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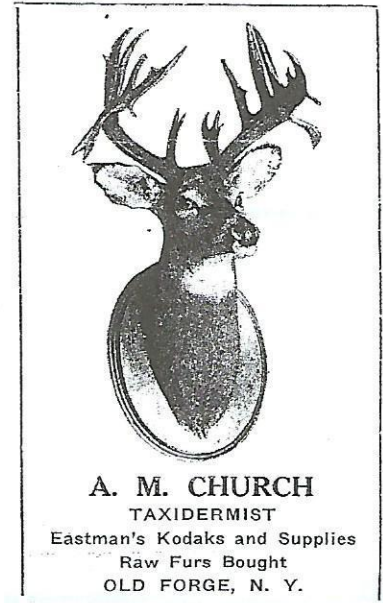
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Goodsell Museum

Local Adirondack History

To coincide with our feature exhibit
"Mapping Our Adirondack Wilderness"
the Museum Committee has selected to highlight A. M. Church

Artemus "Artie" Church was a taxidermist from Boonville and also had a shop here in the village of Old Forge. He was famous for capturing the essence of the animal, fish or bird. The New York State Dept. of Forestry asked him set up and arrange their display at the St. Louis Exposition in 1904. Church also dabbled in surveying and had maps for sale in his souvenir shop. In 1898, he and several other area men formed into a group known as the Brown's Tract Guides Association. Church was Secretary/Treasurer for 17 years. When his survey of beaver was published (he could only locate 20) Albany acquired seven Canadian Beaver and the "Army of Liberation", as they were called, released them in 1907. With a new law barring their trapping, the population grew. Church continued his taxidermy business into his 70's, when he finally closed the Old Forge shop. He died in Boonville, 1934 at the age of 82.



Interior of Church's shop, Old Forge, NY

New Lecture Series:

2013 Coming Events

WEDNESDAYS 2:30PM

On the Lawn
At the Museum

(Bring your own chair & bottled water)

July 10: Dead Body at Bisby: with Town of Webb Historian Peg Masters**July 17:** The Magic of Surveying: with Peter Nelson**July 31:** Museum's Guide Boats: with Ted Comstock**August 7:** Moss Lake Camp: with Geoffrey Longstaff**August 14:** Postcard Collecting: with Tom Gates**August 21:** Who Built Dr. Webb's Railroad? With Town of Webb Historian Peg Masters**August 28:** TBA

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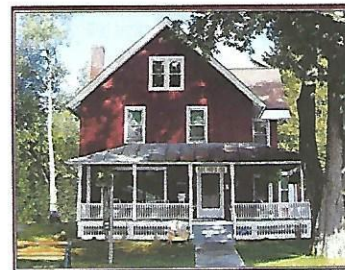
To preserve, protect, restore, and exhibit objects and properties of historic, natural and antiquarian interest from the Town of Webb for the education

May 24 and 25: Memorial Day Garage Sale 9AM-4 PM. Items donated to the Historical Association to be sold to benefit the Goodsell Museum Fuel Fund. Under the tent and in the barn (behind the museum)**July 6:** Benefit Auction: Preview and registration 10 AM, bidding starts at 11AM. Antiques, collectibles, new, and nearly new items. Bring a chair—refreshments available. Held under the tent at the Goodsell Museum.
(CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PHOTOS)**July 10—Moss Lake Walking Tour:** Leave from Moss Lake trail-head 9:30 AM rain or shine, narrated 2 1/2 hour walk around the lake. Led by Geof Longstaff. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Donations appreciated.**August 14—Moss Lake Walking Tour:** Leave from Moss Lake trail-head 9:30 AM rain or shine, narrated 2 1/2 hour walk around the lake. Led by Geof Longstaff. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Donations appreciated.**August 15—Victorian Tea Fundraiser:** 2PM, refreshments, silent auction, entertainment. Held at the Thendara Town Hall, admission \$15 per person. Reservations appreciated.

Cover of our new children's guidebook

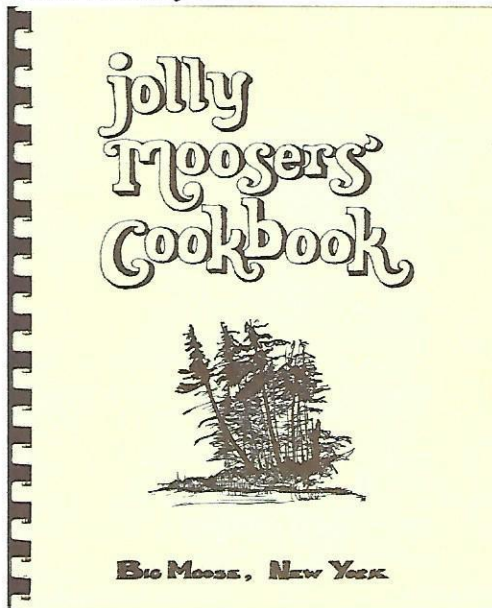
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Children's Guide

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THIS IS WHAT WE COLLECT

Marion Oswald recently donated a 1978 cookbook compiled by the “Jolly Moosers”. This group of energetic women from Big Moose, formed as a philanthropic organization in 1956. The cookbook contains delicious, personal recipes for all meal courses, as well as for pickles and preserves. We seem to have eaten a lot of cakes and pies in those days, as these make up the largest chapter! The recipes are interspersed with advertisements for local businesses, which the readers were asked to patronize. Did you contribute to the cookbook? The museum would love to hear from you!



FRENCH BRIOCHE (sweet rolls) Evie McAllister

1 yeast cake or pkg. dry	1/2 c. sugar
1/2 c. lukewarm water	2 eggs, well beaten
1 c. milk, scalded	1 egg yolk, well beaten
1 1/2 c. flour	3 1/2 c. flour
1/2 c. melted shortening	1/4 tsp. mace
3/4 tsp. salt	1/3 c. softened butter

Confectioners' icing

Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Cool milk to lukewarm, add dissolved yeast and 1 1/2 c. flour. Beat until smooth, cover and let rise until light, about 1 hour. Add shortening, salt, sugar and eggs to sponge and beat well. Add flour and mace; mix well. Refrigerate overnight. Turn onto lightly floured board and roll into long rectangular shape; spread with well-creamed butter and fold from sides to center to make 3 layers. Cut off narrow strips 1-inch wide and let stand until very light. Twist each strip and form a ring. Put on greased sheet and let rise until light. Bake at 400 degrees 14-20 minutes. Ice with confectioners' icing white hoc.

READY BAKE BRAN MUFFINS Dorothy White

3 c. All Bran cereal	1 c. raisins
1 c. boiling water	2 1/2 tsp. soda
2 eggs, slightly beaten	1/2 tsp. salt
2 c. buttermilk	1 c. sugar
1/2 c. salad oil	2 1/2 c. all-purpose flour

Add boiling water to cereal and stir to moisten. Beat eggs, add with buttermilk, oil and raisins to bran. Sift dry ingredients, add sugar, then mix with above. Above mixture can be used immediately or stored in covered refrigerator up to 2 weeks. Stir well and fill greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 425 degrees 20 minutes. A neat make-ahead trick. 2 to 2 1/2 doz.

BIG FAT COOKIES Judy Bennett

1 pkg. yellow cake mix	2 eggs
1/2 c. water	1 c. chocolate chips

Prepare cake mix as directed on package except reduce water to 1/2 c. For new mixes containing pudding, you may need to add 3 eggs, oil, etc., but only add 1/2 c. water. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls 3-inches apart onto greased cookie sheet and sprinkle with chips. Bake at 375 degrees 6-8 minutes or until almost no impression remains when touched lightly. Cool on sheet a few seconds before removing.

-18- Big Moose, N. Y.

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Big Moose, N. Y.

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Goodsell Museum
is a great rainy day
activity when your
grand kids
are in town!

Save the Date

Monday, June 17, 2013

CHARITY DINNER
at
BILLY'S
Italian-American Restaurant

To benefit
Goodsell Museum
Town of Webb Historical Association

Order off the menu—Take-out available
Reservations suggested, Two seating's: 5 and 7 PM
Walk-ins welcome

Call Billy's at 369-2001
Located behind Walt's Diner
State Rt. 28 in Old Forge

Introducing our new staff member:



Claire Hayes and Kristy Rubyor

Kristy Rubyor joined the staff of Town of Webb Historical Association in April. “I am really enjoying my new position at the Goodsell Museum, it’s very interesting and exciting. Everyone has made me feel very welcome, it’s a pleasure to be here and I look forward to meeting and acquainting myself with everyone.” A native to the area, Kristy has a passion for local history. She resides in Woodgate with her husband Dave, their daughters Amy and Laura, and grandson John. She is the daughter of Jack & Sharon Graham of Old Forge.

The Strand Theatre is celebrating it's 90th Anniversary!

The Historical Association asks that you support our local movie house.

THE ADIRONDACK ECHO
 OLD FORGE, NEW YORK FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 1960

Strand Theatre

OLD FORGE

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JUNE 18 and 19—
“Journey to the Center of the Earth”

with PAT BOONE—JAMES MASON—ARLENE DAHL
 SHORT SUBJECTS

COMING — THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd—
“SINK THE BISMARCK”

IF THE DISTURBANCE IN THE THEATRE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT HAPPENS AGAIN, THE BOYS and GIRLS WHO CAUSED IT WILL NOT BE ADMITTED AGAIN. . . AND CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT THEIR PARENTS.

THE ADIRONDACK ECHO
 OLD FORGE, NEW YORK FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1959

Strand Theatre

OLD FORGE

Saturday & Sunday, June 13 and 14—
“BUCCANEER”

with YUL BRUNNER and CLAIRE BLOOM
 • SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS •

Children with Water Guns or those Making a Disturbance will be barred from the Theatre.

GO DIGITAL

OR

GO DARK

The Snowbird Surveyor - Howard Clayton Weller (1882-1943)

By Peg Masters, Town of Webb Historian



Civil engineer and surveyor Howard C. Weller, known as Clayton by his family, died March 27, 1943 at his winter home in St. Petersburg, Florida. A cousin inherited life use of his modest \$10,000 estate. Upon her death, Clayton instructed his lawyer and executor, Harvey Remington of Rochester, to give the Eagle Bay Park Association \$1,000 to purchase additional lakefront property for a playground and park and dedicate it to his wife, Florence Goodwin Weller. The tiny plaque tucked alongside a small pavilion is a token memento to this noted surveyor who justifiably could be called the “*Father of Eagle Bay.*”

Clayton Weller came from humble beginnings. His father Augustus, a well-respected farmer in Starkville, moved his family to East Herkimer, NY not long after Clayton was born on December 20, 1882. Clayton attended local schools and worked in a box factory to put himself through Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts. In December 1905, the young graduate opened a real estate and survey office in Herkimer. For several years, he partnered with architect Stanley Warring Cassidy after they purchased the business of Herkimer’s most well-known architect, Charles E. Cronk.

Clayton bought a vacant lot on Fourth Lake in 1905 while doing survey work along the Fulton Chain. In 1907, he produced a map of Eagle Bay for developer William J. Thistlethwaite that noted the layout of the hamlet and names of the streets. Two years later, Thistlethwaite deeded 12.45 acres adjacent to the Eagle Bay Hotel to Weller. That same year in 1907, Clayton married his first wife Catherine Bachan, an orphan who lived with her grandparents in Lansingburgh, east of Troy, NY. There were no children from this union and the marriage ended in divorce around 1912.

While his survey work included many parcels in Herkimer and projects from Albany to Buffalo and as far north at Horseshoe Lake for A. Augustus Low, Weller’s career was energized when he became a director in 1914 of Thistlethwaite’s Adirondack Development Company. In 1916, he produced a map of Old Forge for the company that laid out lots for sale near the Forge House Hotel and along the South Shore Road. He continued to acquire property in Eagle Bay, marketing campsites there and in Beaver River from his office at Old Forge in the Weller Block which became Given’s Drug Store in 1921. From 1918 until the late 1930s, Weller supervised the construction of roads and a water system at Eagle Bay and sold property to businesses along the improved highway and to scores of seasonal camps owners. He built a new log cabin office on the Big Moose Road at Eagle Bay in 1921 and a stately cottage for his personal use called *Graysides* that overlooked the newly formed Eagle Bay Property Associations’ beachfront. Both of these Weller buildings survive to this day as does the venerable Association.



H.C. Weller’s Cottage “Graysides”

Clayton’s new wife in 1915 was a stunning St. Elizabeth’s School of Nursing graduate, Florence Belle Goodwin from Clinton, NY. Florence enjoyed Clayton’s summer colony at Eagle Bay but preferred a warmer climate for the winter months. In 1925, Weller recruited his former partner, architect Stanley W. Cassidy and John Richardson from Herkimer to help him develop a new town in the Florida panhandle wilderness he planned to call “Forest Highlands.” Forest Highlands, near Valparaiso, Florida, was located 16 miles from the Gulf Coast. In spite of Richardson’s marketing skills, the Great Depression intervened, and Weller’s dream to create another community as successful as Eagle Bay never came to fruition during his lifetime. Florence and Clayton were perennial “snowbirds.” Summers were spent at their beloved cottage in Eagle Bay but as soon as the autumn leaves had fallen, they headed south to their winter home in Florida. She died in 1940. Their final resting place is in the Weller family plot next to his parents in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Herkimer, NY. Researchers can find more information on the Weller family and Weller’s survey books in the archives of the NYS Museum at Cooperstown, NY and at the Town of Webb Historical’s Goodsell Museum on Main St. in Old Forge.

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