

DIARY COMPILED BY MRS. ETTA MAY LORD AND CHARLES C. LORD
ON CAMP AT GROTON POND DURING THE YEARS LISTED BELOW....

Camp Fairview (First camp)

July 12, 1907 Friday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. The family with the exception of Ralph came here today. A very rainy day with a strong south wind prevailing. A breaking of the clouds between 11 and 12 M allowed us a safe arrival at "Fairview." Saturday being a fine day, much was accomplished towards finishing the cottage. Sunday hot and bright sun overhead and a light wind from the south. No one is in any of the camps this trip. Monday the 15th very warm today. Lovely here this morning.

July 27, 1907 Monday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. Ralph, Delwin and myself arrived camp this A.M. Strong wind from north. Earl Carpenter, Grover and Gerald Smith came up with S. C. Carpenter, returned at night, Mr. Carpenter going home with them. Capt. Perry and A. H. Wellier in S. C. Carpenter's and G. H. Pillsbury's camp. This party broke camp Monday. Painted boat and walked to Groton Pond by way of old path to railroad. Mayor of Montpelier and City Council camped over Sunday at Whitcomb and Corre's camp.

September 27, 1907 Friday by Ralph Lord. We arrived at camp at 12 o'clock Friday September 27. Painted the camp Friday and Saturday. It rained all day Saturday and Sunday - Papa, Wendall and myself.

August 3, 1907 Saturday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. Arrived here this P.M. after a severe thunder shower. Found it fine on the pond after the shower. Fishing very good for a few days. Ralph had some good bass, one weighing 4 pounds measuring 17 inches in length and 5 inches through the back. On Wednesday the 14th, the number of people here in the different camps were 42. Blueberrys very thick and large parties here every day. Delwin celebrated his 5th birthday on the 6th with firecrackers in the evening and runs on the beach, the water being the lowest ever known now. He is enjoying the boatrides.

August 26, 1907 Monday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. Returned to Groton today. There has been no rain here for two weeks. Saturday the 24th the wind from the south was so hard, Ralph and Charles had to leave the boat at the log pile and walk up on the beach.

November 16, 1907 by Mr. Charles C. Lord. Wendall and myself walked to camp by way of railroad. The pond was frozen over so we could not use boat which we left at the white house landing. Put wire rope and wharf in the afternoon. Miles Mandigo and Vira Annis are occupying the Carpenter Camp. Miller crew - his camp with Israel Jewett foreman. Broke camp Sunday about noon. Cold north wind with snow in the air. Walked home. Wendall and myself closed Pillsbury camp and left our camp all ok. Goodbye for 1907.

May 2, 1908 Saturday by Mr. Charles C. Lord. Wendall and myself came to camp today. Walked up track from Groton Pond Station and came around head of camp. Found everything slick and clean in camp. We arrived here about 11 o'clock A.M. Warm pleasant day. Wendall painted the piazza posts and I painted nearly all of the north end of camp. It rained severely in the night. The south wind blew all day, but changed in the evening. In the morning there were two inches of snow on the ground and still snowing and a strong wind (north) was blowing. We left camp Sunday about one o'clock for home. The weather was clearing but would not dry the outside of

camp so we could not continue painting Monday as planned.

May 16, 1908 by Mr. Charles C. Lord. Ralph, Delwin and myself arrived at camp 9:45 A.M. We went to work painting and by noon had the back side and west side below the porch painted the body coat. Ralph for dinner. After dinner we finished painting the camp except trimming under the porch. The wind blew strong from the south. Sunday the wind blew from the south in the morning with indications of rain. Towards noon the wind changed and was in the north all the rest of the day. Went to the log pile and gathered a good supply of gum. Teddy had a great time. His little legs kept running every minute and something was doing on his part all the time. He had great fun watching ducks on the pond. Monday I got up at 4:30 and built a fire, went to the spring for a pail of water. The sun came up clear and the weather looked fine in the morning. Finished painting the camp and we started for home at 3 o'clock.

May 30, 1908 by Mr. Charles C. Lord. Ralph, Wendall, Teddy and myself came to camp this forenoon about 10 o'clock. S. C. Carpenter, Alfred Scott, Warren Carpenter and S^c Anderson arrived about noon and camped in the old Carpenter camp. Later in the day Wilson Pillsbury, Morris Coffrin 2nd and W. R. Carbee came up but returned at night. We got out some logs for the wharf. The boys went fishing catching a good lot of perch. Mr. Robinson was in his camp and a party in the Plainfield camp. Saturday was warm and pleasant. H. B. Page and family moved into Miller's camp Saturday and are to work on the log pile rafting logs. Sunday Mr. Robinson came up with his sail boat, the wind being northwest. Mr. R. took S^c Anderson, S. C. Carpenter and myself out for a sail and his boat went splendid. Sailed into the wind going into the cove and across the pond. The boys had a fine time. Black flies are pretty thick. Sunday P.M. had several showers and a thunder shower, raining in showers all night. Monday morning cloudy - wind - northwest.

June 13, 1908 Saturday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. We are spending a few days at the cottage. The pond is like glass and the heat very great. It must be 90 degrees I think. Sunday we all took dinner with Pillsburys at their camp, having trout for dinner. A good breeze from the south blowing up Monday. A very rainy day - nothing out. Sit in the cottage and watch the rain. Went home in the rain.

July 10, 1908 Friday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. The boys with Alice and I arrived here at 10 A.M. Hot and everything so parched and dry there having been no rain for 3 weeks. Saturday hot and dry. It was beautiful here last night. Had green peas for our garden and chicken for dinner. At noon a smoke was seen back of the Plainfield camp and in a few hours the whole woods was a mass of flames. All our company here went down to fight fire. Got back at 6 o'clock. Frank Perry came over from Barre for over Sunday. Sunday, the fire burned very fiercely all day. Mr. Miller and all the Mill crew came up to look after the log pile. It was the hottest day I ever knew up here. The Ball cottage burned with all in it except the launch which was taken out into the pond.

July 13, 1908 Monday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. We go back today. The fire is not burning so much today but still it covers over more space and unless there is rain it will spread all the time. We are in

hopes it may rain. Had a fine time only the fire caused lots of anxiety.

July 31, 1908 Friday by Mrs. Lord. All the family with the exception of Charles came this morning for a stay here. Lizzie Lord and Clarence Lord of St. Johnsbury and Harold Eastman of Newbury came with us. A fine day.

August 1, 1908 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. Just as hot and dry. Fishing fine in the pond. Had fish for breakfast. Charles came up tonight and the party of young people went home

August 3, 1908 Monday by Mrs. Lord. A lovely day. Lots of fish caught today.

August 5, 1908 Wednesday by Mrs. Lord. Ralph went down home tonight. A rainy afternoon, very rainy with a thunder shower in the evening. Sent down 3 quarts of blueberries canned and 1-1/2 quarts of raspberries.

August 22, 1908 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. We have been here 3 weeks. Have had a fine time. Quite a quantity of fish and plenty of berries of all kinds - raspberries, blueberries and black berries. The logs were all away here the 1st of August. The steamer only made a few trips while we were up here. Last Sunday Charles, Ralph, Wendall and Clyde Coffrin went to the summit of Deer Mountain and took pictures of this pond, also Hosmer Pond. The view was fine. Mt. Washington could be seen in the east. One morning a blue Heron flew over the pond, flying quite low. The screeching of a wildcat has been heard several times and Ralph saw it once and shot at it. The boys have gone to the foot of the pond this afternoon to fish and to get their father who is coming on the 4 o'clock train. We all expect to go home Monday.

August 24, 1908 Monday by Mrs. Lord. Last day of our stay here. Our stay here has been one of pleasure and the beautiful mornings and lovely sunsets will be a memory now until another year. Have taken some fine snap-shot pictures of the scenery here. Have got some blackberries and blueberries to take home.

September 6, 1908 Sunday by Mr. Charles C. Lord. Wendall, Delwin and myself came to camp Saturday A.M. about 9:30. Wendell and myself painted the porch floor and the camp and porch roof and anchored the whorling, ~~at~~ Saturday. We leave for home this A.M. at 9:30. Yesterday and today are pleasant. Wind in the south.

October 25, 1908 Sunday by Mr. Lord. Wendell and myself came up yesterday. Ralph and Teddy brought us up to Rickers with a team, walked up to pond and rowed up the rest of the way. Put up boat and Wendell and myself walked back. The forest fire is burning at the foot of the pond. The same fire that was started at the Plainfield camp June 11th and has been burning ever since. Mr. Miller has lumbermen in his camp. We started home Sunday. Put the boat in the camp and took down the flag pole. Good bye for the season of 1908.

April 24, 1909 Saturday by Mr. Lord. Wendell and I walked up the track around the head of the pond and to camp. Painted the boat in the afternoon. A cold northwest wind is blowing. Ice not yet out of pond. Duck on the pond. Mr. Ball came to his boat house at the foot to paint his launch. Sunday morning was cold, ground was froze, and cloudy. We leave for home this A.M. walking home.

July 4, 1909 Sunday by Mr. Lord. Wendell, Teddy and myself came to camp the P.M. Walked from home to pond and took boat at boat house. A pretty day. South Ryegate parties consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harriman, Mr. and Mrs. Tellis Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Beaton are occupying Ernest Clark's camp, and Mr. and Mrs. James Main are in Dr. I. N. Eastman's camp. We went to the boat house early Monday morning to work on our boat.

July 10, 1909 Saturday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. I came up to the camp for the first time this year today. Ralph, Delwin, Alice and I got here at 5 o'clock. The water was calm and we enjoyed the trip up very much. Wendell and papa came later in Pillsbury's boat. It rained nearly all night but Sunday was a good day. No one was in camps here. Enjoyed the stillness very much. Returned home early Monday A.M.

July 17, 1909 Saturday by Mr. Ralph C. Lord. Perley^{Knot} and I arrived at camp at 6 o'clock, caught some pike and perch. It rained Sunday afternoon and Saturday. Had a good time.

July 24, 1909 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. Wendell, Delwin, Alice and I came up this morning from the foot of the pond. Ralph, papa and Delwin came up Friday night. Rather too cold to enjoy out-doors very much. The boys had good luck fishing. Raspberries are beginning to get ripe a little. We go back Monday morning. Ralph and papa worked on the launch. They are working on the inside. It was lovely here Sunday night.

July 31, 1909 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. Came again this A.M. to stay over Sunday. A fine day - dry and hot.

Camp Greystone (2nd Camp)

Summer of 1918 by Mrs. Etta May Lord. Ralph Lord, Delwin, Alice and Mrs. C. C. Lord came to camp Thursday July 11, 1918. Found everything fine. Enjoyable weather the whole time made it very pleasant. The flag and service flag donated by Ralph was a constant reminder of Wendell who has been almost 14 months in service. Visitors at camp were Mrs. Mary Walker and Miss Myra Walker of St. Johnsbury, Isobel Frost of Montpelier, Mrs. Bernie Carpenter and Mark of Waterbury, Conn., Donald Morrison, George Knox, Kenneth Beckley and Crawford Adams. Went to Groton Saturday July 27 and home to Island Pond the next Monday.

A notable event of the camping trip of our Boy Scouts at Lake Groton was the very drill work (7) by the boys on the beach. The hoisting of the flag in front of Camp Greystone by Delwin Lord and salute to the flag, also to the service flag in the veranda by scouts who sang America was an impressive morning exercise. It was a camping trip which will long be remembered by the Boy Scouts. July 24, 1918 was the day the boys broke camp. **under the direction of Mr. Lewis. Scoutmaster

August 2, 1919 Saturday by Mrs. Etta May Lord. On August 2nd Saturday P.M. Ted came to camp from St. Johnsbury, got the boat at the boat house and rowed up across. He found everything all right. Alice and I came Monday afternoon and Mrs. Tillotson came with us and opened her camp. We have picked 20 qts. of blueberries up to Saturday night August 9th.

August 11, 1919 Monday by Mrs. Lord. We had a fish dinner. Mrs. Tillotson and Alice caught a 5 pound bass with live bait off the point. We had for dinner potato, baked fish and dressing, sliced cucumbers, new beets, bread and butter, tea, blueberry pie and blueberry cake and bananas. A swell dinner. The fish was delicious.

August 16, 1919 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. Came back to camp after three days at St. Johnsbury. Ted stayed at camp and had George Knox, Jr. for company. Alice stayed down with Mrs. Tillotson. Ralph came up Monday August 18th to stay ten days. Visitors at camp 1919; Mrs. H. L. Tillotson, Raymond Ingraham, Ruth, and Mrs. Ingraham, Franklyn Clark and Ruby, Mrs. Emma Jane Clark, Mrs. Courtney and Mrs. Horace Brown, Mrs. Ernest Clark, Kenneth Beckley, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sanborn and Maynard Sanborn, Florence Allen and Sheldon Allen, Severino Zambon Columbia Rosa, Mrs. Gordon Smith, Mrs. Mariba Taylor. In all we picked over 2 bushels of blueberries. Left for St. Johnsbury August 30, 1919.

Summer of 1920 by Mrs. Lord. Delwin came to Groton August 17 and visited two days, then came up to camp August 19th on Wendell's birthday. Alice and I came the 20th and it was beautiful coming up. Fishing not very good. No blackberries or blueberries. The Drs. folks came the 21st and with them here we enjoyed the time. It was lovely moonlight nights, and nice weather. C.C.L. came from Newport August 27th for a few days. Ralph was here ten days from Sat. the 21st to Tues. the 31st. Ted got a 5 lb. pike the 2nd day of Sept. We did not get any bass while here. Had a 2 lb. pickerel and several smaller ones. We stayed till Sept. 3rd. It was rough and windy the last few days.

Nov. 9, 10, 11 - by Mr. Lord. Ralph and myself were at camp and Dr. was at his. Pleasant weather. No. deer.

Summer of 1923 by Mrs. Lord. Saturday, August 11th. We are here at camp. Ralph brought us up to Ricker Mills and we walked up to the boat house and got up to camp at 12:15 having left home at 8:30. Previously Ralph's folks had been up here for two weeks and he had also been up to Miller's running the steamer for two weeks. On Thursday the 16th Isabel Frost was over from Montpelier for the day. Roy Blanchard's folks went home today, leaving none of the camps open on this side now but ours. Saturday, Hugh came down from St. Johnsbury to visit Ted, and went back Sunday night. Tuesday, Ted and his father went to Groton and they brought Donald back for a few days. We have the old Edison Phonograph up here. Got it from Miss Meader's where it had been for six years. They have painted the piazza laying a new floor on south side, put a coat of tar paint on all the roofs. Dr. and Mrs. T. came up Friday night so we stayed over till Sunday. Ralph came to Ricker's to meet us and we leave camp at 1 o'clock August 26, 1923.

June 15, 1924 by Mr. Lord. Ralph, Ted and myself were at the camp Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Ralph tried out the Caille motor. It worked fine. Caught some perch. Weather pleasant except shower Saturday afternoon. No one in camps at head of lake.

August 16, 1924 by Mrs. Lord. Saturday at 6 o'clock found us at camp. Ralph brought us to Ricker's. We were most five hours on the way. Have the new Liberty Twin, which took us up across in 20 minutes. Sunday Alice came, also Charles Aiken who will stay a few days. Monday A.M. So far they have caught about 75 perch. Friday A.M. A very pleasant day. Have had now about 225 perch. Went over to call on Mrs. Coffrin. Ted took Mrs. Chas. Pillsbury and Mrs. Meaker down to Rocky Pond this P.M. Wednesday, Aug. 27. Ted and his father have moved the boathouse back and got it all fixed up good. Mrs. Tillotson has been up to camp since Monday night. Visitors of 1924: Harry Vincent and a boy, John Aiken, Mrs. H. L. Tillotson, Mrs. Albert Coffrin, Mrs. Harry Shores, Miss Dorothy Shores, Iring Shores. Thursday A.M., August 28th. We will go home this afternoon. Ralph will meet us at Ricker's. Mrs. T. will go down with us. Last night there was a hard thunder shower. Alice, Ted and their father were out on the pond in most of it. Had been down to get milk. They were wet thru, but got here all right in the dark. It is a fine day today, a north wind.

July 6, 1925 by Mrs. Lord. I came from St. Johnsbury this morning. Mrs. Tillotson and Alice got on the train at Groton. We got up to camp and had a good dinner ready before 12 o'clock. Ted had been here since Wed., July 1st with Nathan and John Pike. Wed. Donald Foley came up and stayed till Saturday, having plenty of fish and a good time. Mosquitoes quite numerous. Ted went down to Rocky Point Friday A.M. and met his father. Dr. and Mrs. T. came up Saturday afternoon for over Sunday. Monday a lovely day. Tuesday am getting things ready to go home tomorrow. They are painting the boathouse today. Henry Goodine's folks have been in Pillsbury Camp. Visitors of 1925: Donald Foley, Mrs. Tillotson, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin and Dorothy. Wednesday A.M. A splendid morning. Dr. Eastman's folks came up to their camp last night. We will start about noon to go down. Would like to stay longer. It has been very nice weather all the time we have been here only one rainy day which was Tuesday July 7th. The 4th was rainy. Ted was here to enjoy that but he got some nice pickerel that morning.

June 26, 1926 Saturday by Mrs. Lord. Ted and Alice and their father and I came up this afternoon, came in Alice car, took the motor for the boat, got up here so to have supper early. Black flies and mosquitoes numerous. A thunder shower in the evening. Sunday a lovely day. Went home early evening. Ralph, Ted and Wendell (Ford) were up here three weeks ago for the day.

July 17, 1926 Saturday by Mrs Lord. Ted and Pa and I came up here for over night. They worked on the motor boat - some. It was very warm and sunny.

August 14, 1926, by Mrs. Lord. We came up for two weeks. Ted and his father worked on the motor boat most of the time. Ralph's folks were up for the week-end of August 21st. We picked about a bushel of blueberries. Caught quite a lot of fish. They got the motor boat all ready for the water the day before we went home so did not use it. Went home Saturday A.M. August 28th for the end of a very pleasant vacation.

July 2, 1927 by Mrs. Lord. Alice, Ted, Pa and I came up for the holiday. Ted came in his car from Montpelier. Had a fine trip up across the pond. Sunday had showers. Had fireworks in the evening Monday, cold and showery. They got some fish - perch and one pickerel.

August 13, 1927 by Mrs. Lord. Saturday P.M. we arrived at camp at 4:30. A very fine day. Ted came over from Montpelier and we came from St. Johnsbury - Alice, Pa and I. Rather cold some of the time but very fine weather altogether. Ralph's folks were up for over Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Tillotson and Harris were at their camp for a week. Capt. R. W. Newton and wife and two sons were in W. Pillsbury's camp a few days. We enjoyed seeing them. Alice caught a 3 lb. pickerel and we had it baked for dinner with all the fixings. Ted set out a few more little spruce trees. We had Mudy the cat with and he seemed to enjoy the stay. Going home Sat., August 27th.

June 10, 1928 by Mrs. Lord. Came up to camp, Mrs. Tillotson, Harris, Ted, Alice, Pa and I. John Hatch brought us on his hand car from Groton. Everything fine here and a splendid day.

July 3, 1928 by Mrs. Lord. We came up to camp. Got here about 7 P.M. Ted came over from Montpelier. It was hot coming up the track. The new Outboard Special boat was at the station when we got here. Wednesday the 4th very quiet around here. They went down and brought up the boat. It is a dandy boat. There was a duck and 8 little ones on the pond. The duck had a reddish head with tufted feathers, and a gray or sand color. The little ones would ride on her back when scared. Alice and I stayed alone Friday and Saturday. Pa and Ted came back Sat. night. A very fine day. Sunday we went home hot and dry. They are getting the foundation ready for boat house.

August 11, 1928 by Mrs. Lord. Arrived at camp at 4:30 with quite a strong wind blowing. Ralph's folks came too. Ted made two trips to take us up in the new Outboard Motor Boat. It was a fine day Sunday. Ralph's folks went home. It was a good day for them. Ted went back Monday morning. It has been a very hot week. Ted was over for Thursday and came again Saturday. Also Ralph's folks. Had a splendid time with the weather good. Ted had to leave Sunday afternoon for St. Albans for field work and cannot have the week

as he expected to. Pa is building the boathouse. Is not getting along very well as he has no help hardly. This last week has not been good. Quite rainy and south wind. Visitors: Annie Bowles, Joyce Haskell, Albert Coffrin, James Adams, Franklyn Clark, Bernard Carpenter, Earl Carpenter, Ruth Carpenter, Wallace Carpenter, Virginia Carpenter, Jean Carpenter, Dorothy Carpenter, Kendall Carpenter, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Newton and Ralph and Henry, their boys. Fishing has not been good only had a few perch.

Saturday, August 25, 1928 by Mrs. Lord. We should have gone home today but it was so rainy last night and wet this morning. Yesterday the wind blew from the south, such big white caps. We saw a new kind of duck or gull, grey color with a black spoonlike bill, quite large. Have had no good luck fishing at all.

Sunday, August 26, 1928 by Mrs. Lord. It is a rainy morning but am in hopes it will clear so we can go home this P.M. I guess we shall try to start out. It looks a little better at noon.

Arranged & typed by Mary Lord

Charles (Ted) Lord

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