

Early Photos of William M. Cressy's Cottage "WEIRINNETT" at North End of Cressy Point

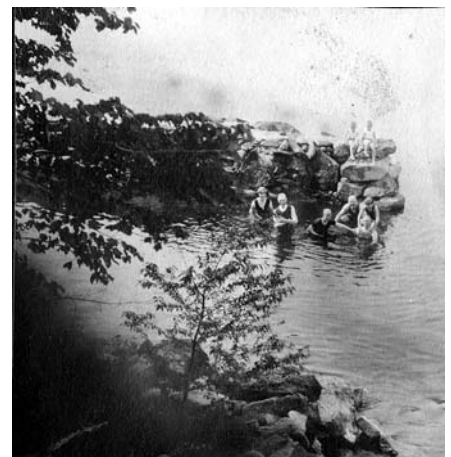


Fascinating details appear on either side of this picture, and Will Cressy's cottage is clearly located at the northern tip of Cressy Point. This is from the photograph album collected by Muriel Cressy during her childhood. It was taken c. 1921



The photo also from Muriel's album is dated 1921 in the corner.

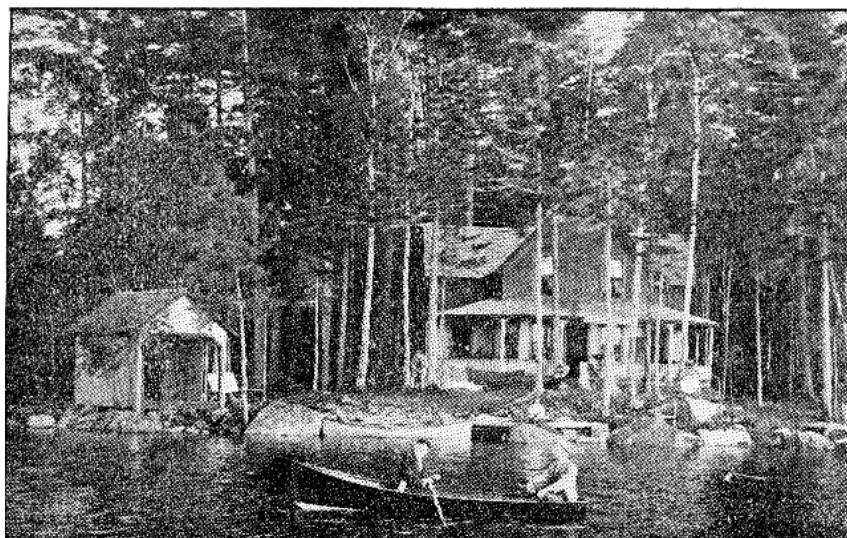
There were always many people visiting there – and enjoying among other entertainment, swimming in the protected areas just off the shore.





*Summer Cottage of Will M. Cressy, who takes the part of
St Prime in the Old Homestead, at Echo Point Sunapee
Lake July 1897.*

This photo above with its notation on the back was provided by William Weiler, from the Newbury Historical Society. Will Cressy rented the cottage from April 1897 until he purchased it in 1900.



The above photograph was provided by Midge Eliassen, member of the Sunapee Historical Society. It is a copy of a photo appearing in the publication: The Lakes of New England, Part I; Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire edited by William Young, The Lake Publishing Company, Palmer Mass. **1896**. From the text in the book, “*Here is the charming summer home of Mr. W. M. Cressy, the well known actor – especially well known in recent years as ‘CY Prime’ in the (play) ‘The Old Homestead’.*”

Barbara and Jim Sadowsky reported that the Coleman Family later owned the cottage before selling it to the Kershhs, who then tore it down and built the house now standing in its place.

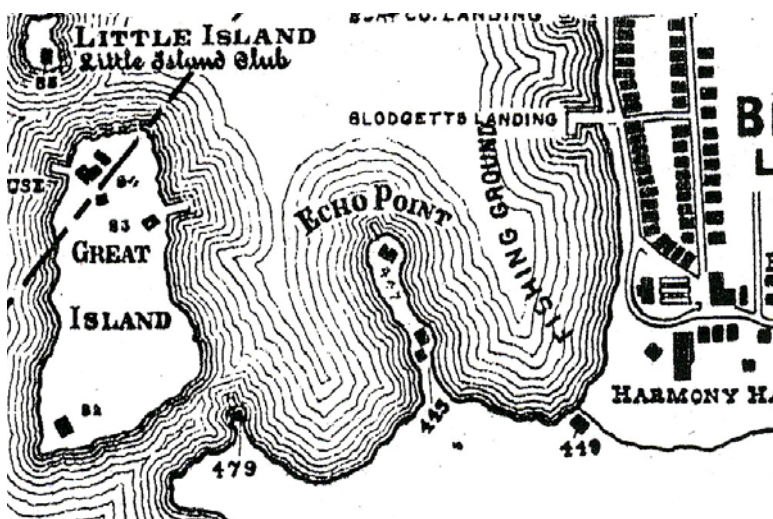
Nancy Dutton from the New London Historical Society reported the following: *"...at the Registry of Deeds in Concord I found that Will Cressy first leased his property from George W. Blodgett who started Blodgett's Landing (in about 1876). The date of the lease is April 29, 1897 (Volume 315; page 494). He was able to purchase it from Blodgett three years later - September 1, 1900 (Volume 339:128). He sold it to Frederic S. Snyder of Winchester, MA. By then, he and Blanche were listed as 'of St. Petersburg.'"*

"He sold the 'land with buildings there... formerly known as Blodgett's Point and now known as Cressy's Point.' It goes on to describe the property as 'constituting an island under normal water conditions in Lake Sunapee and separated from the mainland by a narrow channel and being adjoined to the land of Henry L. Bowles' It goes on to describe that the island as connected to the mainland by a bridge, 'which bridge is hereby granted with said island to said grantee' This deed was signed on Oct. 13, 1929 in New Jersey."

In an earlier report, Nancy had stated that *"In my research I find Will living in a house called 'WEIRINNET (sic)' by 1894 on 'Cressy Point' near Blodgett's Landing. In a newspaper for June 29 of 1894 we read, 'Mr. Cressey (sic) of Concord has opened his cottage' (this is under the Blodgett Landing section of news). In 1896 the house is shown in a promotional brochure of Lake Sunapee. Henry Hancox was a surveyor who made some beautiful detailed maps of the lake in 1897, 1911, and 1915. He has numbered each structure with a guide. In 1897 the point is called Echo Point (and that is a very old name for the spot), and 'William M. Cressy' is shown at the tip of the peninsula. In 1911 he is still there, but Frank Cressy is next to him, below slightly, on the left, with the 'Blodgett cottage' below both of them. In 1915 William and Frank Cressy have their cottages in the same places and Henry Bowles has a cottage below them but in a slightly different position than the Blodgett one. Bowles built a very big house shortly after this, further toward Newbury, on what is still known as Bowles Road."*

Early Maps of Cressy Point (Formerly Echo Point) – Lake Sunapee

Copies provided by Nancy Dutton – from her personal archives

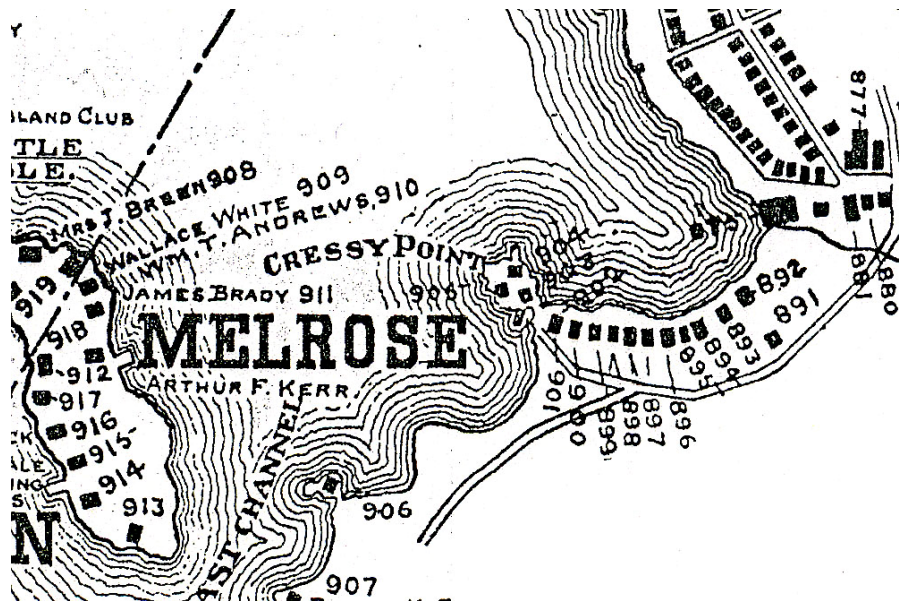


Hancox' Indexed Map – 1897

447 – William M. Cressy

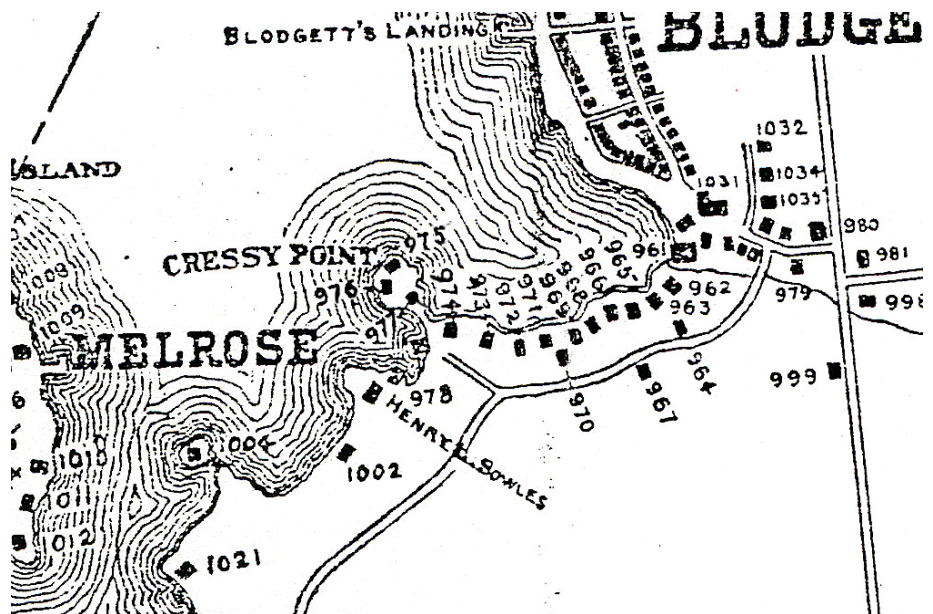
445 and 446 - C. Gillingham

449 – O. D. Sawyer



Hancox' Map dated 1911

- 904 – William M. Cressy
- 905 – Frank Cressy
- 903 – Blodgett Cottage
- 902 – T. R. Shannon



Hancox' Map dated 1915

- 975 – William M. Cressy
- 976 – Frank Cressy
- 977 – Henry L. Bowles