

Some earlier memories of Pine Haven Beach on Burriss Road where the Sanders and Tam cabins were located, by Barbara Curtis and Bella Sanders:

Our Long Lake history starts back in 1850, when the United States of America, under act of Congress, approved 28th Sept. 1850 an act granting bounty to certain officers and soldiers who have engaged in the military service of the United States. In April, 1868, the Abstract for Lots 2 and 3, Section 17.139.34 went to Joseph G. Smith. These lots eventually became part of what is known part of the Pine Haven Beach area on Long Lake. In the 1920's a cabin was built by Don and Amy Sanders here and later sold. The original cabin has been built onto and still exists providing for additional Long Lake memories to new generations.

Back in 1923, three families from the Des Moines Post Office purchased lots from the Burriss Pilkington Company from Des Moines, Iowa in what is now known as the Pine Haven Beach area on Long Lake. Don Sanders, John's father, purchased G5. Joseph Tam, Barbara Tam Curtis's father, purchased G2 and divided it with the third person who was Bill Burnett. They wanted to be close to one another for it was "wild." They were the first of many who were postal employees to come from Des Moines, Iowa. Taxes on lake front were approximately \$4 a front foot.

They helped one another build their cabins. Don Sanders and Bill Burnett built all the birch furniture.

There was no electricity. With a flashlight and a partner, a run was made for the outhouses.

Kerosene was used for lamps in the dark cabins and also for cooking.

All took baths and washed in the lake.

The laundry was done in a copper boiler. The water was heated over a bed of coals at the public access. Homemade soap from lye and also Fels-Naptha was used. The clothes were rinsed in the lake. It was a community effort.

Food was kept in a wooden box buried in sawdust in the ground covered with ice. The "Ice Man" was Mr. White. Ice was cut from the lake in the winter and stored in his ice house. It was a big treat to go to the White's at the end of Pine Haven to visit the ice house and get a sample in the summer.

The only shopping was done by rowing to Hubbard where there were 2 grocery stores. However, some Hubbard people would bring bakery goods and vegetables to the lake to sell.

The Minnesota Symphony would come to Long Lake for summer practices. Don Sanders would row a boat full of people north on the lake to hear them. Motorboats were unheard of then.

The Wooters who developed the Needlecraft Magazine business later bought the property where the music had flowed from. Mrs. Wooter was the daughter of the Edgeworthys just north of Pine Haven Beach.

The car trip from Des Moines took 5 days. Often the women would drive and the men would walk ahead to be sure the dirt road was not washed out after a rain. Eventually the trip was down to 3 days.

For many years at least once and sometimes twice, the Pine Haven Beach contingent would have a pot luck get together in the winter in Des Moines. The topic of discussion was mainly to discuss the shortest and best way to make the trip back to Long Lake.

The Sanders had one son, John. The Tams had 5 children; John, Alice, Betty, Barbara and Helen. The Burnetts had 2 sons.

The second generation introduced sailing on Long Lake. At one time there were 20 sail boats and it was quite a sight!

John Sanders brought up his bride, Bella in 1969 and she was one of the first ones to encourage sailing on the lake.