close of the summer season for boys the Camp will be used as a rest and recreation camp for men.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CAMP

THE CAMP is divided into a Junior and Senior Division: The Senior Division, 12 to 16 years; the Junior Division, 7 to 12 years.

Special hikes will be planned for the Juniors as well as the Seniors, and they will enjoy the same water and athletic sports as the Seniors.

CAMP RULES and DISCIPLINE

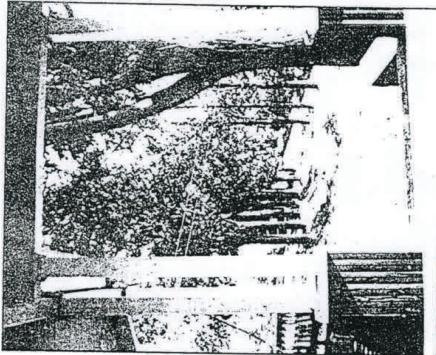
The rules of the Camp are simple and few. Swimming only, at the specified times.

Boys are at all times under the Counsellors, but at the same time are allowed plenty of freedom.

There is just enough work for each boy to make him feel the responsibility that goes with Camp life, each one working unselfishly for the welfare of all.

Each boy makes his own bed and helps to keep his tent and grounds in order.

Except when on trips, the boys and Counsellors are required to spend their evenings at Camp.



SIDE ENTRANCE TO HOTEL MAJORS



SPLENDID VIEW FROM CAMP

A sleeping lodge is built so that those not wishing to sleep in tents will be well taken care of.

There is good fishing in the lake.

The hunting in Carroll County is well known. Game of all kinds in the open season, including squirrel, rabbit, quail, partridge, deer and bear.

Note:—No objection to the wives accompanying their husbands.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Baseball, Fishing, Canoeing, Quoits, Succor, Basketball, Hiking, Rowing, Swimming, Track sports, Volley ball, Hunting, Rifle Range with Winchester rifle.

Any information not found in this pamphlet will be sent on request by writing the Director.

TO BOYS

Every boy who has been in a summer camp knows what camp life means, while the boy who has never had the opportunity cannot appreciate what he has before him. Have you ever

wrapped yourself in a blanket, in a group around the blazing campfire and listened to good stories? Would you like to take long hikes through the New Hampshire hills, stopping beside some lake for a swim and then helping your counselor cook dinner? All day canoe trips, exploring the many islands and bays of the lake, are very popular with the older fellows. Over night camping trips are long remembered. The "Scout" takes the party to some distant island or shore, supper is cooked and beds made under the big pine trees. Would you like to be taught how to play baseball and tennis, how to swim and do track sports properly, all by a good coach? Camp is a friendly place and the men and boys from other parts of the country will be glad to know you and you will enjoy their friendship.

A season in camp is a fine preparation for a fellow who is going away to school or college.

If he is not going away he needs the camp experience even more. School teaches a boy how to study, camp teaches him how to play, squarely and as a sportsman, with the all-important ability to take a defeat like a soldier and a gentleman. Proof of this is found in the number of Madison boys who are now playing on their school and university athletic teams.

WHAT TO BRING

In outfitting a boy, parents will find the following list suggestive, but will vary it according to their judgment. The boy's wardrobe for camp life is not very large. The Camp uniform, which is simple and inexpensive, can be procured at Camp upon arrival. Besides the travelling suit which he wears coming to Camp he will need the following:

- Three changes of underwear and stockings.
- One bathing suit.
- Three bath towels and hand towels.

Two pairs of heavy woolen blankets.
Two pillow cases. One flashlight.
Baseball glove. Tennis racquet.
Musical instruments.
Duffle bag or small steamer trunk.
Application blanks and further information may be obtained by writing to

Henry E. Cunningham, 34 School St., Boston.
Telephone: Congress 57214; or Arlington 1646.

After May 1st address mail to him at Camp Madison, Madison, New Hampshire.

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP MADISON

First bugle at 7 o'clock. At 7.10 setting-up drill followed by dip in the lake for those who desire it. At 7.40, breakfast. After breakfast, chapel in Lodge. This service is followed by the "Daily Log" of the day before, and the announcement of the day's program. The boys then put the tents in order while the men hold a short council meeting.

At 9 o'clock, tent inspection; 9.30, study for those who are tutoring. "Prep" School and Midget League baseball games come at 10.00. Groups are fishing, playing tennis or taking a Woodcraft trip. At 11.15, swim; 12.30, dinner, followed by a siesta, a rest period of from forty-five minutes to an hour. The mail arrives at 2 o'clock. College league ball game in the afternoon. Groups of boys are working in the shop or canoeing. A dozen boys with one of the counselors are preparing the campfire for the evening. Throughout the day, boys are trying for honor points in the various activities. Five o'clock, swim. Six o'clock, supper. Six-forty, evening par-

ade, then the camp is often divided; seven forty-five, a "camp jolly." At 8.45 bugle sounds "Retreat" and at 9 o'clock, "Taps" are blown for lights out and a good night's sleep.

SUNDAY

Sunday is spent quietly. At 10.30 a service is held in the Lodge. This service is simple and deals directly with the problems of a boy's daily life. Parents are invited and often attend. A home letter is written every Sunday afternoon. A "soap soak" at 4 o'clock. After supper the boys gather for the "sunset talk."

VISITING DAYS

Saturday afternoon and Sunday have proved to be the most convenient day for parents and boys. Parents are cordially invited to visit their sons. For the benefit of the boys, and in order that camp activities may not be interrupted, parents are expected to visit only on the visiting days and not during the first two weeks. Parents are earnestly requested not to send candy or sweets of any kind to their boys and to observe the visiting days.

TERMS

The Camp opens Thursday, June 29, and closes Tuesday, August 29. The charge is \$250 for the season. We can make no deduction for withdrawal or delay in entering. A deposit of \$10.00 is made with the application for membership. A charge of \$5.00 is made for laundry.

LIST OF COUNSELLORS

H. E. Cunningham, Director.
Frank Furch, Staten Island School, New York, Assistant Director.
Dana Matheson, Technology, Cambridge, Mass., Head Counsellor.
Henry Allen, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., Boxing and Physical Culture.
Henry Clausen, Bath News Gymnasium, New York, Physical Culture and Wrestling.
Francis N. Ridley, Bowdoin College, Bowdoin, Me., Woodcraft and Tutor.
Harold Moody, Medford High School, Swimming, Diving and Basketball.
Anthony Faugno, Technology Graduate, Fancy Diver and Woodcraft.
John J. Barry, Boston University, Cambridge, Mass., Physical Culture and Radio.
A. L. Cunningham, Superintendent of Grounds.

From Our Cookbook

Published in late 2015, it has contributions by over 30 historical society members and friends with selections from the circa 1950 Silver Lake Woman's Club "Favorite Recipes" - The book itself is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11", 66 pages, spiral bound, with mylar protective cover.—\$10 plus \$3.00 media mail postage

Here is a sample of two summer recipes:

SUNSHINE CAKE

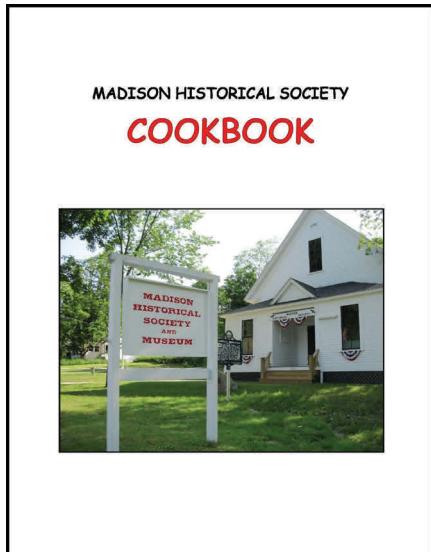
Edith P. Chick
(Silver Lake Woman's Club)

Ingredients:

7 eggs
1 cup sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Sift flour and cream of tartar together 5 times. Whip egg whites stiff. Stir the sugar into the whites. Add vanilla, then the yolks that have been beaten until creamy. Last add the flour. Bake about 40 minutes or until done in a slow oven in an angel cake tin.



KEY LIME PIE

Ruth Ham

Ingredients:

1 small box of lime flavored jello
1/4 cup boiling water
2 containers of lime flavored yogurt
1 container (8 oz) whipped topping
1 prepared 9" graham cracker pie crust



Directions:

In large bowl, dissolve gelatin with boiling water.

Wire whisk yogurt into mixture.

Fold in whipped topping. Transfer mixture into pie.

MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President—Linda Smith

Vice President—Mary McIntosh

Secretary—David Wilkins

Treasurer—Penny Hathaway

Curator—Karen Lord

Directors—Ann Wilkins, Betty Fernandes, Sally Perrow

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JULY

JULY 20—7 PM
AT THE MUSEUM

BOULDER ARCHITECTURE IN NH

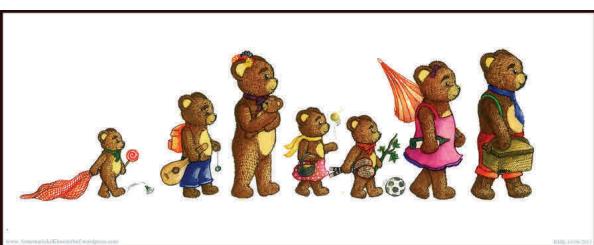
Using Local Field Stone in the Granite State

Presented by
David & Ann Wilkins



JULY 22—11-1
AT THE MUSEUM
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Food & Games for Kids
Bear Adoption Center



SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 21—7 PM
AT THE MUSEUM

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

Bob Cottrell, Sloane Jarrell & Mary Cronin

AUGUST

(OLD HOME WEEK)

AUG. 5 (Sat.) 9-2
AT THE BALL FIELD
CRAFT TABLE



AUG. 6 (Sun) 12-4
AT THE MUSEUM
BLUEBERRY BAKERY
OPEN HOUSE, YARD SALE



AUGUST 17—7 PM
AT THE MUSEUM
BENEDICT ARNOLD:
PATRIOT & TRAITOR?



NEW HAMPSHIRE
humanities



MEMBERSHIP FORM:

Single Membership - \$10.00

Family Membership - \$15.00

Junior Members (under 18) - free

Senior Members (over 80) - free

Donation

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