

Georgiana Forguson - Background to Recollections of Her Mother (about Great Island):

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It was indeed a Great Island cottage, built by my great grandparents in the late 1890's, looking directly



across the lake to Blodgetts. Unfortunately it burned to the ground in 1918.

The house was never rebuilt-instead, a small cabin was constructed which we finally sold in 1981, as we live in Canada. This picture of the house shows the ice house just to the east as well as the boathouse and the steam launch "the Georgiana" There is now a similar cottage, still standing, built on large the rock to the west by my great uncle. I am so glad to have this view as the people in the picture would have been my grandparents and /or great grandparents...

I can identify one of the women sitting on the rock as

Ruth White Davis (she had remarkable posture) whose family owned the house on the lovely sandy cove now owned by Ron Wyman.

The Kerr House, later "twin cottage" was built on the rock to the west. You see it from Blodgetts-large



yellow house , 2 stall boathouse, concrete dock. It - originally had indoor plumbing, a water tower, and a generator housed in the house behind the boathouse. It made an awful noise when it ran. He also had a cable laid for his telephone. My uncle who built the house loved to use concrete. My mother loved Sunapee and the Island, and has written her recollections of cottage life there before WWI. They went to the Blodgetts Post Office and shopped there until Warren Morgan established his store at Burkehaven. I do recall that she said there used to be Indian women (Watso) selling sweet-grass baskets in the Blodgetts area.

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Dr. Spillane's (now Stowell) house was originally the Southwick's. They came from South Norwalk, Conn. In 1908 or 1909 the Andrews family visited them. They lived in a tent in the grove near the dock. They bought the two lots next to ours that my grandfather had given my mother, and lived in a tent while their house was being built.