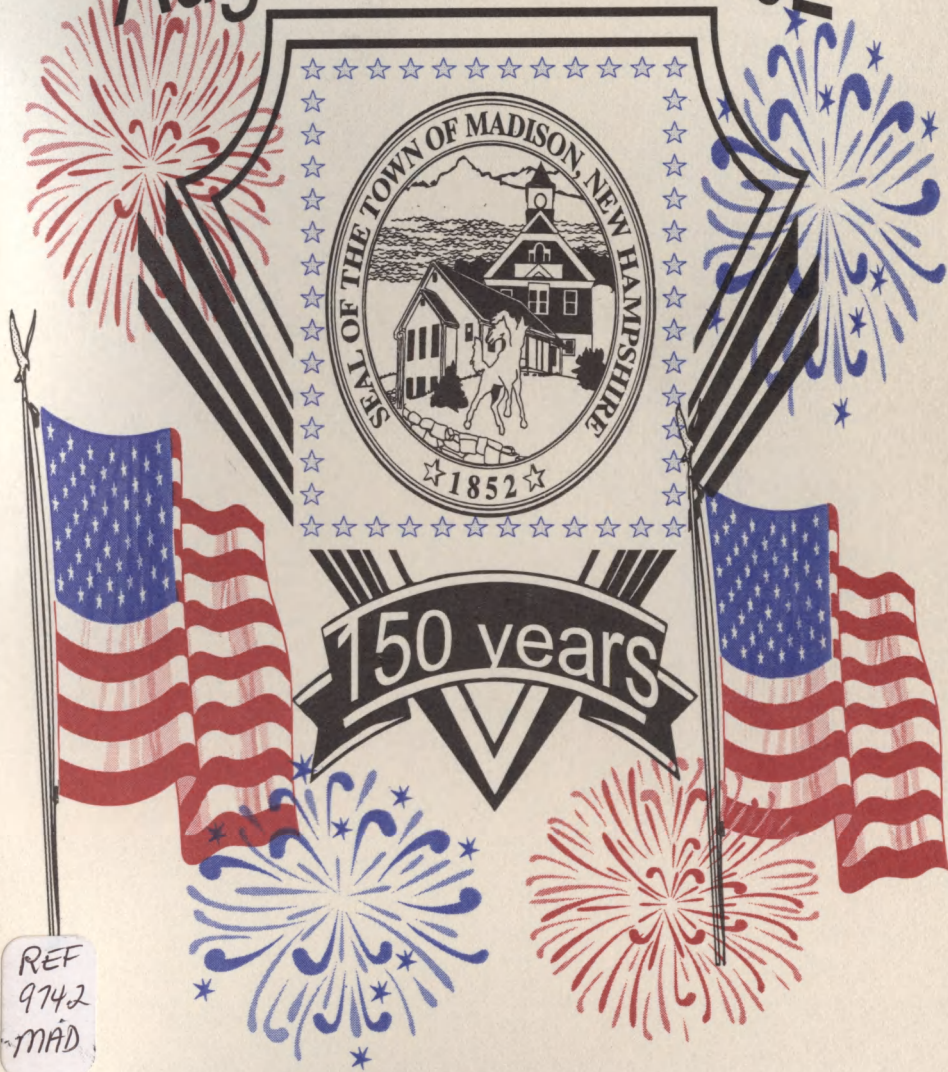


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Madison Old Home Week
August 3 - 11, 2002



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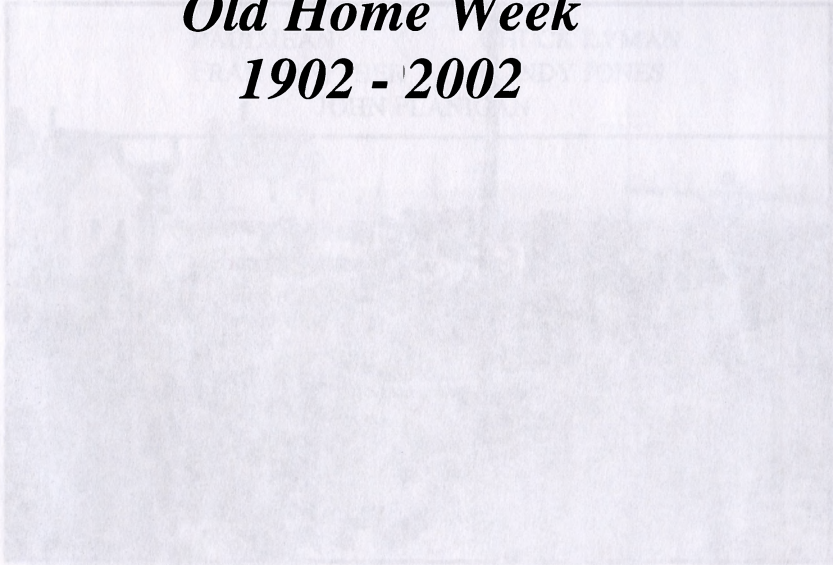
MADISON, N. H., July 1, 1902.

Dear Friend,
We most cordially invite you to participate with us in the forty-first anniversary of the Old Home Week, which we are to celebrate during said week. The week will be given to celebrate the forty-first anniversary of our annual school and friends, to make this their holding place, and it is desired that you should be with us. Every effort will be made to make a pleasant and enjoyable occasion. We hope this will be the means of bringing us all some time being said week, many who have been away for years, but we may once more be permitted to class their hands and welcome them to our homes. Yours Very Truly,

JAMES G. GERRY, Secretary.

J. H. BURKE, President.

**Old Home Week
1902 - 2002**



Old Home Week, 1902 - 1903. First courtesy of the Board of Old Home Week, 1911-1912. Photo courtesy of Jack Macdonald.

Letter Of Invitation

Dear Absent Friend :

MADISON. N. H., July I, 1902.

We most cordially invite you to participate with us in the festivities of "Old Home Week" and also in the "50th Anniversary of the Town of Madison", which we are to celebrate during said week.

The week will be given to celebrate the "Return Home" of our absent schoolmates and friends who once made this their abiding place.

Every effort will be made to make it a pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

We hope this will be the means of bringing to us "at some time during said week" many who have been away for years that we may once more be permitted to clasp their hands and welcome them to our homes.

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Old Home Week (Circa 1904 - 1906). Photo courtesy of Herbert Arnold.

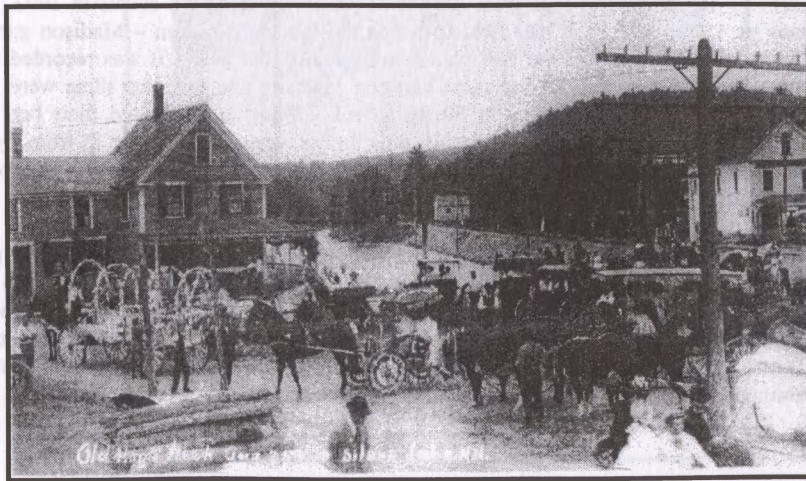
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The Old Home Week Committee wishes to invite you to join us in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Madison's Old Home Week and the 150th Anniversary of the town. We have a wonderful week of activities planned, dedicated to the original purpose of providing residents and visitors with a time to have fun and to welcome back those who have moved away. We wish to thank all the volunteers who give their time to make the events happen. It is truly a community effort. As a committee we feel honored to be part of such a rich tradition and want to offer this commemorative booklet as a keepsake of the memories of Old Home Weeks' past and the history of our town. We would like to thank Mary Lucy, vice-president of the Historical Society for all her work on this book.

Enjoy the week!

Madison Old Home Week Committee.

PAUL JEAN CHUCK LYMAN
FRAN GWYTHYR CANDY JONES
JOHN FLANIGAN



Old Home Week Aug. 25, 1910 Silver Lake. Photo courtesy of Ruth Shackford.

History Of Old Home Week

Old Home Week is truly a New Hampshire product. In 1897 Frank Rollins, in an article for *New England Magazine*, begged New Hampshire born people to return to their native homes. Mr. Rollins later became governor and instituted Old Home Week in 1899. It was felt that each community should set aside a time each year to honor its past and welcome back its absent children. This surge of interest in our State's past was partially stimulated by the round of centennial observances of Revolutionary War events in the late 19th century.

Nearly 100 towns celebrated Old Home Week that first year (1899). This practice continued and in 1913 the legislature declared "the week beginning the third Saturday in August is hereby designated as Old Home Week in New Hampshire." Now, not all towns hold their celebrations the same week, but, although the dates are different the intentions are the same – a welcome home and a good time.

Not to be left out, Madison, in March of 1902, organized the Madison Old Home Week Club. The first record of Old Home Week was that same year – August 16 thru August 22. During these early celebrations there was set aside a special time to receive visitors and welcome former residents.

Records show that great crowds of people attended the events in 1902. As many as 1500 packed the ball field to watch the famous Freedom – Madison games. Victory parades followed the ball games in Freedom that year. It was recorded that during the August 26, 1915 ballgame between Madison and Freedom there were 140 automobiles and 100 carriages at the ball field. Madison celebrated their big win afterwards with a big bon fire. In 1916 nine ball players were brought in from Lynn, Massachusetts and stayed at the Churchill House during Old Home Week. They won two games 6 – 0, and the third game by 8 – 1.

The Old Home Week continued as some events were phased out and new ideas incorporated. For a period, in the 1930's there were no records, but when the custom was revived in the 1940's new ideas came about such as the Bean Hole Supper. The dances, which were originally galas and balls, and in later years called "the street dance" held after the Mardi Gras parade on Friday evening. The "street dance" continued up to the early 1990's.



Old Home Week road race (Circa 1904 - 06). Note the dirt road with Pearson's Camp, Weston's Store and the Furniture Store. Picture courtesy of Herbert Arnold.



Photo courtesy of Lee Drew.

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PROGRAMME. (1902)

Saturday. Receiving Visitors. Evening. Bon Fire.
Sunday. 11 A. M. Old Home Sermon
7:30 P. M. Sacred Concert
Monday. Base Ball Game at 2 P. M.
Evening. Speaking. Prof. Cummings.
Tuesday. Old Home Day. Picnic Dinner. Addresses at 2
P. M. Josiah H. Hobbs, Esq., and others on Old
Home Day and 50th Anniversary of the Town.
Music by Chocorua Band.
Evening. Musical Entertainment.
Wednesday. Base Ball 2 P. M.
Evening. Sociable at Town Hall.
Thursday. Visiting Day. Evening. Entertainment.
Friday. Base Ball at 2 P. M.
Evening. Dance. Chocorua Orchestra.



Base Ball team (between 1900 - 1909):

Top row (L-R): Bertwell Gerry, Joe Pinder, Charley Schmitt, George Clark, Dudley Clark.

Center Row: Jack Miley, Fred Manley, Earle Knowles, Sr.

Bottom Row: Harry Pearce (with white kitten), Leonard Brock, Dan Comings, and David Leppere.

100th ANNUAL PROGRAM
AUGUST 3RD – 11TH 2002

Saturday August 3rd:

- 10am – 2pm Community Fair** – Burke Field. Crafts and home baked foods, games & prizes, moonwalk, balloon sling-shot, pony rides basketball hot-shots, pie-eating contest 12:30pm, face painting and Snack Shack.
- 10am Madison Church Yard Sale** – Burke Field.
- 10am Horseshoe Tournament** – Burke Field. \$5.00 entry fee, cash prizes.
- 11am Library Book Sale** – Madison Library.
- 11am Little Red Wagon** – Burke Field.
- 1pm Meadow Muffin Megabucks** – Ballfield. Benefit M.O.O.S.E. Tickets for sale at Fair.
- 4pm – 7pm Chicken BBQ** – Madison Fire Station. ½ chicken meal \$6.00, drumstix meal \$4.00, benefit Madison Fire Dept.
- 7pm Storyteller** – Burke Field.
- 8pm – 11pm Dance** – Peter Hurricane Mountain at Burke Field. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Donations appreciated. 50/50 raffle.

Sunday August 4th:

- 10am Old Home Week Service** – Madison Church.
- 11am Muffin Social** – Church lawn.
- 1pm – 4pm Beach Party** – Foot of Silver Lake with DJ, Hoola hoop, limbo, sandcastle contests, Pinata, Dunk Tank, and Snack Shack.
- 2pm Log Rolling Contest** – Trophies, \$2.00 entry fee.
- Tennis Tournament Registration** – Final day to register with Mike Veilleux. Call 323-7838 for tourney schedule and information. 2 cans hard balls, \$5.00 donation to benefit Madison Scholarships.
- 7pm Dr. Hathaway's Amazing Hypnosis Demonstration** – Noyes Hall.

Monday August 5th:

- 6pm Madison – Freedom Softball Game** – Burke Field. Snack Shack.
- 7pm Ice Cream Smorgasbord** – Burke Field - donations accepted.
- Amoskeag Strummers** – Burke Field. *Old Timey Music* – donations appreciated.

Tuesday August 6th:

- 12:30pm Madison Scramble** – Golf Tournament at Indian Mound. Benefit to Madison Scholarships. Contact Larry Carr 367-8768, or Bruce Gordan 367-8081.
- 2pm – 4pm Historical Society Museum** – open.
- 6pm James Wellinghurst Memorial Road Race** – Start at Church, end at Silver Lake P.O. Entry fee \$5.00, discount for other family members. Ice Cream after race at Kennett Park. Contact Brenda O'Brien 367-8057. Benefit Madison Church.
- 6:30pm Madison Classics vs. Old Indians** – Field of Dreams Over 40 League Softball game between two totally uncoachable teams. Burke Field. Snack Shack.
- 7:30pm Conservation Commission** – Town Hall. *Beavers, Wetlands, & Wildlife.*

Wednesday August 7th:

- 2pm Julie and Brownie Show** – Chick Room. Original & traditional songs, singalongs, sign language – all ages. Sponsored by Madison Library.
- 7pm Old-Fashion Hard Card Beano** – Burke Field. \$50 and \$100 jackpots, age 18 & over only.

Thursday August 8th:

- 11am Conservation Hike** – Hike to Cedar Swamp, bring bag lunch, meet at Historical Society.
- 6pm – 7pm Blueberry Festival** – Noyes Hall. Benefit Madison Historical Society.
- 7pm Variety Show** – Noyes Hall. Call Paul Jean 367-8335 to be in show.
- 8pm Comedy Show** – Noyes Hall with comedian Travis Wallace – donations appreciated.

Friday August 9th:

- 7pm Mardi Gras Parade** – meet at 6:30 – walkers at Danforth Lane, vehicles & floats at Silver Lake Post Office, antique cars at Winter Road – parade route to Burke Field. Call Candy Jones 367-8839. Music to follow by Bridgeton Community Band.
- 9pm Fireworks** – Burke Field. By Atlas Pyrotechnics.

Saturday August 10th:

- 10am Fireman's Muster** – Burke Field. Snack Shack.
- 2pm Boat Parade** – Call Herm & Gail Bizer 367-8665 for information.
- 5pm Bean Hole Supper, Dunk Tank** – Foot of Lake. Adults \$6.00, children (6-12) \$4.00, under 6 free.

Sunday August 11th:

- 8 – 10am Pancake Breakfast** – Foot of Lake. \$4.00 adults, \$3.00 age 6 - under.
- 10am Old Home Week Service** – Foot of Lake.

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1965 Old Home Week Committee: Bob Chick, Lee Drew, Buddy Shackford, Hazel Drew, Ruth Chick, and Ruth Shackford. Photo courtesy of Ruth Shackford.



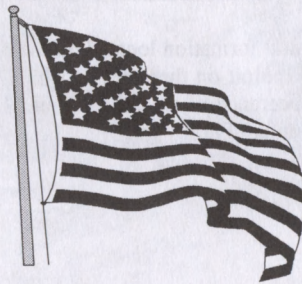
Past Silver Lake Queens, circa 1964. Linda Wilson, Donna Chick, and Linda Drew. Photo courtesy of Lee Drew.

History Of Madison

Originally, Madison was a part of Eaton, named for General John Eaton, which was chartered in 1764. There was no permanent settlement in the town until about 1780 when Samuel Banfield built a log house near the Old Burying Ground on the land now owned by Jessie Ambrose. He also built the first frame house in town. At that time there were ten families in the town. Most of the early settlers were descendants of the Orangemen that settled near Manchester, NH.

The town of Madison as we know it, was constituted by an act of Legislature on December 17, 1852, and was formed of "that part of the town of Eaton, in the county of Carroll, lying westerly, and southerly of a line commencing at the northwest corner of Samuel Stark's Location, so called, in the town of Conway in said county, being also the northeast corner of McNeil's Location, so called, in said town of Eaton, and thence running southerly by the westerly line of said Samuel Stark's Location to the southerly line of said Samuel Stark's Location one hundred and sixty rods to a stake and stones, thence running southerly over the summits of Glines and Lyman Mountains, so called, to the range line between lots Nos. 52 and 55 in the south division of lots in said town of Eaton, thence running southerly on said range line to the southwest corner of Lot No. 50 in the south division of lots in the said town of Eaton, thence easterly by the south line of lot No. 50, thence southerly by the westerly lines of Nos. 21, 22, 23, and 24, in the south division line between said town of Eaton and the town line of Freedom in said county."

The town of Madison was named in honor of James Madison. Madison contains sixty square miles. The population in 1860 was 826 and dropped to 482 in 1920. According to the 2000 census Madison's current population is 1,984.



Happy Birthday Madison!
1852 - 2002

Places Of Interest

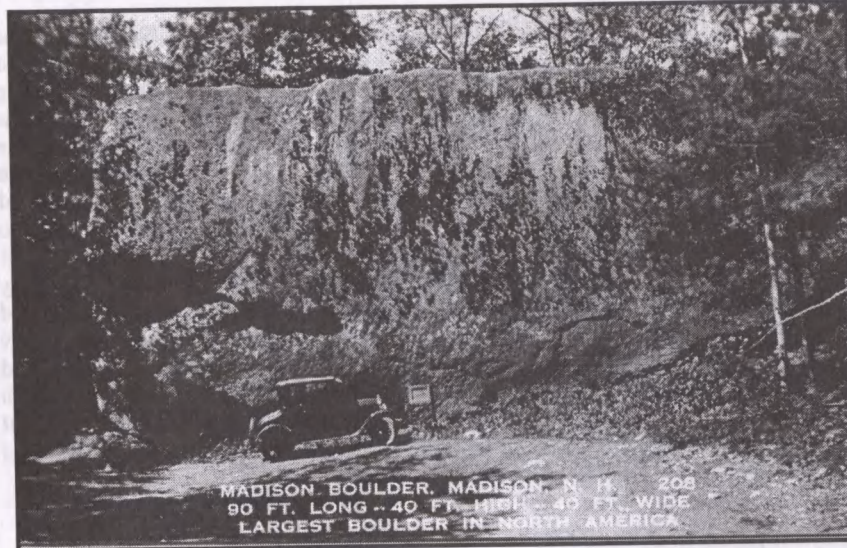
Madison abounds in natural features: Silver Lake with its lead mine, Madison Boulder, Rock Cave, Madison Cascades, and numerous mountains, and scenic places.

The formation of Madison's physical features are due to glacial action. Madison Boulder is said to be the largest glacial mass on the western continent. It is composed of granite of a porphyritic texture. Its length is 75 feet; height, from the surface of the ground, 38 feet; it has a circumference of a little more than 214 feet. A booklet published in 1910 stated: "It has been visited by many who are enthusiastic.... That the day is not far distant when.... it will become one of Madison's possessions as well as a landmark of former days." This wish came true in 1946 when the Madison Boulder site was given in memory of James O. Gerry and F. Crosby Kennett and named a state geological park.

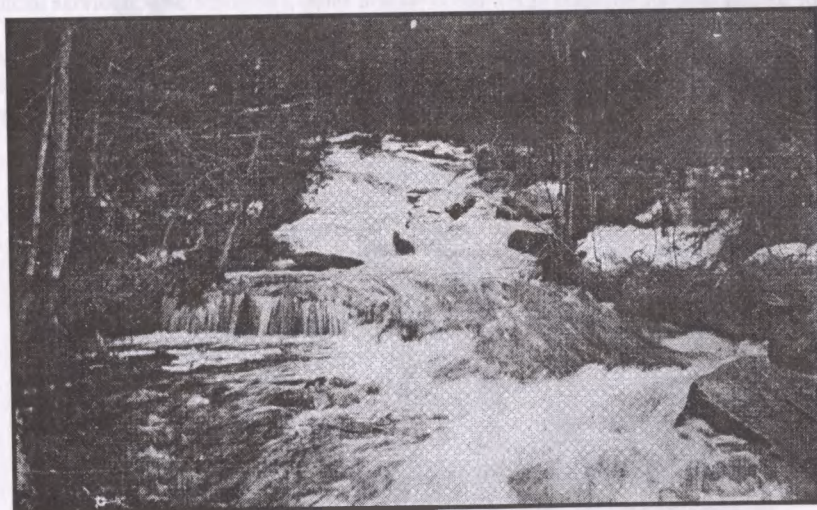
The lead mine, on the eastern side of Silver Lake, was discovered by Ephraim Tibbetts and first worked in 1826. The mine is near a sandy plain with very little quartzitic rock exposure. Many different people have worked the mine over the years. Some, like Squire Abraham Colby lost his entire investment. In 1868 Henry Banks and two others secured the mine. They erected a mill, run by a 15 horse power steam engine, and employed ten men to help with the 1500 tons of ore mined that year. This ore was found to contain 20% zinc and 20% galena of which 70% was lead and six pounds of silver per ton. The mine was enlarged in 1870 and shortly abandoned. It remained quiet until 1888 when it was opened for a short while. In 1912 Albert Reynolds worked with diamond drills and opened many places. The work was profitable during the war, but was later abandoned. It has remained untouched since.

Rock Cave is a natural formation located on the east side of Glines Mountain. Near the entrance was a rock pulpit on the sides of which were seats and shelves. An arch on one end gave the appearance of an Indian Council Chamber. This structure is located near Rock House Mountain Farm.

East Silver Lake Camp, circa 1964. Linda Wilson,
Diana Chick, and Lydia Deane. Photo courtesy of Lee Drew.



The Madison Boulder.



The Madison Cascades at Madison Corner.

Madison School and Library 1976.

The Freewill Baptist Church was organized as the church of Eaton in 1789 or 1802 (accuracy is impossible since early records were lost). In 1853 it became the First Madison Church by the formation of Madison as a separate town. The present building was erected in 1855 and in 1888 it was renovated and the bell refitted. In 1905 steel was placed on the walls and ceilings and a new entrance and vestibule were added. The clock was added to the steeple in the early 1930's. Sunday School rooms were added in 1952 and on October 25, 1970 one room was dedicated in memory of Thirza Colcord and furnished as a study for the minister. In the late 1970's the church was lifted to place in a granite foundation. The undercroft was completed in 1979 where the new kitchen and function room exist today. This extra room provides space for the Sunday School, church functions, and the Madison Pre-School. The Madison Church celebrated it's 200th anniversary in 1989. In the late 1990's storm windows were added, and by 1999 vinyl siding began. Both sides of the church are now insulated and vinyl sided and by 2003 the church hopes to complete the front of the building. In 2001 the church purchased two acres of property behind the church for future expansion. This year of 2002 the church will have a new septic system. In spite of these changes, the building remains essentially the same to present.



The Madison Church 1903.

The school system has changed greatly since the turn of the century. Originally there were nine school districts. In 1910 there were six: Madison Corner, Silver Lake, Mason, Tasker Hill, Nickerson and Quarry. The total enrollment was seventy two. Mason and Quarry Schools were closed in 1912 and 1913 respectively. Talk of consolidation began in 1920 under Supt. Of Schools Samuel S. Brooks. At this time the high school was started as a private school. In 1922 under Supt. Frank W. Jackson the high school was separated and held in the kitchen of the Silver Lake Town Hall (the Odd Fellows Hall). There were twenty six pupils that year. The High School was constructed in 1922 – 1923 and graduation of the first three students held in June of that year. There were four elementary schools at this time. The enrollment rose and in 1928 – 1929 the seventh and eighth grades were placed in the high school. The Mason and Nickerson Schools were closed in 1935 and 1943. In 1947 grades 1 – 3 were at the Silver Lake School (on High Street), and 4 – 6 were at the Corner School. In 1949 the High School was closed and students transferred to Kennett. The Madison Corner School was closed. Grades 4 – 8 moved to the old high school, 1 – 3 continued at Silver Lake until 1951 when they moved into a new addition at the old high school building.

All grades remained together until the 1960's when the seventh and eighth grades went to Conway Jr. High in 1965. Further additions occurred in 1989 included the gymnasium, kitchen, furnace room, four additional classrooms, storage and custodian room. In 2000 the old high school portion of the building was razed to build an updated school with additional space for classrooms, principal's office, library, and special services. The Madison Corner School continues to stand on its final resting spot in front of the new school and is used for civic and community group meetings. The current school enrollment in the Madison School District as of October 1, 2001 was 394. There were 189 students enrolled at the Madison Elementary School and 205 enrolled in grades 7 through 12, including 3 home school children.



Madison School and Library 1976.

Two libraries had beginnings in Madison. In 1885 Mrs. Andrew Forrest organized the Silver Lake Guild. Its purposes were literary advancement and to form a new library. It was kept at Mrs. Forrest's home, the *Silver Lake House*. Patrons paid 25¢ for three months reading. When a free library was organized at Madison Corner in 1893, the Silver Lake one was closed.

The library at Madison Corner was located first at the residence of John Burke, opening September 25, 1893. The books were given by the state under the 1891 laws establishing a public library system. By 1905 the collection had grown to 835 books and the library needed a building of its own. Until then it had been housed in the Burke home, the Lary residence, the post office building, and back again in the Burke home. In 1920 the Burkes wanted to donate a library to the town, but Silver Lake and Madison could not agree on a location, so the offer was withdrawn. In 1928 the private Silver Lake Library run by the Misses Forrest at the *Silver Lake House* was burned. The library moved several more times. The Madison Corner School building became the Madison Town & School Library, officially in November 1951, and functioned that way until the town built the new town library building in 1994.

In 1873 there arose a need for a town house and an article was placed in the town warrant. It was voted to pass over the article that year and subsequent years until 1884 when the article was passed. It was then voted to raise \$800 and a committee was selected to locate a site and build the house. As a result, a very neat building was erected by Nathaniel Nason (father of Frank Nason), at the village now known as Madison Corner. The town gave use of this building to the Historical Society in the late 1950's and continues to be used as the Madison Historical Museum.

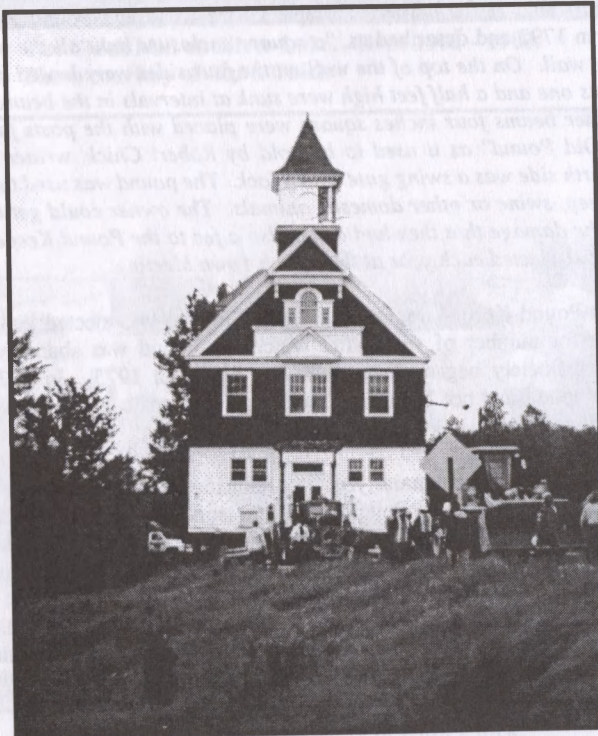
The land in Silver Lake where our present day Town Hall once stood was deeded to the *Independent Order of Odd Fellows* on November 11, 1903 from Newell K. Forrest. Until this time Crystal Lodge #77, instituted on September 18, 1888, held its meetings on the second floor of Forrest, Chick and Son – a furniture store located near what is presently the Henry Forrest property in Silver Lake and just west of the Isaiah Forrest home still standing today. The store was eventually torn down.

The building was erected in 1904. As a result of the decline in membership of the Lodge, the Charter was suspended on November 23, 1936 and the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire took the mortgage on the property. The building was finally sold to the Town of Madison and the deed passed on March 30, 1946. The building was used for many activities and functions over the years, including housing the kindergarten.

Due to the need to house the growing town offices the townspeople voted to move the building to its final resting spot in 1999. It was quite an event and most of the townspeople came out to watch this building move on August 22, 1999.



Odd Fellows Hall 1905.



Town Hall move August 22, 1999.

The Madison Telephone Company was incorporated November 15, 1905 by John F. Chick, Bertwell P. Gerry, James O. Gerry, Frank B. Nason, and Nathaniel M. Nason. The first telephones were installed in the Gerry house, the Nason house, and J. O. Gerry and Son's Store. Arrangements were made to connect to lines of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at J. O. Gerry's Store since there was already a "pay station" there. As the telephone company grew, a one line switchboard was installed at the Gerry Store located at the north corner of Madison Corner. In 1911 the switchboard was moved to the Gerry house and in 1913 to the Nason house (the house across from the Madison Historical Society Museum). In the Fall of 1913 a telephone line was added to East Madison. In 1916 Madeline Martin, daughter of Dr. and Olive Martin worked at Nason's home as an operator. It was in about 1917 that a telephone office was built where *E. R. O'Brien Land Surveyors* was located at Madison Corner. In 1917 there were 100 telephones and the company was sold to the Carroll County Telephone Company. The switchboard was moved to Mrs. Olive L. Martin's house (presently Janet Satcher's home) in 1926 where it remained until dial service was installed on January 12, 1956. New England Telephone and Telegraph took over the Carroll County Telephone Company in 1930 and in 1933 the Madison Local Telephone Company was dissolved by an act of Legislature.

The Madison Town Pound which still stands today is on what was known as Danford (Danforth) land at the corner of Maple Grove Road and Pound Road. The Pound was built in 1792 and described as, "*a square enclosure built all the way round with a high stone wall. On the top of the wall on the four sides were hewed beams one foot square. Posts one and a half feet high were sunk at intervals in the beams. On top of these posts other beams four inches square were placed with the posts fastened in them.*" From: "*Old Pound*" as it used to be, told by Robert Chick, written by Edith Chick: *On the north side was a swing gate with a lock. The pound was used to put stray cattle, horses, sheep, swine or other domestic animals. The owner could get them only after paying for the damage that they had done, also a fee to the Pound Keeper. There was a Pound Keeper elected each year at the March Town Meeting.*

The last Pound Keeper was Thomas Granville who was elected in 1861. He held this position for number of years after which the Pound was abandoned. The Madison Historical Society began cleaning up the pound in 1975. In 1976 it was estimated that the pound had not been used for at least 100 years, as it was overgrown with large oak and pine trees.

As 1976 was the Bicentennial year, the Madison Historical Society members voted to rebuild the Madison Town Pound as a Bicentennial project. In that year and with the help of a Town appropriation, the "Bud Shackford" crew with their equipment rebuilt the stone work. The Madison Historical Society members had several work parties and the 12 x 12 timbers were put in place, and this is where the project stopped. They had hoped to complete the small framework and gate in 1981, but never did. Since 1981, the pound has been cleaned out by several townspeople through the years, including a work crew consisting of members of the Madison Historical Society in 1999.



The Chick Mill on Silver Lake. Circa 1902 – 1903.
Photo courtesy of Ruth Chick.



Chick Mill 1960. Photo courtesy of Ruth Chick.

Since the town's beginning there have been several business operations located here. At one time pantaloons were made at *Nason's Manufactory* – which became Ernest Meader's home (the house across the street from the Madison Historical Society Museum). A chair factory was located near Grafton Ward's property. There were several stores, both at Madison Corner and Silver Lake. *The Silver Mine Country Store* is on the site of the Gilman Brothers Store originally built and owned by Frank F. Hatch in 1880.

There have been mills located at various sites throughout the town. Only one, *Chick Packaging, Inc.* once known as John F. Chick & Son, remains in operation. It had its beginnings as a sawmill on Maple Grove Road. Due to the lack of water power it was moved to Madison Corner in 1870. There barrel shooks were manufactured. This mill burned in 1881 and in 1883 a new mill was erected at Silver Lake. This became the permanent site. In 1899 the name was changed from George Chick & Son, to John F. Chick & Son, Inc. At one time there was a cooper shop and grist mill adjoining the mill. In 1971 the mill was sold by the Chick family, and had been operated by W. R. Kitchen and W. C. Meader. Richard W. Kitchen continued running the operation until September 1994 when he sold the mill to a private investor from New Jersey.

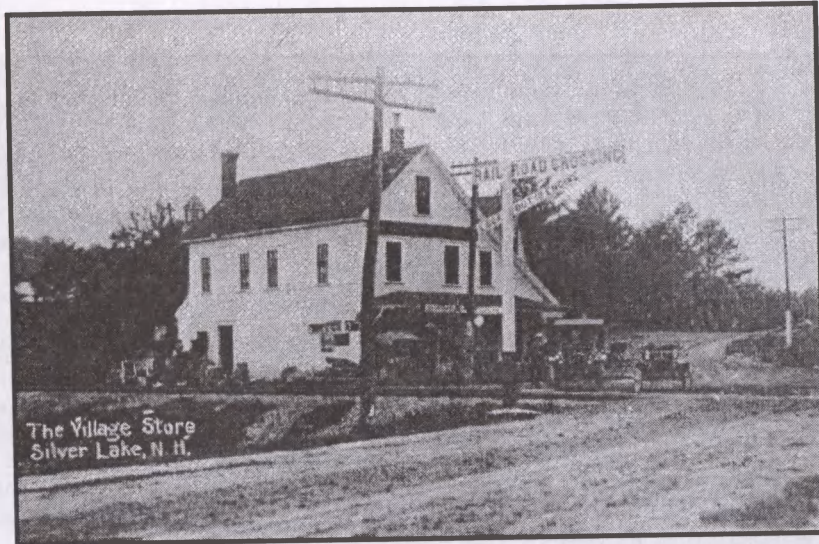
Madison was a stage coach center, where the horses were changed. Several taverns and stables operated to serve the passengers' needs. Two of the taverns remain at Madison Corner; the Atkinson Inn, later known as the Churchill House. Nathaniel Churchill, Jr. purchased the Inn in 1865 after Abigail Atkinson's death. The home is now owned by Raymond Stineford and Helen Prince. The other tavern was Crocker's Tavern, eventually known as Harmony Hall, the former Jesse Currier residence at Madison Corner.

With the advent of the railroad in 1870 many inns and summer houses were built in Silver Lake Village. In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Forrest built the Silver Lake House and it was opened for business in 1876. After Mr. Forrest's death in 1877, his widow Arvilla Forrest ran the house for seventeen years. At her death in 1893, Miss Emma Forrest ran the business until the house burned on April 19, 1923. The cottage

was built soon after the fire. In the fall of 1924 the present house was built for Miss Forrest by Chester Drew – Lee Drew's uncle. It was opened for business in the Summer of 1925 and Miss Forrest ran the business until her death in 1933, after which a

SILVER LAKE HOUSE.
SILVER LAKE, N. H.
Miss EMMA M. FORREST, Proprietress.
FIRST OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN 1876.
Is situated on the Northern shore, commanding a delightful view of the Lake of the same name. It is widely and favorably known as a charming summer resort, and is filled each returning season with lovers of pure air, and beautiful mountain scenery: While New Hampshire is called the Switzerland of America, Silver Lake with its curving sandy beaches commands a view that suggests a highland loch.
How blithely might the bugle horn
Chide out on the Lake the lingering morn.
How sweet, at eve, the lover's lute
Chime when the groves were still and mute. —Scott's Lady of the Lake.

Rooney family used it as a home. It was then vacant until July 1935 when it was purchased by Mrs. Edna S. Lynn and Mrs. Lena M. Smith – Hazel Drew's mother. It was owned by the Smiths and Lynns until 1952 when the property was purchased by Leland and Hazel Drew and has continued to stay in the Drew family.



The Village Store now known as The Silver Mine Country Store.



The Silver Lake House.

Another Inn at Silver Lake was the Lakeside House, which stood on the present site of the Silver Lake Landing Apartments. Walter Kennett opened the Lakeside House to guests in 1904. The house was enlarged and remodeled several times and had many owners. In the early 1960's Frank Hawkes purchased the hotel and then built half of the future motel. The hotel burned October 23, 1967. Since that time the property has changed ownership and the motel was enlarged. It has since been converted from motel units to apartments, and is presently owned and operated by Henry and Barbara Anderson.

The Majors located on Rte. 113 North was originally built by Asa Jackson. Asa's buildings burned in 1923 and the present house was built in the late 1920's by Fredric Warren, a teacher of singing from New York. The Majors was once the Hotel Majors accommodating 25 and the proprietor at the turn of the century was G. E. Emery, and by 1903 the proprietress was Mrs. H. C. Colby. Sometime later, it became known as Camp Madison and Hotel Majors. H. E. Cunningham who resided in Arlington, Mass. was the director of this boy's camp in the Summer, and during the Fall it became a "rest and recreation" camp for men.

A blacksmith shop, located across from the William Kennett house (the Madison Carriage House Bed and Breakfast), was owned by Ernest Kennett and operated by Robert Webster and Irving Ambrose from 1911 to 1925. Webster did the shoeing of the horses and oxen while Ambrose did the iron work and repairs. They worked a 10 - 12 hour day and the price of shoeing a horse was \$1.50.

In 1921, Albert Clayton and J. Clifford Ward, Sr. purchased 120 feet of land from John F. Chick and built a garage at Madison Corner - Clayton and Ward's. In 1924 they built a sawmill which was mostly operated in the winter when other business was slow. The mill was moved to where the new Burke Field stands today and opened for year round business in 1940. The mill was sold in 1959 to Bruce Thomas. A new garage was built by J. Clifford Ward, Jr. and opened in 1969 as the Madison Garage. The mill was then leased out to several operations including Robert Floyd of Tamworth who reported that there were 12 to 14 good men who worked the mill in the early 1960's. The lumber was sold to Merrill Transport of Maine. At some point about this time the mill was also leased to Charlie Drugg of *New England Box*, what we know now as *International Paper Co.* The mill was finally sold to brothers Harvey and George Blake in the mid-60's. The Blake brothers then tore the building down and took some of the machinery to their operation in Limington, Maine.



The Lakeside House, Silverdale, Wash. *Historical Commission*
The Lakeside House. Photo courtesy of Dot Bickford.



"The Majors" Ridge Road (Route 113 North), Circa 1902-1903.

Blaisdell's Mill was the hub of a busy community of 15 – 20 families in the early 1800's. With water power as a source of energy, logs were sawed and planed, shingles were made, corn was pressed and wheat was thrashed. Close by there was a blacksmith shop and a small general store. The cooper shop turned out barrels ready to be assembled in Cuba. Oxen, mules and stagecoaches from Portland traveled the old road as goods and material were transported both ways. Charcoal, too, was made here in big open pits.

Nicholas Blaisdell, after graduating from Harvard, decided to escape the city and came back with his wife, the former Martha Hood. Into this busy community Edward E. Hoyt, Sr. a famous auctioneer from Brooklyn, New York, came to visit his sister-in-law and bought property on the lake for vacationing for his family and friends.

Soon the beautiful bubbling spring became famous for its purity as it won medals in Chicago, New York and Boston. Water was subsequently bottled and shipped to New York City. About then, Edward Hoyt, Jr. moved to East Madison and started Purity Springs Mountain Inn for Summer guests. In the early 1900's overnight guests had to pay \$1.00 – three meals might add up to an additional \$2.00. Scenic rides were offered by Ed Hoyt to the guests starting at \$1.50 for short, local trips and up to \$5.00 for extended trips.

A friendly, homey atmosphere; some people in tents, some in cabins, some in the main Inn or Blaisdell cottage kept the whole Hoyt family busy. The next step was in the 1930's when Milt Hoyt started Camp Tohkomeupog for boys and Ellen Hoyt started Camp Wampineauk for girls.

Inevitably skiing had to become a part of this little valley. Starting in 1938, with a handful of youngsters for school vacations, skiing grew through use of rope tows to the present day King Pine Ski Area. *Purity Springs Resort, Inc.* continues to be run by the Hoyt family. It is a busy spot year round with the family resort, pool and health club, camps and ski area.

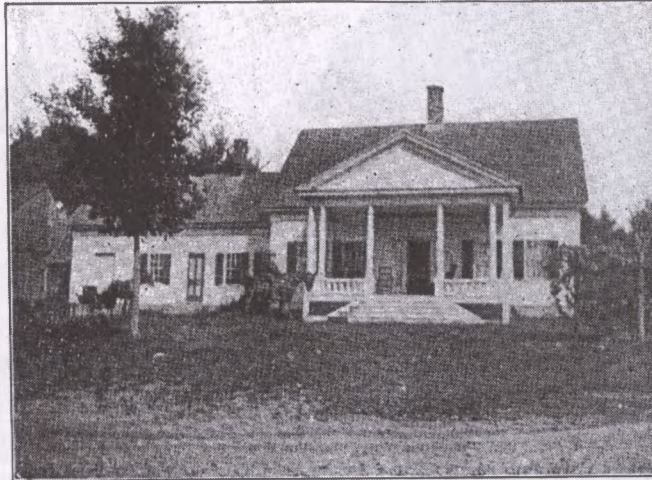
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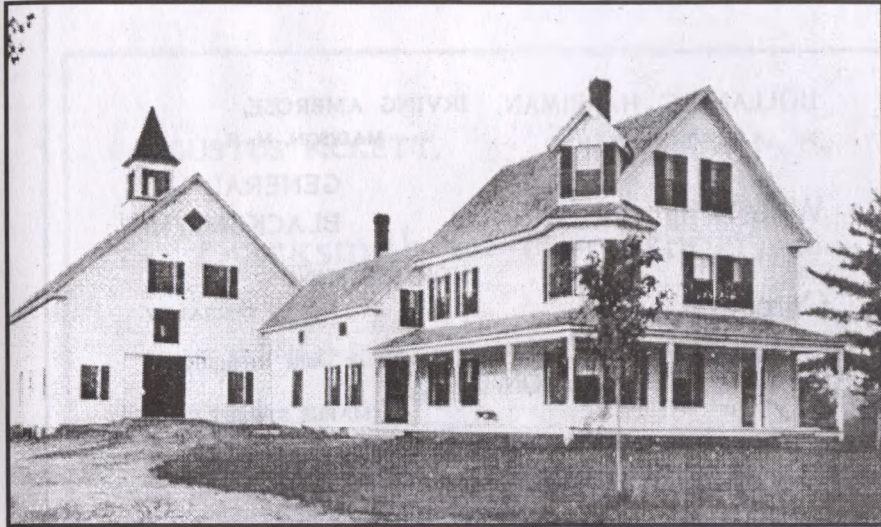
Purity Spring circa 1940 - 1948. Photo courtesy of Dot Bickford.



**Stacy House in Silver Lake before the monument.
The Post Office next door burned December 7, 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day).
Photo courtesy of Herbert Arnold of Silver lake.**



**Silver Lake from Silver Lake, N.H.
Madison Railroad Station in foreground.
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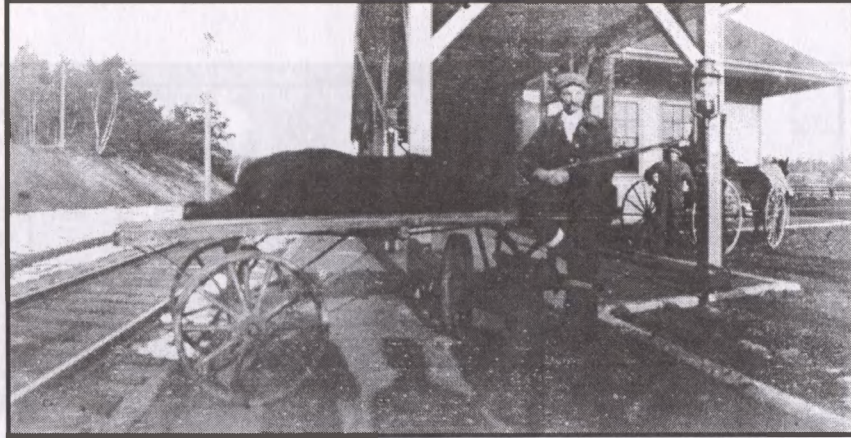
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**Hunter with bear at the Madison Train Station in Silver Lake.
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**Trout taken from
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Length: 29 ½ inches
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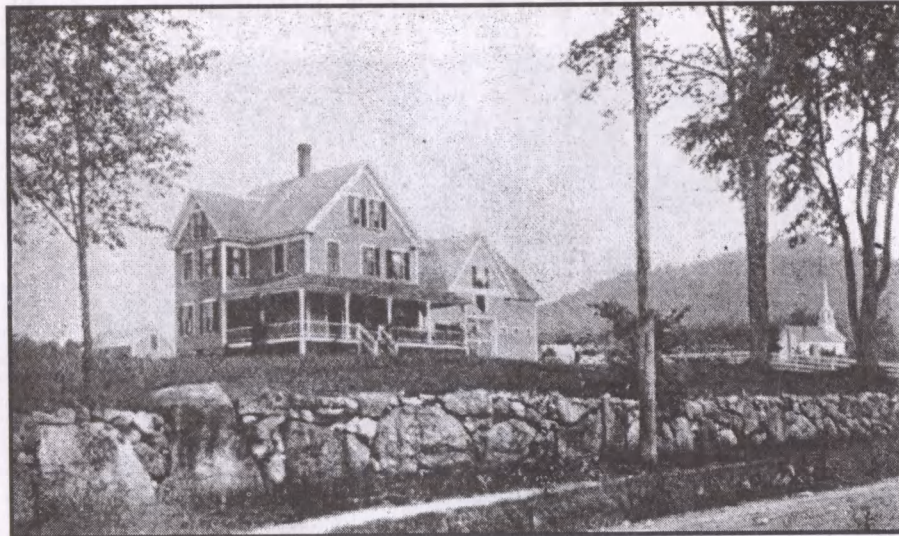
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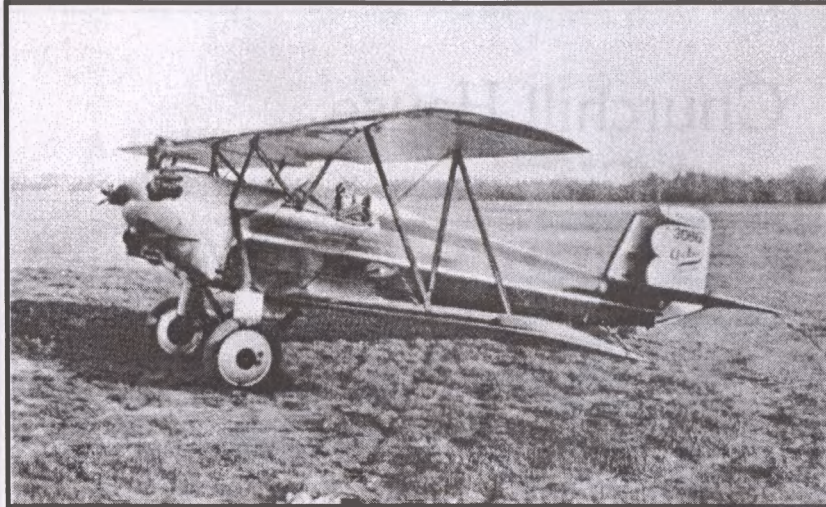
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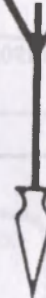
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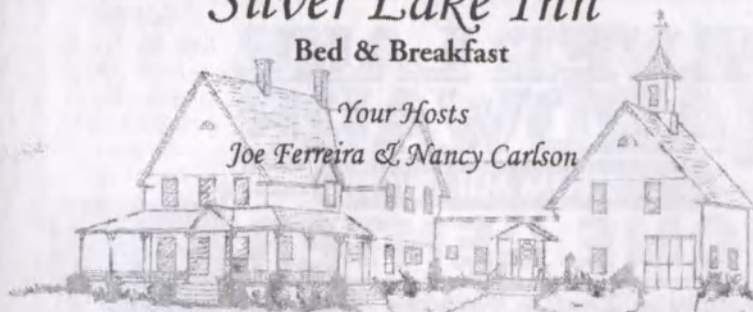
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