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Sent By: "John Berghammer" <jmb@wga-austin.com> **On:** Jul 07/13/11 8:12 AM

To: "Nancy Wurmle" <nkwurm@comcast.net>

Dear Nancy,

Following is a brief history of the property located @ 4293 E. Stormy Lake Road:

The property was purchased in the early 1960s by Robert Berghammer, who first began coming to Stormy in the mid 1950s. It is a tract of 9.3 acres with 600' of frontage on what is called "Pearl" Lake. The property is about 500' from Stormy, so we are associate members. The property cost \$5 per foot, or about \$3,000.

Later in the 1960s Robert and his brother Jim constructed a modest cabin. The material used to build the cabin came from old telephone poles that were free for the asking. The telephone poles were cut into boards, and the cross arms that held the wires were used as wall studs. By the early 1970s they also constructed a garage mostly from lumber they salvaged from an early 20th century farmhouse located in Phelps. In 2001 Robert Berghammer transferred the property to his nieces and nephew. It is our intention to maintain the property and keep in the family for future generations.

4323 East Stormy Lake Road

This property was first built by Cy Reed. The cabinets were all hand made by Cy.

The property was purchased by Lois and Vernoy Johnson. They enjoyed the home for many years. Their son, Kurt, was a member of the Chain Skimmers Water ski team. His specialty was kite flying after being pulled by a ski boat. He was seen practicing many times on Stormy Lake.

The Johnson's sold the property to Tony and Linda Warren.

4343 E. Stormy Lake Rd.

The original owners of the property were Dwayne and Marge Williams. Many family members enjoyed the property and lake for several decades.

Judy and John Aikens moved permanently into the property. They purchased Jensen/Aikens Hardware and Appliance store. After several years, Judy and John purchased a log home down the road and the property was enjoyed by Judy's siblings.

Stormy Lake East & 4353 East Stormy Lake Road – A brief history

The properties at 4353 (Simonds), 4365 (DeBoer) & 4369 (Payne) East Stormy Lake Road were originally purchased by Peter DeBoer, D.D.S. and his wife, Catherine, of Chicago in 1953 or 1954 at a cost of \$5/front foot. The price had been \$3/front foot a year before the property was purchased! The realtor/owner/agent was Wally Adams. The DeBoers had two children, Robert & Judy. Bob DeBoer (ex-Karen) is the present owner of 4365, has two sons, Peter & Mark. Peter & his wife, Noel, have three children, Hannah, Nola & Owen and live in Milwaukee. Judy DeBoer Schumacher (ex-Don) lives in Cincinnati and has two children, Cathy and Christopher and four(?) grandchildren.

From the 300 ft. of frontage, Pete DeBoer kept the center 100 ft. for his family. He sold the 100 ft. to the north to his friends, Clarence and Virginia Payne, who are survived by Dick (Barbara) Payne (children Steve, Carol, & David & nine (?) grandchildren). David Payne & his wife own Club 45 in Conover. Clarence & Virginia's daughter, Diane Payne, (children Lisa & Monty & several grandchildren) lives in Northfield, IL. The 100 ft. to the south was sold to other friends, Dr. Walter Bornemier, a surgeon, & his wife, Mabel.

These three properties were called "Stormy Lake East" and were all served by a common driveway and just one pier, which remains on the DeBoer property today. At a later date, the Bornemiers purchased an additional 100 feet of frontage to the south, giving the property 200 ft. of frontage. The builder of all three cottages was Eldo Reed of Conover who built many other residences in the area. Bornemiers and DeBoers built in 1956 and the Paynes built in 1957. The original Bornemier cottage had 2 bedrooms & bath with shower on the first floor and 2 bedrooms with a half bath on the second floor as well as a two car garage.

The Bornemiers were also Chicago residents and had three children, Wally (now of Salt Lake City), Lois & Beattie (?). Interestingly, Dr. Bornemier was also the uncle of the late Roger Reickman. Roger & Peggy Reickman were residents of Elmhurst, IL, as were the Simonds, and rented from the Simonds prior to purchasing their present home on Stormy Point Road.

Nanne and Nick (G. Nichols) Simonds purchased the Bornemier property in the fall of 1972 for \$39,000, using Herb Oschmann as their realtor. Prior to his retirement, Herb had been a business partner of Carl Tacke's in Milwaukee, whose daughter, Susie, married Nanne's brother, Timothy Barth.

As part of their purchase agreement, the Simonds sold the south 50 feet of their property to the neighbors to the south, Marge & DeWayne Williams, parents of Patricia, Judy & Larry. Judy Williams Akins & her husband, John, are presently owners of Jensen-Akins Hardware in Conover. Marge Williams was Virginia Payne's sister.

Nanne & Nick have two children, Stephanie & Timothy who spent every summer at Stormy Lake, were members of the Chain Skimmers Water Ski Show team, and held various jobs at local camps, shops & restaurants. Presently (2011) there are six grandchildren, Jack & Elise Lamarre who live with Stephanie Simonds Lamarre in Ross, CA and Reilly, Nick, Finn & Tuck Simonds who live with parents Tim and M'Liz Simonds in Kenilworth, IL.

The cottage underwent several renovations over the years. A new 4 car garage was built by Henry Carlson in 1989. In 1993, John Volkmann of North Twin Builders incorporated the screened porch

across the front into the house by raising the roof & rebuilding the dormers on the second floor. At the same time, the old back porch/laundry was removed and replaced by a large hall, laundry, and additional second floor bedroom. Both bathrooms were also renovated & enlarged.

Following the death of Nick Simonds in 2000, the last renovation to the cottage continued as he had planned. Again contracted out to North Twin Builders with John Volkmann, Jr. in charge, this two story addition included a first floor family room & office/ bedroom with a master bedroom & bath on the second floor. A new kitchen & dining area replaced the two original first floor bedrooms and another bath was added on the second floor. Four dormers were also added above the garage to make a more open storage space/playroom.

The cottage has been the consistent gathering place throughout many family moves from Elmhurst, IL to Pittsburgh, Detroit, Minneapolis and now St. Louis. As the 40th year of ownership by the Simonds family approaches, the love for the lake, the many friends made here, and Wisconsin's Northwoods continues to spread to the youngest generation.

Nanne Barth Simonds
9/17/2011

4353 East Stormy Lake Rd.



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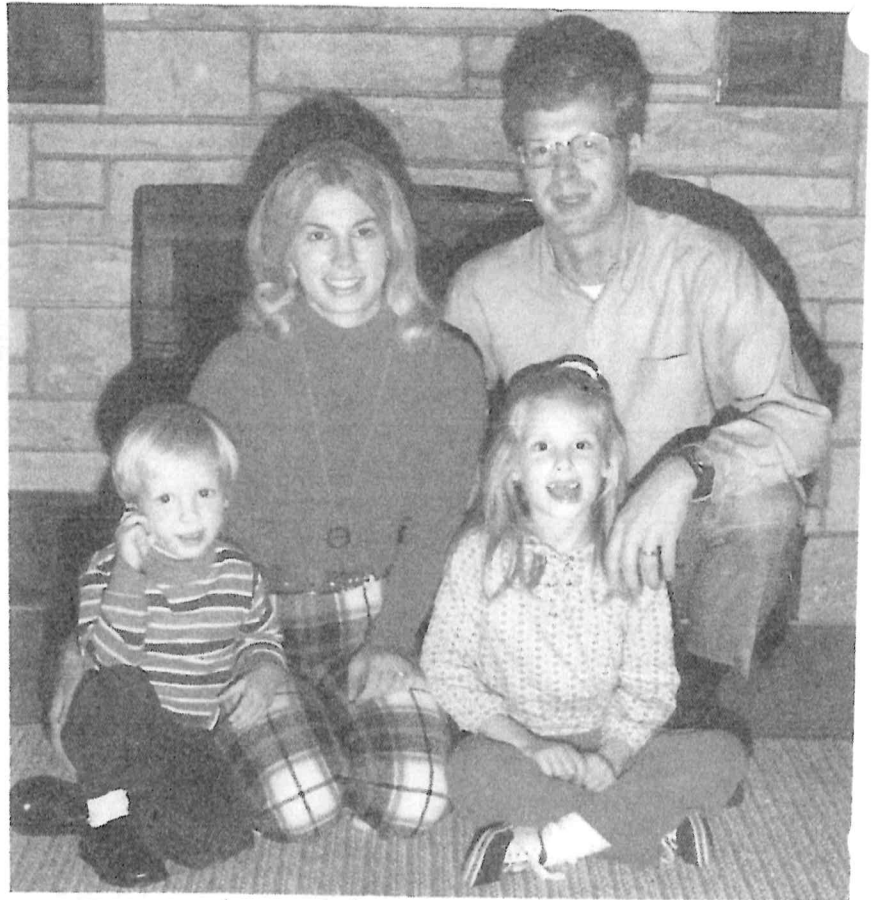


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Mabel + Dr. Walter
Bornemeier



Nanne & Nick Simonds
Timothy & Stephanie



Nanne Simonds with the youngest Simonds-2008



June 16, 2007

Subject: Payne Family Stormy Lake Property History – 4369 East Stormy Lake Road

In the early 50's Clarence (Clare), Virginia, Dick and Diane arrived at the Resort on the North end of Stormy Lake to visit the Peter (Pete) DeBoer family. In the course of the visit Pete took Clare and Dick for a boat ride around Stormy Lake. When we arrived at the Eastern shore Pete pointed out the 3 -100' lots that he owned. Pete said to Clare, why don't you buy one of the lots and I'll get Borne (Dr. Walter Bornemier) to buy the third lot. This way we're all a community of Chicago neighbors and so the "Chicago Connection" began. Pete was very generous in selling at cost plus paid taxes. The Payne's bought the northerly 100', Borne bought the southerly 100' and Pete retained the middle 100'. Originally the Payne's cabin and the DeBoer's cabin were built identical in layout and size. In fact they shared common well water in the beginning, but water demands from the likes of teenagers and washing machines brought about the need for separate wells.

Another sharing was the building of a common beach area and pier in front of the DeBoer cabin. The water level was much higher then and reached the embankment of the Eastern shore line. In fact rocks and logs had to be laid out at waters edge so that the common beach could be built. This common beach was a launching site for water skiing plus it hosted many a beach party including Stormy Lake vacationers from Edgebrook Lutheran Church.

In those early days the big treats were:

- Going to the dump to watch the bears rummage through the garbage
- Going for Dairy Queens in downtown Conover
- Watching the passenger train arrive in Conover
- Taking someone to Conover to board the train back to Chicago
- Shopping at Red's Red Owl for soup to nuts
- Taking in a movie at one of the 2 movie theaters in Eagle River
- Going bowling in Land O Lakes
- Eating at the White Stag in Sugar Camp
- And many more!
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Then in the mid 80's Clare and Virginia decided to add a third bedroom and called Hank Carlson an Eagle River builder to do the work. Also added was a storage garage.

Today the many off springs of Virginia and Clarence Payne are privileged to enjoy Stormy Lake.

Dick Payne

4375 E. Stormy Lake Rd.

Mr. James Coutts was the original owner of over 400 ft. of lake frontage. He was a postal worker at the Eagle River post office and enjoyed coming to the lake for peace and quiet.

Bob and Eleanor Williams purchased the property. The Williams enjoyed the property for many summers. Their son, Ron, and family plus their daughter, Susan visited for many summers. They had a garage built with loft above. They also added a bedroom and bathroom plus walk-in closet to the South end of the home. The kitchen was modernized at the same time.

Harry and Barbara Pepoon purchased the property from the Williams in 1998. We added 2 new bathrooms to the cottage. We watched our 3 children grow up enjoying weekends whenever we can. My father-in-law, Harry, started our interest since he was best friends with Mike Zeddies Sr. and had been bringing my husband to Stormy Lake for many years. We lost many trees (Jack Pine) to a disease a few years ago but still have a lot of nice trees and have been planting more. We just have more SUN!

Our son, Michael, uses a wheelchair now, so we are trying to sell our home since it is difficult for him to use it.

Harry and I are both graduates of the University of Wisconsin in Madison and love Wisconsin very much, that's why we make the 6 hour drive at crazy hours of the night so that we can wake up in the morning on Stormy Lake.

Barb Pepoon and Harry Pepoon Kim, Mike and Jackie

The Kashians purchased the property from the Pepoons.

Hi Nancy -

8/16/11

Sorry for the 10 year delay
in getting you the information
you requested !!

We bought our home at
4375 E. Stormy Lake Road in
1998 from Bob Williams. He
and his wife owned it for many
years. They spent Winters in
~~Texas~~^{IL} I think and Summers at
Stormy.

We have made many improvements
to the house including 2 NEW
bathrooms. We watched our
3 kids grow up and enjoyed
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in the morning on Stormy Lake!



Barb Reporn
+ Harry Reporn
KIM, MIKE + JACKIE

4407 East Stormy Lake Road

When I came home on furlough in 1944, Dad told me to plan for the future and would I put in a dock so he could get into a boat to fish on a lake up North. Dad was a retired farmer for 2 years. He passed away 1 month before my discharge.

In early April 1947, I bought my property from Wally Adams for \$5.00/ foot. The lots were 200' lake frontage. I had trekked into the property to set up a tent with jungle hammock. This was my home for 3 ½ years. The weather was quite warm for the first couple of years. Many times I would come home from work, grab a blanket and paddle my canoe across the lake at sundown. I would let the boat drift on the current and sleep in the canoe for the night. By morning I would have drifted back home. For food, I would catch small mouth bass, hunt deer and hunt for many birds, especially partridge. Berries were available for a couple of years. One summer, the berries were small and few. One night I came home from work and found a bear in the tent. He became excited and proceeded to tear apart the back of the tent trying to get away from the headlights of the car. Needless to say that decimated my tent. I procured a one man tent for my next abode. My heat was a kerosene heater. I would earn enough money to purchase 1 gallon of kerosene which would last most of the night. Sometimes, I would have to refill during the night.

The winter of 1948-49 was bitterly cold. One night reached -50 degrees. In the early morning, Ike Johnson came over to check and make sure I was still alive. He told me, at that time, the low temperature and since I had survived the night it was all up hill from there. In 1948 things closed down, jobs were hard to find and the economy was low in the Northwoods. I decided to go to school in September of 1949 to improve my possibilities of an income and a life, so I headed for the Chicago area.

Conover had a baseball team with a field that had lights for night games.

My brother helped me build a 16' x 20' shack. This has been added onto over the years. The next structure on the property was a 22' x 24' home for my wife. I had 6 friends and family help me put up this structure, including roof, in one day onto a prepared foundation. We built this home in 1955.

Many of my relatives have enjoyed the property over the years. Several still come up at various times during the summer to enjoy the water, sunsets, wildlife and nature.



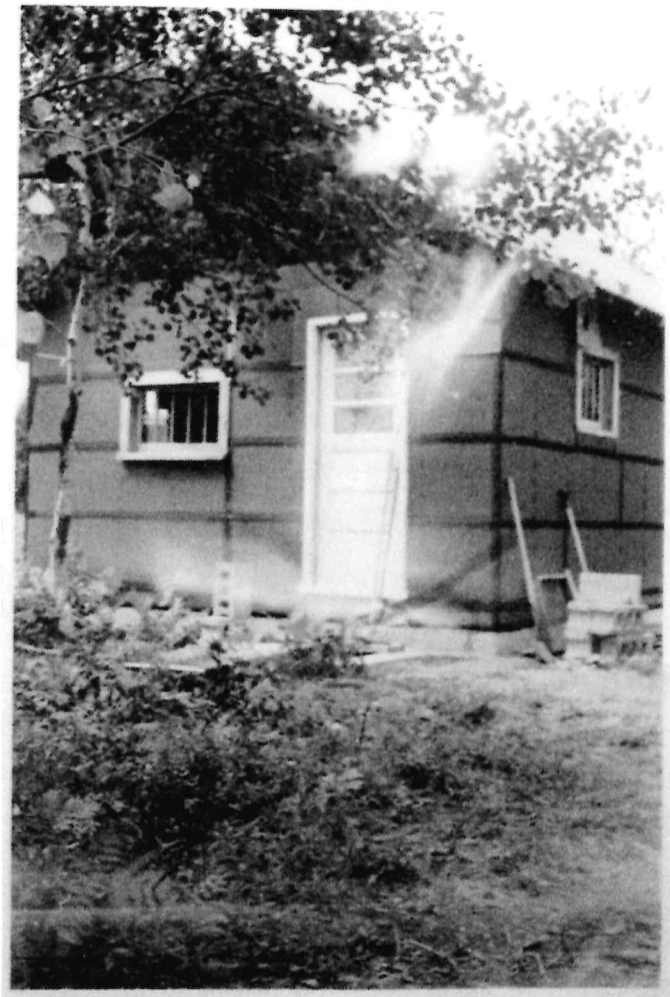
1947 tent home
 rip next to front flap
 caused by a bear

rip near the back done by a bear





East Stormy Lake Shoreline



4427 E. Stormy Lake Road - 200 ft. frontage

Richard and Martha Vincore purchased this property ^{in 1962} from Mr and Mrs Victor Lohman, whom we believed were the original owners. Herbert Orckmann was the realtor. In 1964 an A-frame building was added. Built by Bill Fredericks, it was used for a garage and boat storage on the first floor and sleeping rooms on the second floor. It also served as a great place for parties. We sold the property to Mr and Mrs Ed Van Stenberg in 1975. Ed ^{a United Airlines pilot,} was a brother of Lois Johnson, wife of Vernoy Johnson, who already owned property on Stormy Lake.

Perhaps these facts may be of interest:

- a) from August 1 to Labor Day, 1962, there were nearly one hundred visitors - sleeping either in our home or in their campers.
- b) the place was named Dee Mar for the Lohman's daughter, Delores and Marjorie. We kept the name because it fit - Dee for Dick and Mar for Martha and besides, they left the name sign on the garage!
- c) this beach was the best beach on the entire lake! Many came to enjoy it with Larry.
- d) Vincore purchased and took possession of Dee Mar on the same date that Bob and Judy Kemp purchased and took possession of Deer Point at 4457 E. Stormy Lake Road. Martha Vincore and Bob Kemp were teaching at Wenona (Ill.) High School at that time.

- Martha (Vincore) Auden

4447 E. Stormy Lake Road

200 ft frontage

Richard and Martha Vincore purchased this property in 1975 from Clyde and Ruth Rieke. They were the original owners and had built the house in the late '50's. We did not use a realtor, but an attorney friend of the Riekes handled the legal matters. Because the Riekes were year round residents, they told of problems with E. Stormy Lake Road during spring thaw. It could be impassable for ten days or more!

In 1979 or 1980 a large Wick pole building was erected. This building provided space for boat and other watercraft storage, garage, a work shop, an office area, sleeping room, and storage space above the shop, office, and sleeping areas. This Wick building also provided ^{a place} ~~space~~ for parties!

In 1982 we added eight feet to each end of the house, thereby enlarging the kitchen - dining area and providing a screened porch on the south end and a music room for Larry on the north end.

In 1991 we sold this property to Ed and Pat Van Steenberg, who had purchased the property at 4427 E. Stormy Lake Road from us in 1975. We had an auction and moved to Roswell, New Mexico.

Perhaps these facts may be of interest:

- a) We named this place Bee Nar II
- b) We wallpapered the privy, used by campers on the property, with post cards and colorful calendar pictures!
- c) The screen house was the most-used place on the property. Can't even begin to tell adequately about the fun times and the thousands of table games enjoyed there!

- Martha (Vincore) Auden

Dear Bette,

My name is Cathy Anderson. Our friends, Gary & Claire Personnette, rented your cabin last week. We were vacationing in the area and went over to see them on Stormy. The cabin is charming. And the living room rug, well.....

My grandparents were Ruth & Clyde Rieke. They retired on East Stormy Lake Road in '59, one of only 2 full time residents on the lake at the time; (the property was \$5 a foot....., bought in '48 I believe) I believe the address is 4475; I only knew it as Storm Haven. Gramp built and finished the inside of the house himself. I spent my summers there. When it was time to leave the lake, they sold to Dick and Martha Vinecore, and if you knew them, they were just wonderful people. When the Vinecores left the lake, they offered the property to my mother, Barb Reger. She lived in the Chicago suburbs, most of her kids were within an hour's drive, and she would have had to move north permanently in order to afford it, so she declined. All of us were heartbroken, but none of us had the capital at that point to help out. So, over the years, one brother bought property closer to 3 lakes, and we go up there every year; summer is not summer without time in the northwoods.

Anyway, the Personnettes have listened to us talk about stormy for years. When they found your place, they referred us to the website. I opened it up, and there was gram's rug. It was the larger of 2 rugs in their living room. The other was about 5 x 7. They had hardwood floors. I believe when Vinecores bought the place, they replaced area rugs with wall to wall; we had visited and I recall the floors were all covered, probably due to Larry's vision issues. When I saw that rug on line, I just went nuts. I have looked for years for the same pattern and have never found one anywhere. My guess was that grandma bought it at Carson Pirie Scott in Chicago, as she worked there, and much of their stuff was purchased there with her employee discount. So, we HAD to visit Gary & Claire to visit the RUG.

I can't tell you how much I loved seeing it again and walking on it with my bare feet. It amazes me what good condition it is in. Did you know that thing is a good 55 years old? And that it stood up to summers with 5 grandkids & 3 dogs? Guess you can't kill wool!

I am very curious how you got the rug. I was just amazed at what a small world we live in to open up a website and see a part of my past staring at me! If you have the time, I would love to hear your Stormy story.

I also noted that the Wurmly property is for sale. Is Nancy still the owner?

Thanks for the memories,

Cathy Reger Anderson

4453 E. Stormy Lake Rd.

The first home on this property was built by Stormy and Donna Wesling. Stormy had enjoyed the area when he visited his Uncle who was a lumberjack in the Northwoods. Stormy talked about the giant white pine trees that were removed from the land, cut into boards and sent to Chicago.

Judy and F.L. Kirby purchased the land and house in 1990. They converted the attached garage into a bunk room for the children.

Al and Susan Field plus Duncan and Marilyn Mathieson bought the property and had the house torn down to build a new two story home.

4455 E. Stormy Lake Rd.

The property was originally owned by two families who called the property the "Lazy G's ". One family was the Gertz's and the other family the Gatz's.

They sold to a Mr. Csida. He was required to remove the cement block boat house because it was too close to the shoreline according to zoning laws.

The next owners were Peter and Gloria Bianchini, Sr. They did some remodeling to the property. He was known to drive an antique model T Ford around the immediate area.

The next owners are Al and Sue Fields.

DEER POINT

The Kemp Deer Point story began in the spring of 1962 during a coffee break in the teacher's lounge at Wenona High School. Martha Vinecore (now Andeen) was telling of their visit to Conover, Wisconsin on Stormy Lake and looking at the Deer Point property. It had been a football camp with two cabins and acreage with 1400 feet of frontage.

I had visited several locations in Northern Wisconsin to develop a basketball camp. This property sounded very good to me and the Vinecores wanted something winterized and chose another property. On May 6, 1962 both the Vinecores and I had an appointment to see separate properties four doors apart.

Although we did not buy that weekend we both liked what we saw and each purchased their property and took possession on the same day in August, 1962.

Why did Martha and Dick and Larry Vinecore go to Stormy Lake? Coeds Martha Helander and Connie Johnson had been college roommates. Connie had developed a strong interest in a seminary student, Ken Andeen. When two young female minds concentrate on something like a capture, poor Ken had no choice! (He was more willing than they suspected).

Connie and Ken Andeen did marry and Ken now was employed at Augustana College, chair of the department of religion. Ken chose not to teach in the summer but wanted to serve as an assistant pastor for resort area churches.

When he arrived at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church near Conover, Wisconsin he discovered Stormy Lake and the Andeens knew that this was there they eventually wanted to be. They bought two lots. The Andeens' influence for the Vinecores and the Vinecore influence for the Kemps got us all up here.

Our life at Stormy Lake was also enriched in those days by associating with Professor Ed Hamming and his wife Marie. And what a pleasure to spend time with Larry Vinecore, Gary, Tim and Kathy Andeen, and Ed and Bruce Hamming.

In the early years Craig and Mary Wurmle with Nancy, Lois and Betty were to the north of us. I believe it was 1963 when Randy and Bob helped Craig drill a sand point for water. Since that time, Nancy Wurmle, Hugh and Mary Wurmle, and Jeff and Lois Balk have added cabins between Mary and the Kemps. We are thankful for such nice neighbors.

Wally Adams developed our side of Stormy Lake. Our property was then sold on August 22, 1949 to John and Selma Soderholm. John became a widower and sold it to Tom and Patricia Schramm on May 9, 1961.

Tom Schramm used it for a football camp but tragedy struck when a young man lost his life diving in the bay.

In August of 1962 Bob and Judy Kemp bought it with the intention of developing a basketball camp, which Bob did for two years. Because of a busy school year of coaching and teaching it was decided we would use it as a vacation home. Brad was a small baby and Mary would join the Kemp family in November 1962. Our family now has 30 members and we cherish our times on Stormy Lake.

Bob Kemp

History of 4463 E. Stormy Lake Road

by Jeffery and Lois Wurmle Balk

I have grown up coming to Stormy Lake every summer of my life with my family. We always loved it. We swam, played cards, took rides looking for deer, watched the bears at the dump, took boat rides. So it was only natural that I would expect to continue vacationing on Stormy with Jeff. When we got married on August 1, 1970, Dad (Craig Wurmle) gave us 100 feet of lot #5 that Grandma Wurmle had purchased back in 1949.

For many years we continued to stay with Mom at 4475 E. Stormy for our vacations. We would dream of building our own place. In 1988 we finally did it. Jeff drew up the plans, and we contacted Viking Builders. Viking oversaw the initial construction. Since we were both teachers, we had 2 months every summer to devote to completing the building. Wendy was 14 in 1988 and a member of the Chain Skimmer water ski team. She managed to help with the building by staining a few boards and installing some floor boards, too. It was a labor of love for all of us.

All 3 of us love to spend our summers here. Wendy continued to ski with the Chain Skimmers all through high school and college. She also held several summer jobs in Eagle River and Land O' Lakes. It is such a huge part of her life that she chose to have her bachelorette party here. Now she enjoys bringing her husband, Eric, here for his vacation.

Stormy Lake will always be "home" for us. Time we spend here is precious because we share so much with family and friends. We are blessed.

The Wurmle family - Jacob H., Grace S., Craig W., Hugh M. - came to Vilas County during the summer of 1930 as guests of friends who were part owners of a Lodge on LacduLune, seven miles west of Land O, Lakes. After a week there, we spent several weeks at George St. Clair's Resort on Black Oak Lake.

That October, we returned to the St. Clair Resort for a week. The family purchased the Walker property on Keefe Road - a cabin built in 1922; the garage had been built in 1921.

During the summer of 1950, Grace and Hugh looked over several areas of Vilas County to purchase additional land. Craig and his wife, Mary, had two daughters, Nancy K. and Lois Ann, who needed a place of their own. Labor Day Saturday, Grace purchased 660 feet of shoreline from Walter Adams @ \$5.00 per foot, ~~STORMY~~ LAKE. This property was subdivided into four lots for building purposes.

In 1950, Eldo Reed and his crew built a cabin for the Craig W. Wurmle family on Stormy Lake. At later dates, additions were made to this building.

In 1974, Eldo Reed and his crew built a cabin for Nancy K. Wurmle on a lot contiguous with her parent's lot to the South. She has made additions to her building following its construction.

In 1976, the Hugh M. Wurmle family broke ground for a TIMBERSHORE home on a lot to the South of Nancy K. Wurmle's place. In 1987, this home was greatly modified for easier upkeep.

For 13 years, the Hugh M. Wurmle family enjoyed the wonderful friendship of the Vinecores - Richard, Martha and Larry. The untimely passing of Richard and Larry left a great void for all of their neighbors.

In 1988, Lois Wurmle Balk and her husband, Jeff, contracted with Viking Builders to build a home for them on the lot to the South of the Hugh M. Wurmle property. This completed the dream of Grace Wurmle to have her grandchildren on contiguous properties.

Hugh M. Wurmle recalls visiting Denton's Shop on Stormy Lake in 1933, through a friend, Adele Englebrecht Carlson, whose father, Fred, had a sawmill on County S. By 1940, Glen and Edith Denton had moved the retail store to Conover.

Over the years there have been many changes on Stormy Lake. For us on E. Stormy Lake Road the hard surfacing of this road in 2001 has been a blessing.

#4473 East Stormy Lake Rd.
Nancy Wurmle

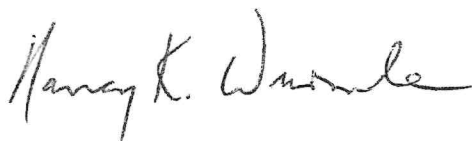
Lot # 9 on Stormy Lake was a part of U.S. Patent in 1872. The property went through several transfers including individuals, Merrill Lumber Co., Wally Adams and his wife Marie, and Martin Berglund and Henry Carlson plus their wives. They in turn sold to my Grandmother, Grace S. Wurmle September 15th, 1950. Grandmother selected this lot because it was between lots owned by her two sons. At the time of purchase, she owned a house and land on Black Oak Lake in Land O'Lakes which she planned to sell then build on Stormy Lake. Instead, she gave me the property in 1971. The summer of 1974, I contacted Eldo Reed of Conover and asked him to construct a building that I had designed on the property. He stated he was retired but since he had done work for my Grandmother and had built my parents' cabin, he would love to build for me. The fall of 1974, Eldo and one of his brothers constructed a shell which they finished the Spring of 1975.

We have had many wonderful summers since 1975. A family reunion in July 1976 included relatives from Florida, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. We all joined in the ringing of the bells for the bicentennial plus all of the lake activities for the special 4th of July celebration.

Over the years, I have had 3 different sailboats. Two were found by Dave Miller each time upgrading in size and number of sails. Right now kayaking is the way to see the lake and enjoy the water.

For many years, I have enjoyed the boat parades for the 4th of July, the pedal boat races, the kayak races, watching the regatta, sailboat races, chain skimmers practicing, and cruising the lake to see who is up, any new building, plus watching the wildlife.

My family feels fortunate in being able to spend the summers on the premier lake of Vilas County and having wonderful lake friends.



STORMY LAKE

Lot 10 was in a parcel of land originally granted to Allen Lovejoy by the United States February 20, 1872

Thru the years it was sold to different people and to Merrill Lumber Company, Also to Wisconsin Blue Grass Land Company, Scandinavian American Land Company - then to various individuals and October 12, 1946 to Martin and Barbara Berglund and Henry and Violet Carlson.

August 24, 1949 the lot on the point (now Bob and Judy Kemps) was sold to John and Elizabeth Soderholm who built their home soon after. That house and the Berglund and Carlson homes and cottages at their resort were the only places in the bay when Lot 10 was purchased and the owners were Craig and Mary M. Wurmle on October 2, 1950.

We talked that fall to Eldo Reed who was doing a lot of building in the area. We submitted a crude drawing of what we wanted and he and his brothers built the cottage. For many years Craig and I and our three daughters enjoyed our vacations on beautiful Stormy. Our three daughters enjoyed Stormy and the area as much as we did.

The area was very quiet. It did not take long for that to change. The land was soon sold between Lot 10 and the resort. Many great people built and became friends.

We joined the first Lake Association and have enjoyed the meetings and activities. A couple of years there was a Bridge Marathon which was fun - hope we can start something like that again. The 4th of July activities started with the boat parade and have kept growing with other additions.

Let us all look forward to great friends and activities in the future!!! Also look forward to keeping Stormy beautiful and enjoyable for all!!!

Lot 10 is 4475 East Stormy Lake Road. Stop By.



Mary M. Wurmle

4475 E. Stormy Lake Rd.

Mother gave the property to me, Bette Mitchell, in 2003. I had the bathroom modernized and had several trees planted along the South edge of the property. Many trees had to be removed due to the Jack Pine budworm infestation.

The property was sold to Carl Lange in 2015. Carl has made this his permanent home. He has had a garage built with a breezeway to the South.

(1975)
Many years ago David Miller showed me
this lot since he knew it was for sale.
With young children and not much
free time it was not possible to
consider it - It was then purchased
by other lake residents Dick &
Donna Schultz that planned to
build on it - In 1986 I called
Dick & asked me if he would
sell me his present home
when he built on his lot -
He told me Donna & he had
just decided to keep this
present home & sell the lot -
Now we could consider building
on Stormy. What a wonderful
opportunity to be able to
get property at Stormy Lake -

Judy & Nancy Urban

Stormy Lake History

To: Stormy Lake Homeowners

From: Nancy Wurmle

Date: 07/27/99

Re: History of Stormy Lake

I would like to compile a history of Stormy Lake as seen through the eyes of lake homeowners and their families.

My purpose in contacting you is to ask you to write down pertinent information about your property. For example, please include such items as:

1. when your property was purchased 1988/86
2. who built and when on the property 1988/86 Jerry + Mary Urban
3. interesting facts about the owners They have nice neighbors
4. any changes to the property None
5. other tales, stories or happenings on Stormy Lake over →

Please make your information newsworthy as well as interesting.

All contributions will be kept in their original handwriting or word processing form. The information will be available for checkout at any time or for viewing at all annual meetings.

Have fun with your reminiscing and news gathering. You may contact any previous owners for their input.

Please send all items by January 11, 2000, to:

Nancy Wurmle
2171 Pine Ridge
Clearwater, FL 33763

The Carlson Stuga

Our family, Arne and Millie Carlson and daughters, Coleen, Barbara and Susan (and eventually their families) started coming up to Stormy Lake the summer of 1954. We stayed at the Stormy Lake Resort most summers until 1971. Then the summer of 1971, we bought a lot and built our cabin, the Carlson Stuga, in 1972. It is owned by Arne and Millie Carlson, Jim and Coleen Mork, Ron and Barb Burwell, and Larry and Sue Shafer. Arne and Millie's family also includes 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren who enjoy the cabin.

We have many memorable family times together over these 50 plus years at Stormy Lake. Some of our fond memories are sailing (especially with our neighbor Dave Miller in the July 4th sailboat races), fishing, skiing, horseshoes, picking blueberries, swimming in clean Stormy Lake, jigsaw puzzles, and games on rainy days, hiking in the woods looking for deer, bear and fox and seeing the loons, eagles, ducks, osprey, wild turkeys and hummingbirds. We also used to see the flying squirrel. We very much enjoy the North woods and the beautiful lake.

On the 25th year anniversary of our Cabin, we all got together for a long week-end of family time. We also have spent some winter time up here and enjoyed snow mobiling, cross country skiing and also cutting down and decorating a Christmas tree.

A couple of difficult memories we have are when Arne and Millie and another couple with them capsized their boat in the middle of Stormy Lake. It was in late October and quite cold and they nearly drowned but got help from a "good Samaritan" on Stormy Lake. He rescued them and got all four of them back to the cabin. Also one Memorial Day week-end, Millie got tick bites and became very sick with Lymes disease. She suffered with that for many years.

Millie went to be with her Lord in December of 2002. Arne and the rest of the family continue to enjoy spending time at the Carlson Stuga.

We thank God for His many blessings over all these years and for giving us our family.

