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WELCOME TO COLD RIVER CAMP!



THERE IS A LOT WE COULD TELL YOU about the hustle and bustle of Cold River Camp spring cleaning and fixing, of Committee Meetings, of tree harvest and clearing (Greeley bathhouse sees the sun! ravine cabins see the views!), cabin remodeling and painting (there's a 25th cabin Sam's Place!), of chimney chinking and driveway grading, tree planting, and field burning (for the blueberries), trail work, Hobart repairs, and a new generator - all wonderful work, behind the scenes, much of it by dedicated Cold River Camp volunteers.

But you've been busy like that at home.

And you're here, now, to relax,
To adjust your pace to the calling of the mealtime horn,
The shifting sun and showers,
The daily hike and swim,
The evening by the camp fire
Or in the woods, the Hermit Thrush calling.

It's Cold River Camp's summer season, made simple for you, so you can choose your pace on a led hike, during a meal, in a Lodge porch rocker, or the quiet Library. Hike, eat, read, talk, watch, listen, sleep - at your pace.

Let us know how we can help you. Enjoy.

Chris Clyne and Ned Beecher
Cold River Camp Managers

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WELCOME FROM YOUR HIKE LEADERS AND NATURALISTS



WE WANT ALL OF YOU TO ENJOY A GREAT WEEK of hiking and naturalist activities at Cold River Camp, be it on our led trips or on your own. Please view us as resources for planning what trips you'd like to take, and when. No question is too simple; but sorry, there is no prize for stumping us.

Safety is fundamental to enjoying any trip in the Cold River valley and environs. We will advise you about gear, sustenance ("never forget your lunch or your water"), and capabilities. If you're

Hike smart, hike safe.

unsure about anything, please ask. Also, before a trip leaves Camp, please be sure to let the trip leader know of special needs, personal concerns, medications, allergies, and the like. We can only be prepared if we know to prepare in advance.

A tentative chart of the led trips planned for the week will appear on the Lodge-porch bulletin board Saturday evening. We will update the chart as the week and the weather progress. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome. If you do set off on your own, don't forget to sign out on the "wanderers' list" (same bulletin board). And don't forget to sign back in when you return to camp. Have a wonderful week on the trails!

- Your Cold River Camp Trip Leader Coordinator

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



WELCOME TO COLD RIVER CAMP! You have come to the right place to spend an enjoyable vacation in the mountains. In the days ahead, there will be many opportunities to go on wonderful hikes in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine. Thank you for joining us as a part of the Cold River Camp Community.

As you may know, Cold River Camp is an Appalachian Mountain Club facility run by volunteers and staffed by a paid staff of managers and crew during the regular summer season. There is a

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volunteer Committee charged with Camp oversight. Other volunteers are responsible for re-opening the Camp each May and getting the cabins and other facilities ready for the season. In mid-June, individual and family volunteers gather for the Work Weekend where they improve and repair the buildings and grounds. Finally, over a late September weekend (Sept. 22-23 this year) the Camp is put to bed for the long winter by a group of volunteers during Camp Closing. Please consider helping the Cold River Community by volunteering for one of these weekends this year or next. Your help with these chores will be greatly valued.

Change comes slowly to Cold River Camp. I have heard many stories of people who come to Camp in their youth, and return when they are older only to find that things look pretty much the same. If you are coming back to Camp this year and look

carefully, however, you may notice a few new things. The old generator, which supplied back up power during power interruptions caused by thunderstorms and other outages, has been replaced with an updated and quieter version. Also, we have added a "new" guest cabin, Sam's Place built by Sam Hawley a number of years ago. In addition, in early June, Bob Crane built and posted Cold River Camp's new web page.

<http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/>

This new web page will have up to date information, pictures, and other postings. The site remains under construction during the month of June but should fill out as the fall approaches. Please watch to see what is new throughout this year and next, and to make sure that you have the latest information on Cold River Camp news.

And don't forget! Cold River Camp spring hike reunions are held in late April in the Boston and Philadelphia area. We are planning to have these gatherings again in the spring of 2006, and I

"Please consider helping the Cold River Community by volunteering."

encourage you to try to attend one near you. Winter and spring seem so far away, though. Enjoy the summer now!

I hope that you will find this Dispatch both informative and useful for your stay. It includes a Cold River Camp map, as well as other important information about Camp. I know that your week at Cold River Camp will be an enjoyable one! And as always, share your love of Cold River Camp with others.

John Dean

Cold River Camp Committee Chair

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FALL EXTENSION WELCOME



LAST YEAR AFTER MY FIRST SUMMER as camp manager with my husband Ned, I stayed on at camp as a volunteer crew member during Extension. I discovered Cold River Camp at a slower pace with lovely weather, friendly, relaxed crew and guests, and

"...smell the woodsmoke, watch the stars come out earlier...enjoy favorite hikes on cool days.."

delicious meals - all with Evans Notch as a backdrop. I invite you to visit Cold River Camp this September, smell the woodsmoke, watch the stars come out earlier, and enjoy favorite hikes on cool days, as mellow fall colors start to appear in the landscape. It's possible to stay just two nights to sample the Extension experience. Like me, you'll want to come back to stay longer.

Chris Clyne

Cold River Camp Fall Extension Manager



Valley Night - Friday, August 3rd

Each year, Cold River Camp celebrates its neighbors and the Chatham/Stow community by inviting all area residents to join us for an evening barbecue at 6:00 p.m. Camp guests and staff mingle with the many friends and neighbors who support Cold River Camp operations in myriad ways throughout the year. All Cold River Camp volunteers and guests from any week are welcome to come join us in greeting our these guests - just please let us know if you are coming 603-694-3291.

The Little Deer Dispatch

If you have friends or family who you think would enjoy staying at Cold River Camp, we will send them a free copy of next Winter's *Little Deer Dispatch*. This issue will contain the 2008 Camp schedule, reservation rates, leader lists and other key information. Please send this form with their name(s) and address to:

Mark Winkler, 17 Southview Street,
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

GREETINGS FROM CTA! As you take to the trails to explore the Evans Notch area, the chances are good that you will find yourself at a trail junction and see a sign sporting the CTA logo. You may notice the trail is easy to follow and that you are not getting brushed by wet leaves as you pass. You're hiking on a trail cared for by CTA volunteers.

In 1922 a group of Cold River Camp volunteers formed the Chatham Trails Association to improve hiking in the Evans Notch. In the early years before the National Forest had a trail system, the need was to build create new routes and build new trails so hiker could enjoy scenic and interesting areas. CTA continues that tradition today but with a purpose of maintaining about 40 miles of trails, a task that becomes more important as trail use increases.

This spring over 40 volunteers gathers to perform basic maintenance of cleaning and repairing waterbars and drainage ditches, removing blown down trees and cutting brush along the trails. The volunteers also did an assessment of the trail conditions and work needed. The assessment is used by CTA and the Forest Service to plan future work. Our friends from Trailwrights joined us again this year to repair an eroded section on the Deer Hill Trail by building stone steps.

Several years ago, CTA created our *Trail Adopter* program. Adopters visit their trail 3 or 4 times each year performing basic maintenance and monitoring trail conditions. The commitment of these hikers is helping our year round stewardship efforts. This year, 9 members have adopted 12 miles of trail. If you'd like to adopt a trail (or part of one) contact us. We will provide tools and training.

We hope that you will join CTA in our trail stewardship. Since most work takes place in the spring we seek help from all hikers. While you are hiking take a few minutes to move brush off the trail, clear a blocked waterbar and make a note of fallen trees blocking the trail or other obstacles to hikers. When you return to



the lodge, make a note in the CTA binder. Fill out a trail report and tell us where you were on the trail, what you did and note work needed. Your help and report is appreciated and will be acted upon.

On July 17 CTA members will be leading our first *Trail Stewardship* hike. The group will select a trail and project and then spend the day making trail improvements and learning how we can keep the Chatham trails in good condition for future generations of hikers.

We welcome new members & trail volunteers. For info, see our website (www.chathamtrails.org); send a note to Chatham Trails Association, 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester MA 01890; or talk to the CRC camp managers. Have a wonderful vacation and enjoyable hiking.

Michael V. Zlogar, CTA President

Directors & Officers: Michael Zlogar, Frank Eastman, Jack Hanington, President; Merritt Foster, Vice President; Bernie Hickey, Ann Landers Corinne Waite, Secretary; Bob Gode, Advisors: Ted Barrett, Al Cressy, Treasurer. **Directors without Portfolio:** Birge Dayton, Marvin Swartz

The Chatham Trails Association maintains trails in the Evans Notch region of NH and Maine, among which include:

- Baldface Knob Trail
- Bicknell Ridge Trail
- Big Deer Trail
- Bickford Slides Trail
- Blueberry Lookout Loop
- Blueberry Ridge Trail
- Brickett Falls Trail
- Chandler Gorge Trail
- Cold River Dam link
- Conant Path
- Conant Mine Loop Trail
- Conant Trail
- Deer Hill Spring Trail
- Eagle Cascade Link
- Eastman Trail
- Emerald Pool Link
- Hermit Falls Trail
- Horseshoe Pond Trail
- Laughing Lion Trail
- Leach Link
- Little Deer Trail
- Rattlesnake Pool Link
- Shell Pond Brook Trail
- Shell Pond Trail
- Slippery Brook Trail
- White Cairn Trail

Have you hiked on each of these trails yet?

NAMES OF CAMP 2007

2007 Cold River Camp Committee

John Dean (Chair) '07	Wellesley, MA	781-235-2150
Frank Mastro (V-Chair/Facil./Open) '07	Lebanon, NH	603-443-9978
Emma Crane '09	New London, NH	603-526-7684
Leona Florek '09	Holyoke, MA	413-535-2183
Dick Goettle (Treasurer)	West Roxbury, MA	617-325-7357
Nancy Kellogg '07	Chappaqua, NY	914-238-3626
Bill Fuchs (Facil./Nat./Camp Chair) '07	Mattapoisett, MA	508-758-7859
Jim Kenyon (Fam Work WE) '08	Westborough, MA	508-366-7002
Sally Morris '08	Exeter, MA	603-778-6452
Ted Schwartz (Vol. Coord) '07	S. Dartmouth, MA	508-984-5812
Dwight Wilder '08	Somersworth, MA	603-692-6898
Mark Winkler '07 (<i>Little Deer Dispatch</i>)	Pleasantville, NY	914-747-3194
Mike Zlogar (CTA Pres.)	Amherst, MA	413-253-7522

2007 Cold River Camp Volunteers

Bill Gross (Hike Leader Coordinator)	610-667-3605
Lois Winkler (Registrar)	914-747-3194
Meg Holland (Winter Cabin Registrar)	603-692-6898
Bob Crane (Webmaster: www.amccoldrivercamp.org)	603-526-7684
Peg Birch (Naturalist Weekend)	603-526-7657
Gwen Stose	603-447-4750
Ted Barrett	603-694-3004 or 978-256-9184
Art Wright	860-429-9958
Bill & Kathy Waste (Former Managers)	603-795-4440
Jim Weston (Previous Chair)	781-275-8034

2007 Cold River Camp Managers

Ned Beecher & Christine Clyne	Tamworth, NH	603-323-7862
Christine Clyne (Extension)	Tamworth, NH	603-323-7862
Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH	03813603-694-3291	

Add your name to this list of volunteers, too!

Summer Season Staff and Crew

Chris Clyne & Ned Beecher, Managers	Tamworth, NH
Denise Kelly, Assistant Manager	Reston, VA
Todd Barber, Chef	Conway, NH
with Nancy Barber, wife	
Nicole Messerli, Assistant Chef	Ocean Park, ME
Gabe Howe, Prep Cook	Portland, OR
John Brattin	Worcester, MA
Eric Ferguson, Head Crew	Lovell, ME
Stefan Gaschott	Silver Lake, NH
Casey Kellogg	Chappaqua, NY
Sarah McVicar	Wonalancet, NH
Kate Morris	Exeter, NH
Tom Rayner	Kent, England
Molly Sorlien	North Sandwich, NH

"Whatever it is, just ask us!"

September Season (2007) Staff and Crew

Chris Clyne, Manager	Tamworth, NH
Todd Barber, Chef	Conway, NH
with Nancy Barber, wife	
Carol Adams	Portland, ME
Sandy Finn	Manchester, NH
Betsy Goeke	Winchester, MA
Marty Griffin	Newington, CT
Jack Harrington	Shelburne, VT
Ann Landers	Quincy, MA
Jack Lutz	Shelburne, VT
Nancy & Jim Miller	Rush, NY
Corinne Waite	Weymouth, MA
Mike & Sue Zlogar	Amherst, MA

GUEST INFORMATION

HOW MAY WE ASSIST YOU? Our goal is for your stay at Cold River Camp to be as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. If there is any way we can be of service, please ask any of the Staff or Crew.

IMPORTANT TIMES:

RISING HORN sounds at 7:00 am daily.

Breakfast (**SECOND HORN**) at 7:30 am*.

**For early risers, coffee is available in the Lodge after 6:30 am.*

Dinner (**HORN**) at 6:00 pm. Please be prompt for all meals.

TRAIL LUNCHESES are made by individual guests from the lunch table either before or after breakfast. Please supervise children.

DAILY TRIPS by qualified leaders are announced at breakfast.

WANDERER'S LIST is on the Lodge porch. Please sign if you plan your own hike or trip away from Camp.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are consumed in the privacy of your cabins.

CABIN CHECK-OUT TIME is by 10:00 am to give crew time to clean. Please feel free to remain at camp after leaving your cabin.

CHAMBER POTS are available in Service Room by Men's Lavatory.

Please clean & return them to Service Room at end of your stay.

CHILDREN: It is expected parents will assume responsibility for their children at all times. Children may not stay in camp during the day without the direct supervision of a parent or an assigned guardian.

DO NOT DISTURB: Outside your cabin door is a small wooden rectangle: one side green, one side yellow. This a "do not disturb" sign: if you turn the **yellow side outward**, crew will not enter your cabin (e.g. to refill your water, replace towels on Wednesdays, etc.).

FIRE IS AN EVER-PRESENT HAZARD. Fire extinguishers and smoke detectors are strategically placed in every cabin.

Buckets of dry sand are just outside. Please take note of their location and use. Please **DO NOT** leave cabins with oil lamps lit or fires flaming. Please use fire screens at all times and

DO NOT leave children unattended in the cabins.

ICE is available from the ice machine by back door of the kitchen.

LAMPS: If you are unfamiliar with kerosene lamp use, ask for help.

LAUNDRY may be done in Service Room by the Men's Lavatory.

Cabin clothes lines should be used for the drying of clothes.

Ironing may be done on the first floor of the Tower.

LIBRARY is open 24 hours/day for quiet reading or writing time.

LINEN: Clean sheets & towels are furnished once a week. Each guest receives an additional clean towel on Wednesday. Please leave soiled items near your cabin door for Wednesday am pickup.

OFFICE is open as announced or upon request.

PARKING in Camp is for registered guests only. Please use designated areas. A permit is required to park in the National Forest. Permits may be obtained at the Office.

QUIET TIME is 9:30 pm to 7:00 am. The Lodge is an excellent place to socialize at night. However, for those guests wishing to use the Lodge late at night or who wish to visit on the porch or at the Tea House, please remember that other guests are sleeping and sounds carry at night.

RECYCLING: Barrels are outside of Housekeeping for all materials to be recycled (glass, plastic, cans). Please assist us in this important conservation effort.

REPAIRS needed should be reported to the Managers.

SMOKING is not allowed in any of the public buildings or on the Lodge porch. Please dispose of butts in appropriate receptacles. Do not step out butts on the grounds as fire is always a danger.

TELEPHONE: There is a telephone for guest use on the west side of the Housekeeping shed for outgoing calls on a credit card or reverse charge basis only. The phone number is 603-694-2918. Incoming emergency calls may be directed to the camp's business phone at 603-694-3291.

WASTE BASKETS may be emptied into barrels by Housekeeping. "Chez Pig" is for kitchen scraps only and not to be used by guests.

WATER is delivered daily to cabins and is available at any tap.

WOOD is available in the Wood Shed. Please pick up your own or ask a staff or crew member if you need assistance.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



Ever since its inception in 1919, Cold River has become so special largely due to efforts of a great many volunteers. Each year, we welcome new volunteers who come to camp for a weekend of hard work and great camaraderie, while enjoying Camp's special beauty in the late spring. Our camp keeps in trim, keeps expenses down, and offers service to others through efforts of many loyal volunteers. This year plan a CRC weekend working hard and enjoying the company and beauty of the Camp!

- **Opening Camp** (kitchen prep, cabin housekeeping, placing out of equipment (canoes, benches, etc.)
- **Spring Work Weekend** (kitchen prep, painting, gardening)
- **AMC Naturalists Weekend Staff** (kitchen prep, housekeep.)

We bring our own bedding and towels, rise early, share meal preparation, eat cafeteria style, get assignments, work all morning, break for lunch, work all afternoon, and relax for social time, dinner and talk around the fire. We have a good time together but work hard; this is an adult event, and kids under 16 are best left home. Each weekend will have its own manager to direct the work and the schedule. Think seriously about attending volunteer weekends. Space is limited for some of the weekends! All volunteers will get confirmation and needed information. You can come for any part of the weekend. Come and experience the Camp from a different perspective. To sign-up or for questions, please call me at 508-984-5812.

Ted Schwartz

Volunteer Coordinator 2007



THE STOW CORNER STORE

written and generously shared by Gary Munson (August 2006)

Cold River Camp? I know it well,
It brings smiles to my face.
And seven miles down 113
There was another place.

A shack to all appearances,
For twenty years and more
It fed my hiker's appetite:
Stow's humble corner store.

More calories per cubic foot
Than any other store on earth,
Each visit detrimental to
Managing my girth.

Ice cream, donuts, cherry tarts,
Cakes and moist brownies,
Bear claws, sherbet and eclairs are
Now but memories.

An unpretentious ambience,
Well-worn through and through,
Outside were flies and hot asphalt
And ice cream residue.

Once I heard a customer
Swear and look quite peeved
At the largeness of the ice cream cone
That he had just received.

Now that store stands silently,
A dark and empty shell.
My heart grieves, my stomach pines
For one more taste or smell.

Some speak of heaven
in glorious terms,
A city shining bright.
But I'd rather, if it were
my choice,
Behold a different sight.

For, Lord, I'm hoping
when I'm called
And through those pearly gates I go,
Please let me find myself inside
That corner store of Stow.

Cold River Camp? I know it well,
It brings smiles to my face.
And seven miles down 113
There was
another place.



The Mystery of the Mill Place at Cold River Camp

by Ted Barrett

THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE that the AMC Cold River Camp was once the site of a gristmill. The stone mill wheel turned on edge to welcome visitors thorough the Camp's south gate is an obvious sign as are the mill stone bird bath near the Conant Lodge and the mill stones at the Mabel Chester dam at the Cold River where it falls 3 or 4 feet over the ledge on which the dam is built. Various deeds, Chatham tax records and an 1805 map indicate there had been a mill there for a long time.

In former CRC manager Carl Gary's "Cold River Camp Reflections" published in 1986 he mentions that Millard Chandler "recalled hearing how his great grandfather brought grain to the Baker grist mill located on the Cold River near the present pool and dam". Millard Chandler's parents, John and Henrietta (Brickett) Chandler started the Royce House, a haven for hikers and other visitors to the valley. It continued to be operated by Henrietta, Millard and Millard's wife Anna into the 1960's. It is the large house on the left north of CRC, now owned by Steve Oppenheim and Judy Bailey.



Royce House

But who was Baker since no one named Baker ever owned any part of the so-called Mill Place as this particular property was called?

Town of Chatham

In order to continue this mystery I must say a bit about Chatham (much of which continues to be a mystery to me).

Many towns in New Hampshire were granted by Governor Benning Wentworth and later by his nephew John Wentworth to grantees referred to as proprietors. Chatham was so granted in 1767 as a rectangle 10 miles north-south and 4 miles east-west. The eastern long edge was the provincial line (which runs nearly true north-south) between New Hampshire and what was then Massachusetts; the southern edge was along the northern border of Conway that ran at right angles to the provincial line. The

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is at the northeast corner of the original
Cold River Camp property bought by AMC
from Wilford Robbins in 1919."*

other two edges of the rectangle bordered on provincial land that are now Bartlett and Jackson to the west and Beans Purchase to the north. According to the original grant the town was to be divided into 77 equal shares amongst 73 proprietors, Benning Wentworth (2 shares), the first settled minister and one share for a public school. Benning specified he would get 500 acres out of the total 25600 acres implying the every one else was to get 250 acres. This left 6350 acres left over for other purposes such as roads and town common land.

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To put this into perspective for Cold River Campers, the northeast corner of original Chatham is at the northeast corner of the original Cold River Camp property bought by AMC from Wilford Robbins in 1919; the northwest corner is just west of the trail between South and North Baldface. The current Chatham is larger than its original dimensions, partly because of a 2000 acre "chimney" added in 1823, partly because of survey errors and partly because of land swaps with abutting towns.

The story of the division of Chatham amongst the proprietors is one of the great mysteries. Suffice it to say that the original grant changed a lot over the years – even before much of any settlement was done. Chatham town records tell of meetings of the proprietors starting about 1790 (the year of the first census) wherein more grants were allotted and various settlers were

"...along the way the 40 acres [of Camp] became 38 acres because of land taken out for what is now known as Main Road on the western border of this property."

'quieted' property – normally in 100-acre pieces. In fact almost every town in NH was divided into mostly similar parcels by range and division identified by lot number and range number and sometimes by division. There is some evidence that originally before good records were kept that the proprietors of Chatham divided the town into approximately 8 (east-west) by 35 (north-south) 100-acre rectangular lots where the long dimension (east-west) was 160 rods (.5 miles) and the short (north-south) was 100 rods (5/16 miles). This fits into the 4 x 10 mile original limits of

Chatham. I use the word approximate since Benning Wentworth assigned himself 500 acres in the southeast corner in the vicinity of the Kimball Ponds. The proprietors were apparently assigned the lots by lottery into 100-acre pieces or fractions thereof. The original CRC property was on lot #1, range #1. At the time there was probably only 1 division that was the whole town.

The Mill Place

The history of the original 38 acres on which AMC Cold River Camp was founded in 1919 goes back to 1793 when an early Chatham settler, William Abbott was "quieted" 40 acres of land in Chatham. The following is a simplified description of the history of this parcel. (Note: Along the way the 40 acres became 38 acres because of land taken out for what is now known as Main Road on the western border of this property).

October 1793

meeting of the proprietors of Chatham, Chatham Book #1.
(A copy is available in the Chatham Historical Society library)

Proprietors ⇒ William Abbott

40 acres no location is given but a map that must have been drawn before 1798 shows that Abbott's land abutted the northern and eastern borders of Chatham in lot 1, range 1 and shared the 100-acre lot to the south with Paul Chandler and to the west with Jonas Wyman who were "quieted" property in Chatham in September 1793.

June 16, 1798

Grafton County, book 31, page 314,

William Abbott ⇒ Asa Eastman

a rectangle 144 rods along the northern border of Chatham then south 45 rods along the provincial line reckoned at 40 acres.

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May 4, 1866

Carroll County, book --, page 218,

Jacob C. Eastman, Ithiel E. Clay, Caroline E. Clay, Mary Ann Wyman, children and heirs of Jonathan K. Eastman, son of Asa ⇒ Kimball Eastman

a child and heir of Jonathan K. Eastman, approximately 40 acres known as the Mill Farm described in the preceding deed except this deed mentions that on the west it is bounded by the town road and the northern border is along the original northern border of Chatham. Note that by now Samuel Gillman's 2000-acre grant had been added to form the "chimney" of Chatham. There is a small granite post marking the original NE corner of Chatham a few paces north of the state line marker just beyond the east side of the dam.

June 29, 1896

Carroll County, book 106, page 542,

Kimball Eastman ⇒ Charles S. Chandler

38 acres more or less, known as the Mill Place, Here the property is described as being in lot 1, range 1, division 2 but bounded to the south by Chandler and to the north by Chandler and Omer Charles land to the east by Maine and to the west by the east side of the highway between Chandler's house and Otis Carlton's house.

November 9, 1906

Carroll County, book 129, page 32,

Charles S. Chandler ⇒ Wilford L. Robbins

38 acres known as the Mill Place. The description of the property is the same as above except the highway is now between Chandler's house and Otis Paitton's. At the time, Wilford Robbins was the Dean of the General

Theological Seminary in New York City. He had earned several advanced degrees and was an avid hiker in the White Mountains. He had stayed at the Deer Hill Farm owned by Charles Chandler. Shortly after buying the property he founded a camp on the Mill Place known as "The Ledges". Charles Chandler helped build what we now know as Barracks, Lodge, Library, Tower, Office and East & West Cox almost 100 years ago! Shortly before he sold the land he retired to a farm in 1916 in Mason, ME next to Bethel where he died in 1927.

June 6, 1919

Carroll County, book 157, page 327,

Wilford L. Robbins ⇒ AMC

38 acres known as the Mill Place as described above except reserving the right to haul the mill stones on the property away. (Cold River Camp officially opened July 1, 1919).

The Baker

There can be no doubt that there was a mill near the Mabel Chester dam. Chatham tax records going back to 1806 show that Asa Eastman had a mill there, as did his son Jonathan later. In

"Charles Chandler helped build what we now know as Barracks, Lodge, Library, Tower, Office and East & West Cox almost 100 years ago!"

1805 the NH legislature ordered all towns to submit a map of the town. This 1805 map in the NH State Archives includes a reference to the Mill Place Falls at the NE corner of Chatham.

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The real mystery is who was the Baker who was cited as the operator of the mill by Horace Chandler (b. 1832), Millard's grandfather. There is a clue that I obtained from David Crouse who has done a fantastic job of putting together the genealogy of residents of Chatham, Stow and Lovell. He also publishes the "Cold River Chronicles". He believes it might have been Daniel Benjamin Baker born April 26, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1864 in Chatham. He had the family connections to the owners of the Mill Place in the mid-1800s through his mother who was the

*"...Daniel Benjamin Baker
born April 26, 1822,
died October 17, 1864 in Chatham"*

daughter of Jonas and Mary Ann Wyman referred to above and his grandmother, a sister to Paul Chandler who owned part of lot 1 just south of the Mill Place, Baker's great granddaughter still lives in Chatham but said unfortunately she did not know much about her ancestors.

For now, that is the end of the story of the Mill Place but not its mystery.



COMING MARCH 2008

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CRC REUNION
HIKES IN
METRO BOSTON
METRO NEW YORK
PHILADELPHIA,
(& other locations, too?)

Regional CRC Reunion Hikes in March 2008.
Please join us for...

good hiking,
good food and
good company
in the NYC, Boston or Philly areas

...or help organize a reunion hike
in your area. Contact John Dean, Chair.
781-235-2150