

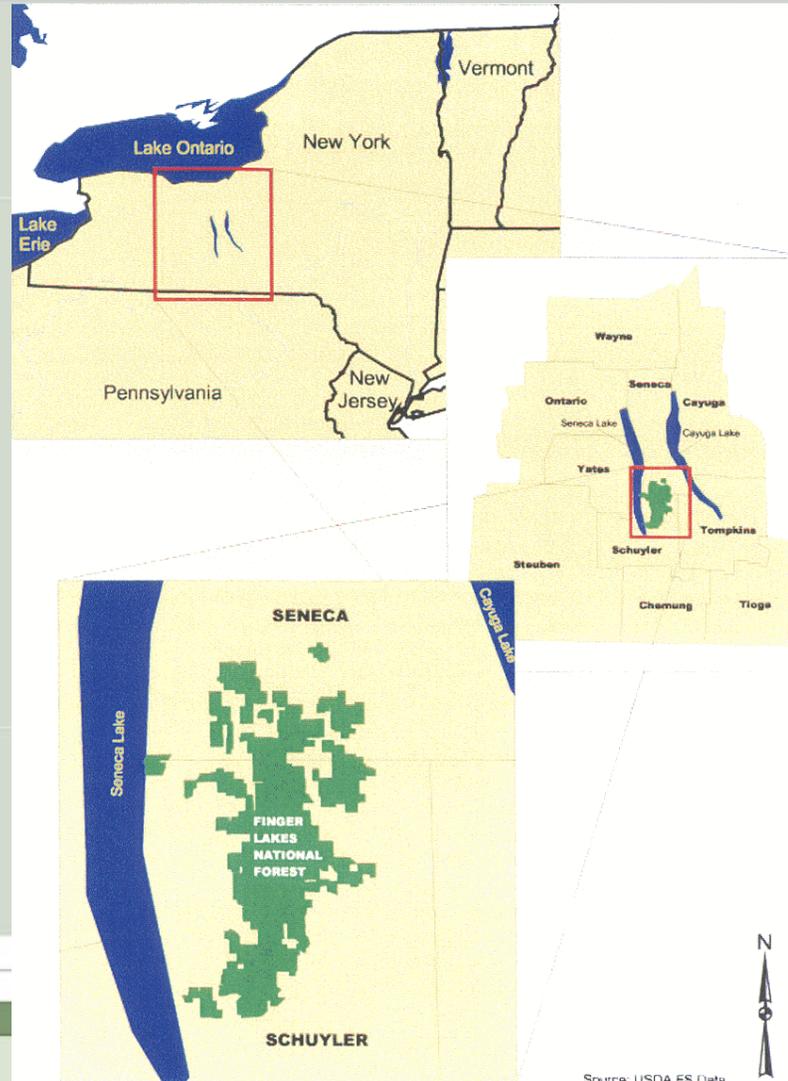


**HISTORY
OF
FOSSENVUE**

**AT
CAYWOOD POINT**

CAYWOOD POINT

Location

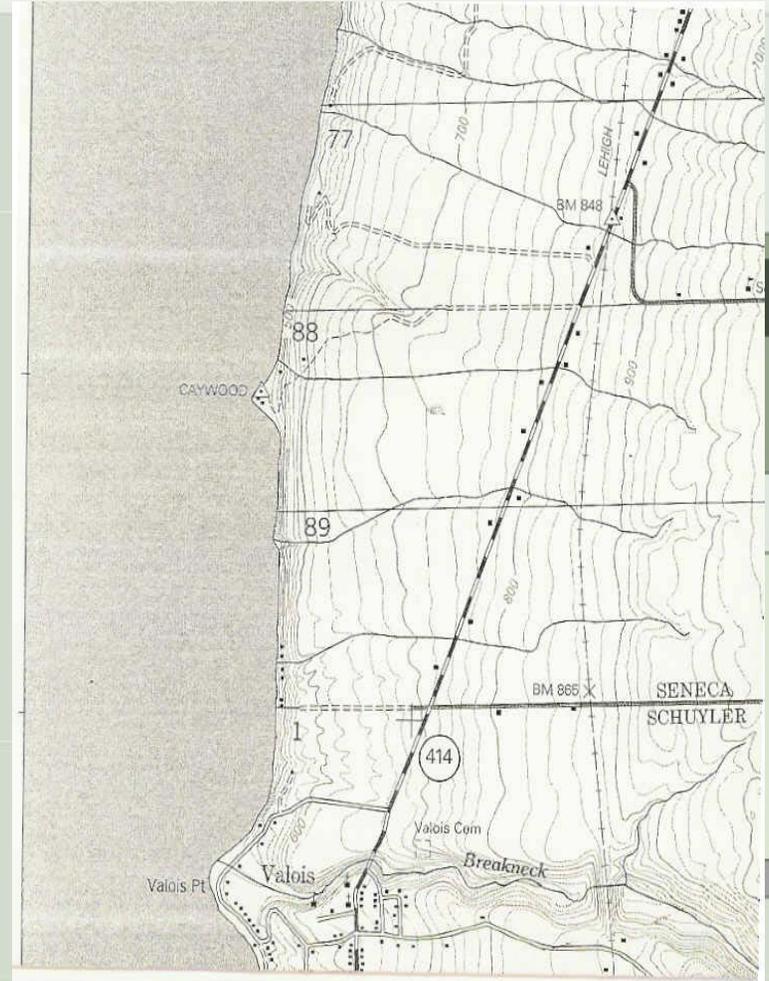


Source: USDA FS Data
ESRI Datasets

CAYWOOD POINT

LOCATION:

- Seneca Lake
- State Route 414
- North of Valois
- South of Lodi
- Seneca County



CAYWOOD POINT

LOCATION:

South of
Caywood
Vineyard

Across from
Shalestone



CAYWOOD POINT

Location and Current Uses:

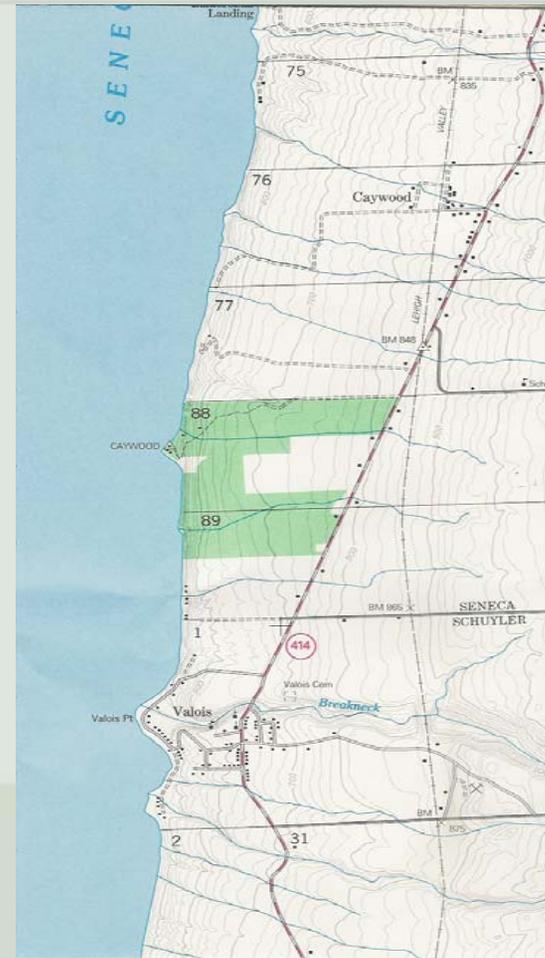
- Entrance Gate – Route 414
- Current uses – hiking, hunting
- Water access



CAYWOOD POINT

Parcel Description:

- Only lake front property owned by FS
- Formerly known as Camp Seneca
- 214 acres
- Private in-holdings





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HISTORY OF THE LAND PARCEL





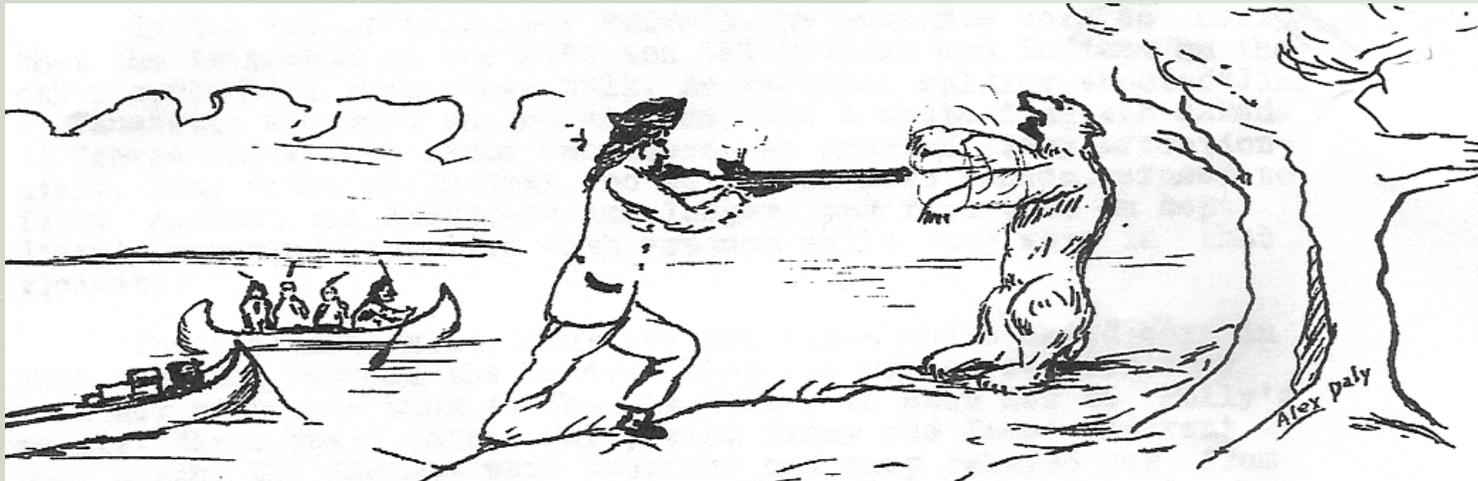
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HISTORY - TIMELINE

- Native American presence in area along lakes
 - 1775 - American Revolution
 - 1779 - Sullivan Campaign
 - Late 1700's - Euro-American Settlers begin to arrive
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CAYWOOD POINT

- Settler named George Faussett
- Faussett's Point



CAYWOOD POINT

- The Hazlitt's Story

LIFE OF GEORGE FAUSSETT

Great-grandfather of Geo. B. Daly

George Faussett was born in Kildare County, Ireland, in 1760. He came to America in the 1780s and landed in Philadelphia. His services were sold for a term of three years to pay for his passage on the boat. He was the only one of a party of five who kept his agreement. He was placed with a Quaker family on a farm and was thankful the rest of his life for the knowledge of farming he gained there.

Later the returning soldiers of General Sullivan's army gave glowing accounts of the beauty and richness of the country between Cayuga and Seneca Lakes in western New York state. Hundreds of young men from Pennsylvania and New England started out to take land there. Faussett was among them. He and a companion came to the south end of Seneca Lake and the companion took land on the west side of the lake. Faussett put his possessions in a bark canoe and paddled along the east shore. By gestures he made the Indians understand he wanted good land. They led him to a place where there was a spring and there he chose his land. On the way they roused a large bear and the Indians warned Faussett to keep clear of it but he chased it and shot and killed it. This made a lasting impression on the Indians.



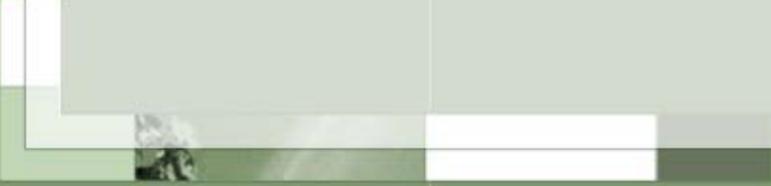
He called his land Faussett's Point. He built a bark cabin the first year and a log house the next. After getting his future home staged he went back to Philadelphia to get himself a wife. The foster mother of the girl he chose, tried to discourage him, saying she would not make a good wife for him, but he persisted and he and Polly Morrison were married early in 1790 and when spring came they made the long trip to the new home, by horseback. She proved to be a good pioneer wife. Together they managed to acquire sixteen hundred acres of land, free of debt in a short time.

Faussett had to take his grain to Elmira, or Newtown as it was then called, to be ground. It was a four day trip by horseback. At night he would sleep on the ground between two fires, kindled to keep wild animals away. Their howling was less disturbing than the thot of his young wife at home alone.



CAYWOOD POINT

HISTORY - TIMELINE

- 1828 – George transferred farm to son James
 - 1858 – James transferred farm to son-in-law George Predmore
 - 1917 – Lydia Predmore transferred property to son James
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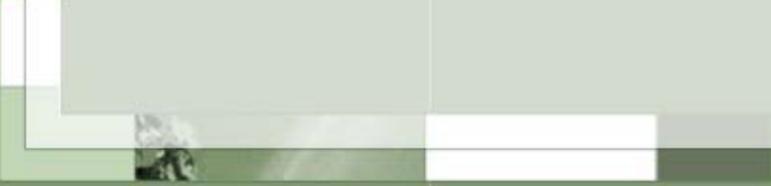
HISTORY - TIMELINE

- 1924 – James Predmore sold property to Elmira Council of Boy Scouts
 - 1996 – Elmira Council of Boy Scouts sold property to Trust for Public Land
 - 1996- Trust for Public Land conveyed property to USFS.
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CAYWOOD POINT

HISTORICAL ERA OF INTEREST

- When George Predmore and Lydia Faussett Predmore owned the property (1858-1900's)
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FOSSENVUE

What was Fossenvue?

- Summer lakeside retreat
 - Campground for young suffragettes
 - Artist's colony
 - Attended by men and women
 - Lasted over a quarter of a century
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FOSSENVUE

The Origins:

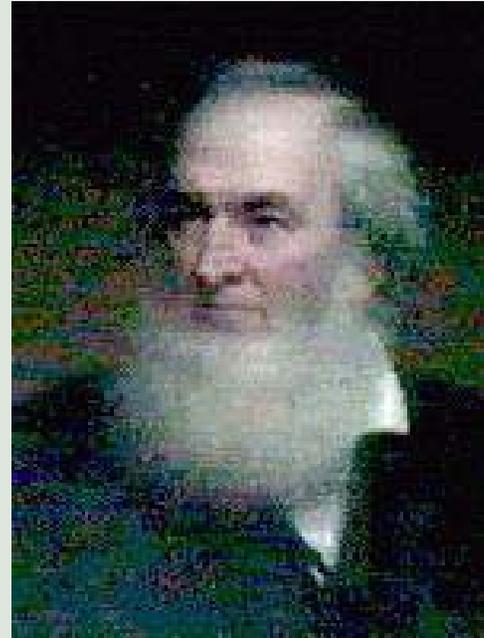
- The idea of “camping out” for the summer holiday was an idea born in July of 1875 at Lochland.
 - Lochland was the name of the Miller Estate in Geneva, NY
 - Currently a school for developmentally disabled children
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THE MILLER'S

Who were the Miller's?

Elizabeth Smith
Miller

- Daughter of
Gerrit Smith



GERRIT SMITH

Gerrit Smith:

- Philanthropist
- Social Reform
- Politics
- Elizabeth Cady's first cousin



ELIZABETH SMITH MILLER



Elizabeth Smith Miller

- Born 1822
- Peterboro home - UGRR
- Married Charles Dudley Miller in 1843
- Bloomers

THE MILLER'S

- Children:

Gerrit Smith Miller

Charles Dudley
M.

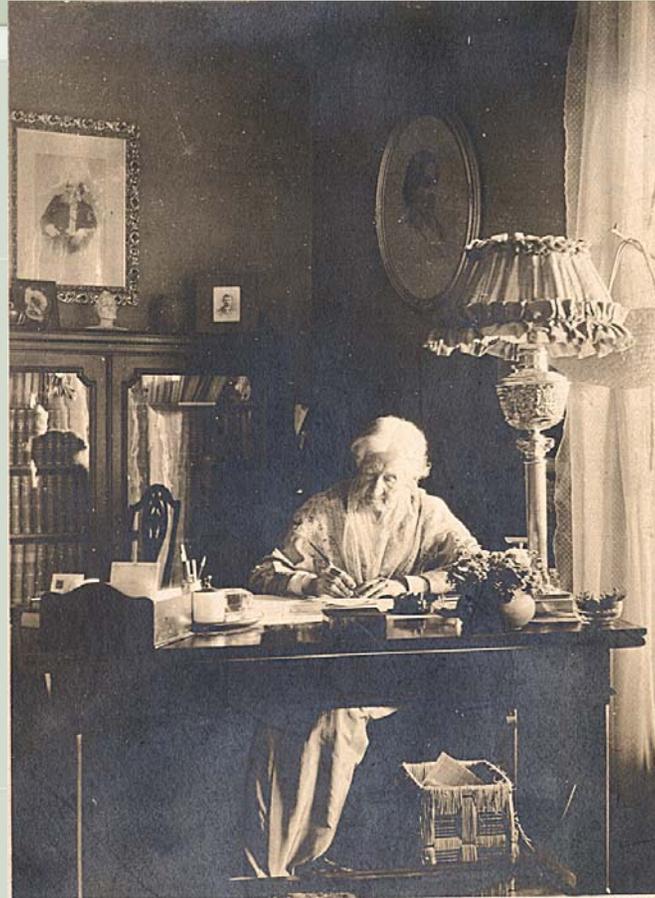
William Fitzhugh
M.

Anne Fitzhugh M.

- Suffrage activities



ELIZABETH SMITH MILLER

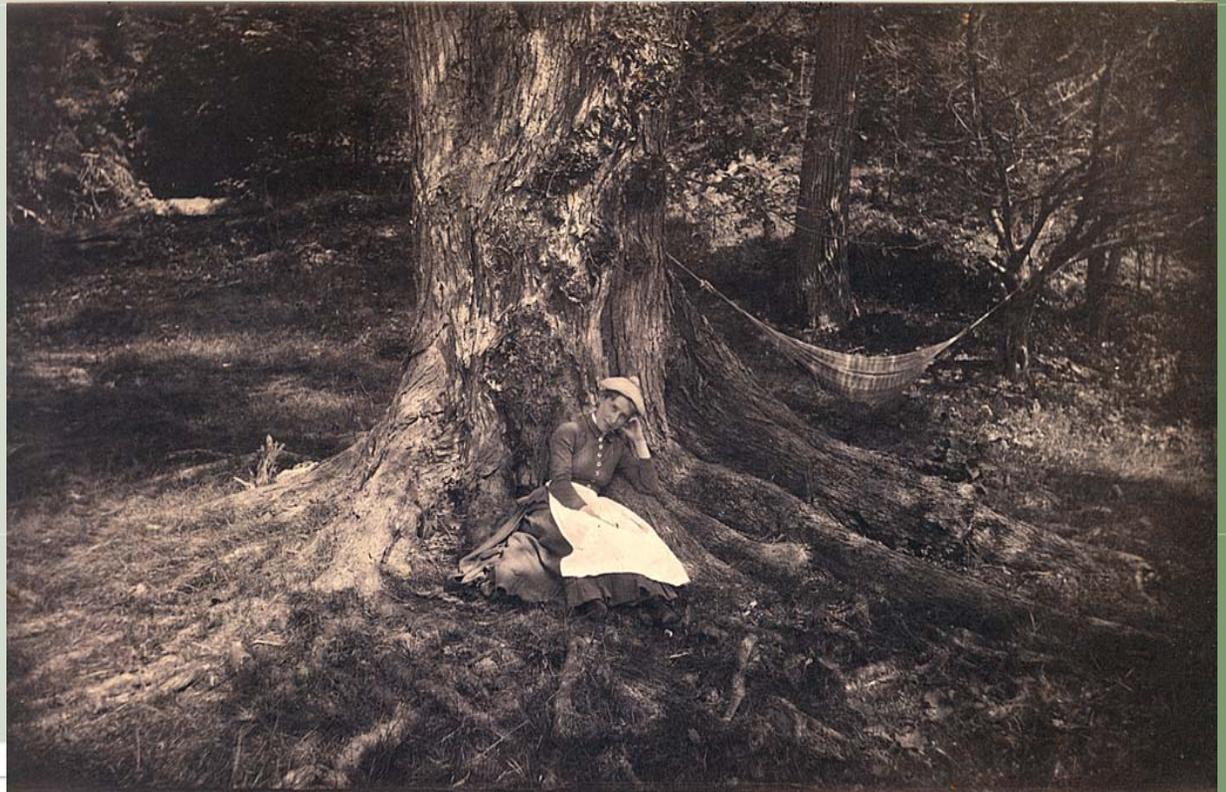


Elizabeth Smith Miller
1822 - 1909.

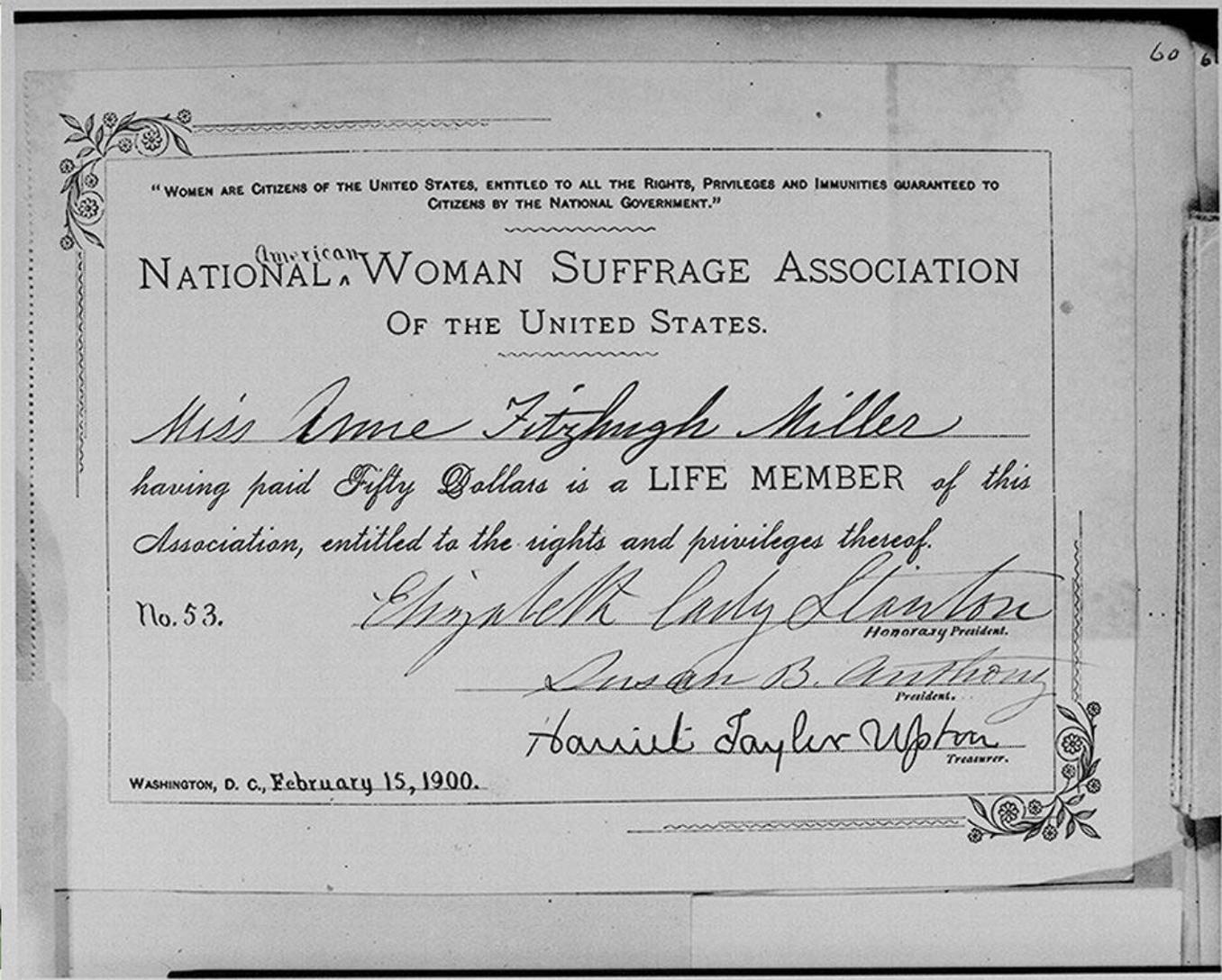
ANNE FITZHUGH MILLER

ANNE FITZHUGH MILLER

- Born 1856
- Died 1912
- Active Suffragette
- Music
- Fitzhugh



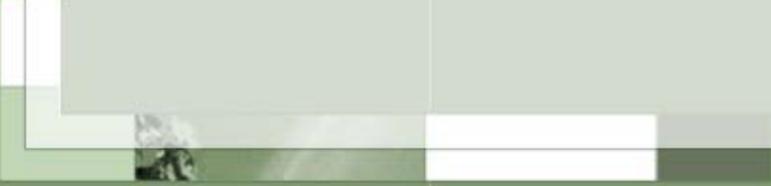
ANNE FITZHUGH MILLER





FOSSENVUE

WHERE DID WE GET THE INFORMATION?

- Book entitled Embers from
Fossenvue Backlogs 1875-1900
 - 1908 handwritten journal
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FOSSENVUE

• Who Went to Fossenvue?:

THOSE WHO CAME, AND WHEN.

A

Adler, Felix, 1900
Adler, Helen, Mrs., 1900
Adler, Waldo, 1901
Aldrich, Perley Dunn, '96, '97, 1901
Aldrich, Jeannie L., Mrs., 1896
Alliman, Frances Dudley, 1900
Alliman, L. A. W., Dr., 1900
Alliman, Dudley, 1900
Alliman, Marion, 1900
Anderson, James (Cook), '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, 1900
Anthony, Susan B., 1892
Ashe, F. F., Mrs., 1898
Ashe, Adra Annis, 1901
Ayrault, Anne Dana, '81, 1884
Ayrault, Walter, Jr., 1881
Ayrault, Ernest Fitzhugh, '82, '83, '84, 1885
Ayrault, Guy, '84, 1885
Ayrault, Arthur, 1898
Ayrault, Grace, '84, 1895
◦Ayrault, Florence, '94, 1895

B

Barclay, Cornelia, 1882
Barclay, Robert Cochrane, 1882
Barclay, Beatrice W., 1896
Barclay, Harold, 1897
Barbour, Myron, 1896
Barnette, Ellen S., '96, '97, '98, 1900
Beegan, Bridget (Cook), '90, 1895
◦Bellows, Geo. Powell, '81, '82, '83, '84, 1885
Berry, Edward J., 1899
Berry, Laura de Russy, '94, '95, '97, '99, '00, 1901
Berry, Maria Hughes, 1882
Berry, Martha McChesney, 1895
◦"Billy Dog," '82, '83, '84, '85, '90, '91, '92, '93, 1894
◦Birney, Elizabeth Fitzhugh, 1882
Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1900
Blatch, Harriet Stanton, 1899

Blatch, Henry W., 1901
Boswell, Wm. Oliver, '96, 1897
Bowles, Samuel, 1883
Bowles, Dwight, 1882
Bowman, J. Porter, 1882
Boynton, George A., 1892
Brady, Margaret (Cook), '96, '97, 1898
Brewer, M. W., 1882
Bridge, Anne Palfry, 1875
Brigham, Harcourt, 1900
Brown, Agnes B., 1884
Brown, Alice M., 1882
◦Brown, Frances, 1885
◦Brown, Glen, 1883
Brown, Kate C., 1884
Bruyn, A. K., 1883
Bunn, Louise, 1898
Burrall, Charles Stacy, '83, '99, 1901
Burrall, Sarah Mellen, Mrs., '00, 1901
Burrall, Isabella, '00, 1901
Burrall, Hallett, '00, 1901
Burbank, Emily, 1896
Burlingame, Catherine Sedgwick, Mrs., '84, '90, 1900
Burlingame, Roderick, 1900
Burns, Anne H. F., Mrs., '82, 1896
Burns, Janet, '96, 1897
Burns, Robert A., 1896
Butterfield, Carrie A., 1882
Buttles, Edwin K., 1885
Butts, Catharine Stevens, '92, 1894
Butts, J. E. Perry, 1900
Butts, Orpha S., Mrs., 1900
Butts, Earle, 1898

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Cady, Clarence W., 1892
Cammann, Elizabeth, 1885
Cash, Helen, 1882
Charles, Peter (Boatman), 1895
Chew, Alexander D., '91, '93, '94, 1901



FOSSENVUE

Notable Visitors:

- Susan B Anthony
 - Elizabeth Stone Blackwell
 - Anna Botsford Comstock
 - Louis Agassiz Fuertes
 - Mr. Beverly Chew
 - Margaret Prouty
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Who Owned the land?

- Caywood Point property –George Predmore (wife was Lydia Faussett)
 - Contract entered between Ruth Leslie VerPlanck, AFM, and Predmore's.
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FOSSENVUE

Dates of Occupation

- 1875
 - 1881-1885
 - 1885 – Ruth Leslie VerPlanck dies at age 27
 - Returned in 1890 - 1908
 - Embers book details 1875-1901
 - Journal entry details 1908
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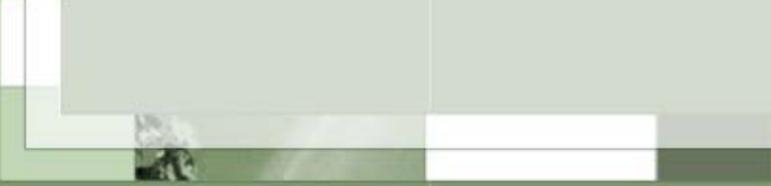


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IS AN ANAGRAM
OF THE PHRASE

“SEVEN OF US”





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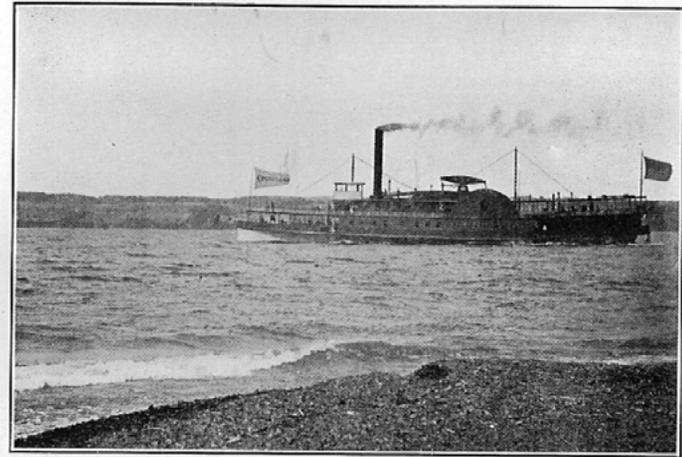
The Fossenvue Seven:

1. Elizabeth Smith Miller
 2. Ruth Leslie VerPlanck
 3. Emily Dilworth Snyder
 4. James Fowler
 5. Anne Fitzhugh Miller
 6. Anne Palfrey Bridge
 7. William Fitzhugh Miller
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FOSSENVUE

Transportation

- Steamer –
Seneca Lake Steam
Navigation
Company



THE STEAMBOAT.

I'll take you home, I brought you here,
I bring your stuff from everywhere,
But you've no thanks for me to spare,
The Steamboat.

'Tis not for love of sordid gain;
The rate of fare 'll that charge disclaim.
But you of me only complain,
The Steamboat.

I know my boiler is not new.
But why should you be in a stew,
It's good enough for Fossenvue,
The Steamboat.

August 27th.

—J. W. M.

This is Captain Martin's view. Others prefer the train.

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- Transportation:
 - Train
 - Wagon
 - Auto
 - Boat



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The Rough Way

It had been rough enough before, goodness knows, coming thru the pasture. I had already given up trying to keep my heavy hat in place or to finish the line of thought begun on the train & was devoting myself to holding on every time we came to a rut, when we (or rather Mr.

Prebmore, I should never have thought of doing anything so silly) turned into the woods. I cannot dignify the course we now followed by the name of road. It was nothing but the roughest wagon path this unfeeling

man could find, up & down every
knoll, under every low boughed tree,
along the side of every treacherous looking
gully. I gripped the two side handles,
braced my feet & just let his performance
amuse me. You simply can't help
laughing when you are jolted first to
one side then to the other, then forward,
having all the time to lodge laughs. "We
must know his business" I said to
myself "if he wants to come this way it's
only a look for me." I was enjoying it
immensely when at the top of a hill we
stopped. Mr. Prebmore got out & began
tying the back wheel with a stout piece of
rope. "We're coming to a steep place
now" he said "so we make arrangements

for it." I looked ahead. Why any sane
man would drive down such an
incline when it was possible to walk I
could not imagine. I clung to the seat
with all my might & vision. The horses
had humored my foolhardy drive before
& knew just where to stop. We did not
plunge headlong into the ravine at the
right as I had expected. I took a long
breath, straightened my hat & settled back.
I saw the dog frisking about among
the trees. How I envied him - walking!
"Better hold your breath now" said the de-
cent clergy "this is a sort of toboggan slide.
By no means - no toboggan slide nor
ever so rough or half so steep! What
could the man be thinking of? Again

The jaded troops crept cautiously down
the next moment we rolled out on
to the hot shore road. I laughed -
this time for joy at my deliverance
from peril. "Wain Wainers call for some
rough out." "He likes to try the mettle of all
new comers by making them ride
down that last awful pit" she said
merrily. I was glad I had been a
part. My helplessly painted hair &
hat were forgotten in her hearty welcome
& my first wondering look at dear
Fosbourne.

Ely & the Elmworths to the Coast

FOSSENVUE – The Landscape



FOSSENVUE

The first year – 1875:





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FACILITIES:

- Main bldg-30x15
 - 3 tents-2 sleeping, one cooking
 - 2 bathhouses
 - The Octagon-dining tent
 - Queen's Castle
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FACILITIES:

Main Cabin



THE CABIN.

Dear rough and ready cabin in the wood,
Which stress of twice seven summers hath withstood,
Still shelter us in summer when we come
To seek and find in nature's heart our home.

—A. F. M.

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FACILITIES:



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- FACILITIES:
Main Cabin



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The Octagon



“WHERE WIT IS WITH WITTLES COMBINED”

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The "A" Tent



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The "A" Tent

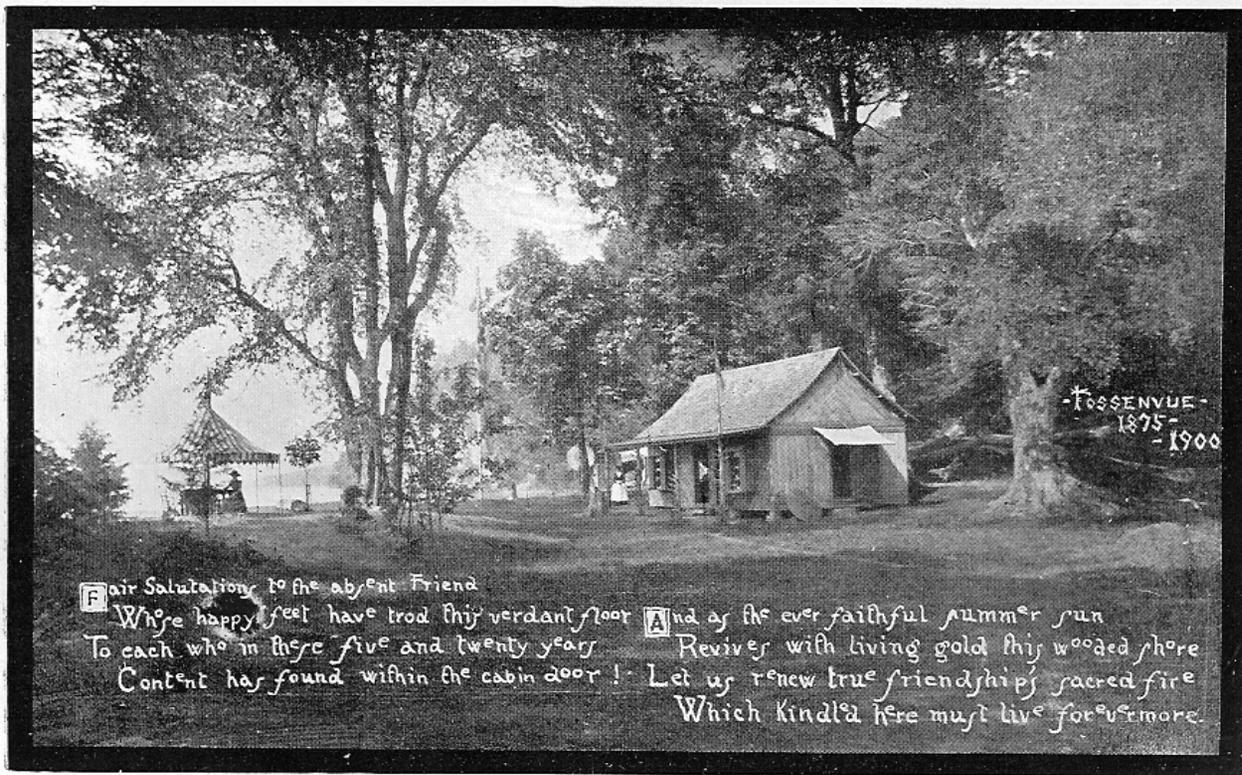


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Sleeping tent:



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-FOSSENVUE-
1875-
-1900

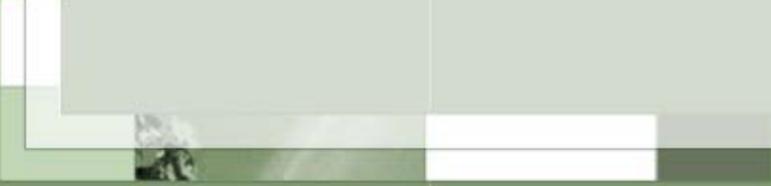
Fair Salutation to the absent Friend
Whose happy feet have trod this verdant floor
To each who in these five and twenty years
Content has found within the cabin door!

And as the ever faithful summer sun
Revives with living gold this wooded shore
Let us renew true friendships sacred fire
Which kindled here must live forevermore.



THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

SEPTEMBER 20, 1899

- Elizabeth Smith Miller turned 77
 - Known as the “Queen of Fossenvue”
 - Presented with the Key of the Castle
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THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

The dinner was a sumptuous repast, beautifully served by our sable chef, Anderson, dressed in white with a crimson carnation in his button-hole. The following lines by A. F. M. opened the feast:

Upon this dark September even,
Our Queen of Seven's, seventy-seven,
Long may she reign within this haven
To show us ways that lead to heaven.

The evening was spent in the Castle. The beautiful room, seventeen feet square, with lofty raftered ceiling and high, massive fireplace, built of stone from Mr. Predmore's quarry and geodes from the lake shore, was brilliantly lighted by a fire of red cedar and with enchanting flames from ocean driftwood, a gift from our dear Frances Faulkner.

Great praise was bestowed on Arthur Nash for his design in the building, and due recognition was given to the artisans who had so admirably carried out the plan of the architect.

Seven being the magic number of the Camp, it was no small pleasure to find that the Castle was the result of the labor of seven men; that the work was begun on the seventh of the month, and was finished in seven days.



THE CASTLE OF THE QUEEN.

To her who's ever been the key
To all my locks in life—
To her who of my heart has been
The ever constant Queen,
I bring the key of one small room,
But, if she there abide,
'Twill be the Castle of the camp,
The crown of all beside.

—A. F. M.

THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

- Arthur Nash
- Chimney-
 - Predmore quarry stone
 - Geodes from lakeshore

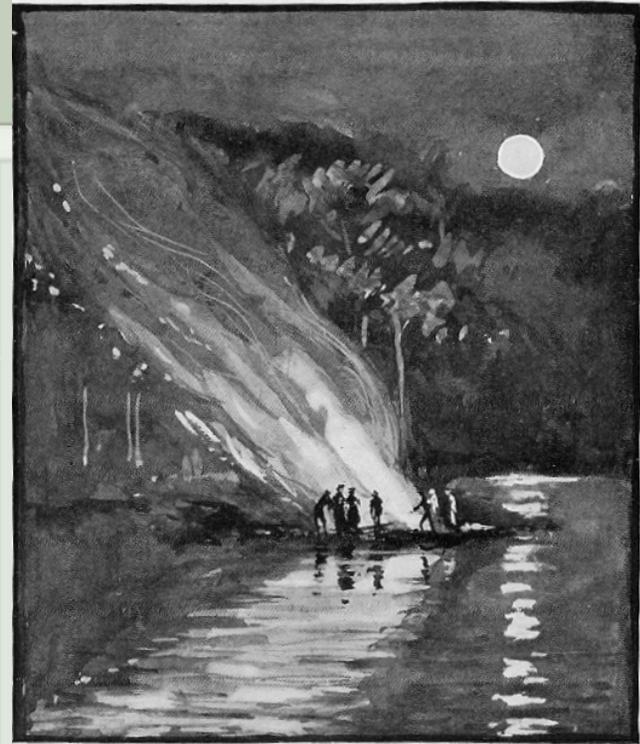


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- Activities:

Bon-fires

Story-telling



A SOLITAIRE.

Glint of moon on lake and sky,
Lofty elm trees towering high;
Under all, the ruddy hue
Of thy camp fire, Fossenvue!—C. G. F.

August 15th.

(Her first and only effort.)



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- Activities:
 - Music:
 - Piano
 - Guitar
 - Mandolin
 - Harpsichord
 - Danced –costumes
 - Charades
 - Sang
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- Activities:
Swimming



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- Activities:
Quiet pursuits:
reading
writing letters
drawing
sewing
paper dolls





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- Activities:
 - Baseball
 - Archery
 - Tennis
 - Volleyball



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- Activities:

- Boating
- Canoeing
- Fishing





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- Activities:

Tea Time

Cards

Collecting ferns-mushrooms

Traveled to “city” of Caywood

Cooking

Astronomy





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ACTIVITIES:

- Engaged in philosophical and theoretical discussions.
 - Discussed sentiments of the day and read quotations at each meal.
 - One quote from Ruskin, and two others were read.
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THE MAGIC OF SEVEN:

- Anagram – Seven of Us
 - Greeting – 7 strokes triangle
 - Breakfast – usually at 7:00
 - Camp Emblem
 - Queen's Castle
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CAYWOOD POINT

The point today:



CAYWOOD POINT

The Point today:



THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

The building today

- National Register
- Roof
- Drainage





THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

What the Forest Service is doing:

- Updated Conditions Analysis
 - 3 phases
 - Roof, chimney, shoring up walls
 - Drainage and post replacements
 - Wall restoration – interior
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THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

Influence today:

- Hazlitt's Cabin Fever
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THE QUEEN'S CASTLE

Influence today:

Shalestone's
building





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Research:

What about the other members of the original seven – who were they?

Ruth VerPlanck's death

Who's Who of Fossenvue list – started

Where exactly was the spring?

What is the exact location of the other buildings?



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Reading and Comparison Work:
 - Match up the initials on poetry and song to those that were listed in attendance
 - Photography
 - Duplicate the photos to get a then and now aspect. It would help clarify the exact location of the buildings, and give a true depiction of coordinates
 - Sewing Group – Memory quilt
 - Educational programs
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