

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

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No One Knows Your History Better Than You



Much like the original founders of the Historical Society did when compiling family history for *The Pine, The Plow and the Pioneer* books, we are reaching out to longtime families to update their stories, and to newer arrivals and visitors to share their stories, which will help us secure the history of Three Lakes for tomorrow.



Is your family one of the many who built Three Lakes from a logging camp into the town it is today? Could you have a connection to the milltown of Buckwheat?



This was the sawmill at the turn of the century (1900) which prompted a mill town to form one mile north of Three Lakes on Highway 41. Named Buckwheat, the mill town flourished until the hardwood lumber ran out and they then moved on. The town was owned by the Woodruff Lumber Company. The mill included trainways to keep the incoming traffic from with the mill complex. The trainway areas were playgrounds for children. The mill produced 10,000 board feet a day with two 12-hour shifts. —Photo Courtesy: Paul L. St.



Did your family discover Three Lakes on a vacation and make it their long-time summer home? Or decide that this was home?



How many generations of your family have lived or vacationed here? Did you age from a member of the Aqua Devils to a retiree? A past camper? A business owner?



Or are you a new arrival or visitor, just discovering the beauty and allure of Three Lakes?



Share Your Three Lakes Journey

When requesting stories back in the early 1980's, the committee gathering the information had this suggestion -
They said "write from the heart"

So, by yourself, with family, neighbors or friends choose a memory and dig deep

To help, think about your ancestors

their childhood, hardships, school days,
humorous or frightening events, accidents
how they happened to settle here
where did they settle
holidays and celebrations
activities, hobbies, jobs, church
travel and transportation
courtship and marriage
military service
family landmarks
artifacts that your family possesses

or apply the list above to yourself !

If you need help filling in your story, visit the Demmer Library and the Three Lakes Historical Society Visitor Center where you can search the archives and genealogical records.

You can share your stories, pictures, history and more

by emailing curator@threelakesmuseum.org

in person at the museum

or by mail to TLHS PO Box 250, Three Lakes, WI 54562

The museum website will also host a link to a page for "Your Stories"

We will contact you if we have questions or need to verify something. All stories, pictures and information will be added to the TLHS & Museum archival database to be shared with members and visitors. If you do not want your submission shared more widely, include that note with your story.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS VERY SPECIAL PROJECT AND TELL US YOUR STORIES!

Future Three Lakes thanks you

****And a very special thanks to those who have already engaged in this project****

