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These were the years when there was a considerable amount of logging and clear-cut timber cutting throughout northern Wisconsin. There was also a lot of mining along the iron range in Lake Superior area. The City of Hurley was a gathering spot for loggers and miners and had a reputation for various a center of varied activities.

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Henry Voss also had established a resort on the east side of the lake and also bought land on Spider Lake where he later moved to. Voss, Birchwood Lodge is still there and is managed by his daughter Audry and grand daughter.

There were also a few smaller resorts at other locations on the lakes. I recall Paul Lange and the Smiths and Little Bohemia. There was a Saw Mill on the river near Alder Lake that was a source of cut lumber for the many cottages being built around the area. Many logs could be found at the bottom of the lakes left from earlier logging days. They could be brought to the surface and were useful for piers and firewood.

I was only 3 months old when the family took me camping. Several years before 1915, Edwin Flancher had bought () acres of land which was where they had been camping on the south west bay of the lake, which included the area across Little lake in back. Both Edwin and my father had ordered 2 three bedroom, kitchen and large dining and living room and full width porch across the front, cottages from Sear & Roebuck in Chicago. All pre-cut lumber to be delivered by rail and to be assembled on the site according to plan by local carpenters.

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on the site according to plans by local carpenters. The centrally located fireplace and chimney was to located near the center of the cottage which was to be built on site by local builders. My grandfather, Barney Eaton knew how to do this having previous experience when he had learned the carpenter trade in his early years. Water for the pump in the kitchen was provided by a sand-point on a 12ft deep pipe below and driven into the sand.

Edwin wanted his cottage on the point while father had a smaller area fronting on the lake but extending through to the lake in back. In back of the cottage we had tool and storage building and a 2 car garage where the boats could be stored during the winter months. We also had a pier in the lake in back where we could take the boats when the weather was rough on the big lake.

Both families would take day long boat trips to other lakes and take picnic lunches as they would pick berries or go fishing. They would also seine for minnows along the rivers which we could bring back home for fishing. Pike, bass, perch and muskies were quite plentiful. We had 2 Evenrude motors that we would use for trolling and traveling on those picnics. We had 16ft. Rhinelanders boats as well as smaller row boats. We would be fishing until dark on many times, but we had a Tours lighting system which was always a guide to the pier at home.

We had the only places on the west side of Manitowish except for a log cabin where a Mrs Johson lived. She frequently did our laundry and baked excellent bread. Her cabin at the west end of the lake was later bought by Elsa and Hilda and developed into a very beautiful home. There was also a 2 story log home built by Lambrecht family. He was from Hurley. I guess he had a boiler factory there.

FAMILY BIOGRAPHY

This biography has been revised and updated from memory and recall by Jack Eaton Gruettner (4/11/1915-----)

The photographs in this collection are from the KODAK glass plate and film pack adapters (vintage 1898) cameras belonging to both Edwin Flancher and Rudolph Gruettner.

The family relationships extend from two sisters, Emma and Louisa Hellberg, who were identical twins. Emma married Peter A. Barth who operated a wholesale dealership at 251 Read Avenue in Milwaukee, apparently had one child, George Barth. George Barth became a doctor, and the first Director of Health for the City of Milwaukee in 1909. Louisa married Gustav A. Gruettner, a dairy farmer who died in 1899. The farm was located at 14th and Morgan avenues on the south side of Milwaukee. Louisa and Gustave had seven children: Ottilie, Rudolph, Louise, Nora, Adolph & Hilda (twins) and Elsa. Ottilie married Henry VanElls, a pharmacist, and had twin sons Lester and Myron. Rudolph married Alice May Eaton. Rudolph was born 1/3/1876, graduated from South Division High School and entered Milwaukee Medical College (which later became Marquette University) and graduated with a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1900. He later opened up a practice at 1034 South 16th Street. Rudolph and Alice were married on 12/14/1902. They had four children: Loraine Madeline, Edwin Rudolph, Katherine Louise, and Jack Eaton Gruettner. Alice Eaton was the daughter of Barney A. Eaton and Katherine Quentin. Barney was a farmer and was located on the Lake Road on the shores of Lake Michigan in the city of Cudahy. It was the "Lakeside Fruit Farm." Barney later became the first Mayor of Cudahy and also a Wisconsin Senator representing his district.

Louise married Edwin Flancher DDS also a graduate of Marquette, who had a practice in downtown Milwaukee. Elsa became his dental assistant. Nora married Mike Collins, a farmer from Baileys Harbor and they had two children, Louise and Edwin. Hilda was a grade school teacher in the City of Milwaukee school system. Adolph was a graduate of Marquette Law school and was in the business of property management.

It should be noted that Barney A. Eaton as a Senator, had (as a perk) a railway pass, and he traveled on the Northwestern R.R. to hunting and fishing areas in northern Wisconsin at various times. Barney and Katherine had six children: Alice May, Frank, Ann, May, Nellie, and Katherine. Daughter Alice and her husband Rudolph and children also traveled by train to Minocqua and Woodruff areas for summer camping vacations, as did Edwin and Louise Flancher, also other members of both Eaton and Gruettner families. The prints in this collection are from the early camping trips approximately from 1905 to 1911. Eventually the families camped further north into the Manitowish chain of lakes. In 1915 Rudolph and Edwin established their cottages on Manitowish Lake. Ann Eaton Austin built on the river between Stone and Rest Lake, Katherine Eaton Leistikow built on Rest Lake. Elsa and Hilda Gruettner built a cabin "Woodchuck Hollow" on Manitowish Lake in their retirement years.

We amused ourselves by reading Burma Shave signs and others along the way. Not unusual to have flat tires due to the sand and gravel roads.

Having a car we could travel to Mercer for shopping. We took trips to Winchester where we could shop at the Company Store. It was a logging area that had a planned area with houses built for the workers that they could buy as they were employed. It was a very well organized community in the Turtle Waters. We also went to Boulder Junction and Eagle River, the county seat.

I recall that we went to the WIN-MAR, a 8 x 10ft. shanty at the Rest Lake Dam, where 2 gals, Winifred and Margerit stated to sell hot dogs and hamburgers. They lived in a log cabin near there and that started the building of many stores and which became known as Manitowish Waters. There was a fire Tower near by as well. There was a Mitchell Resort at the junction of Hwy 51 and the road to Powell. When I started deer hunting in 1960 in the area, we stayed at the Jim Bartz home. Mrs Bartz was a Mitchell. She did all the cooking for my hunting group.

As the area became more populated both Koerners and Voss added to properties by building a Coffee shops. a Store plus a swimming pier was built on the Manitowish lake near the bridge and Voss added a Dance hall and Coffee shop just before the bridge on Hwy 51.

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On the west side of the lake there was alog cabin where Mrs. Johnson lived with her husband and son . She also would do laundry and baked Bread for the families. Her property was eventually bought by Elsa and Hilda. There were no other places on that side of the lake. My father had to sell the cottage about 1934 due to losses during the depression years. His patients that lived mostly on the south side were un employed and father just couldn,t pay for the uo keep and taxes.

I guess that in 1918-19 he bought a Ford touring car Model "T". When we first would dive north we would get a far as New Londen and stay at a hotel. We would goon to Shawano through the Menomonee Reservation to Antigo, spend the night there and then on to Rhine-lander then on to Woodruff and then to the Cottage. We would stop at Schoolhouses for a picnic lunch and ^{to use the} ~~the~~ outhouses. The Ford had a runningboard storage place in additionto luggage tied on back etc.

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Dr. Edwin Flancher DDS who met my father at Dental school and then married my father's sister Louise, also were friends and went on these trips north. They did not have any children. Other of my father's family frequently traveled with them too. Sister Elsa was his dental assistant and Hilda a twin of father's younger brother was often included. Altogether a rather large family group.

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Henry and Mrs. Voss also had established a resort on the east side of Manitowish lake. I have been told that our family were the first guests for Sunday dinners. Mr. Voss also had additional land in the area and later moved to Spider Lake where his family still has a very beautiful resort.

There were a few other smaller resorts at other locations on the chain of lakes. There was a saw mill on the river just north of Alder Lake. There were many peggy line roads leading to the mill which was a very busy place as cottages in the area were needed lumber. There were many logs left from the logging days. They had layed on the bottoms of the lakes and rivers and could be brought to the surface and use for piers or cut for firewood.

In the years following the the financial depression, FDR was elected President. One of programs started to help the unemployed was the CCC, Civilian Conservation Corp. Many were engaged to reforestation and camps were established to put out marsh fires but also to replant forests that had been clearcut during the earlier logging days. This was very evident throughout the northwoods area.

1913-14-15

The family camps on Manitowish were well enough established so that about 19?? Edwin Flancher bought (acres ???) where they had been camping. He suggested that my father buy enough frontage on Manitowish lake and the smaller lake to the back, known as little Manitowish. Both Edwin and father had ordered cabins from Sears & Roebuck in Chicago. Living room with dining area, Kitchen, 3 bed rooms and full width porch. The fireplace was to be built on site.

Grandfather Barney A. knew how to do this and placed a plaque on each (1915). It was centrally located and videed haet for the entire cabin. A Tours lighting system was installed. A gas fired copper tubular system leading to each light which had fibre mantel which provided vary good illumination. We had 4 lamps.

The cabins were built according to plan with pre-cut lumber as assembled by local carpenters with additional lumber from the mill down at Alder Lake.

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Dr. Edwin Flancher, DDS also married Louise, Gruettner, sister of Rudolph (???). They joined those trips north to camp and fish. As both Dentists were enjoying success in their professional careers, they planned those trips with boats and camping & food for several weeks, all loaded into Railroad cars to be dropped off near lake or river sites as planned. The trains would continue on and pick up cars on their return trips.

Fishing was very good and great fun, so other trips lead to the Manitowish chain of lakes, where they established a camp site on big Manitowish lake on a south western point between what is known as Little Manitowish Lake.

Other family members soon joined these camps. Uncle Edwin Flancher's sis, Elsa and Hilda, Plus my father, Rudolph and mother Alice and all 3 children, Loraine, Edwin and Katherine and a helping nurse for the kids. This was all in the years prior to my arrival in 1915. I was just 3 months old on my first trip. Travel was by train of course.
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T.J. Koerner's Resort was was a well known hunting and fishing resort on Spider Lake. They also provided wagon transport from the Manitowish depot to the camp. They also had a store and ice house, plus a mail facility for people of the area.

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mill.
So the families liked the location of their camps on Manitowish, because they could travel around all the lakes even up to the dam on Rest lake. I think it must have been about 1913 or 14 when Uncle Edwin Flancher bought (??) acres and advised my father that he could buy enough of the land fronting on the lake and through to the little in back as a place to locate his cottage. Both Edwin and Dad had had ordered houses from Sear Roebuck for about \$500.00 and shipped to the sites and to be assembled by carpenters and lumber jacks as per plan. Each of the 2 places had the same floor plan but differed due to the location to the lake. grandfather built the fire places and set the date in stone (1915) on each cottage.

Each cottage had Kitchen, 3 bedrooms and large dining and living room plus a full porch extending the full width of the house. A small hand pump near the sink in the kitchen, extending down into the sand below. The water pump had a sand point pipe which could be driven to about 12 feet to provide adequate water. An outhouse down the path into the woods was a comfortable 3 holer with a view to the lake.

Another building was added to provide a tool and wood shed as well as a storage area for boats and Evenrude motors which were about 1916 vintage. there were 2 so that an additional parts were handy to assure to have power for water traveling. I remember that Flancher had an Elto motor about the same time. The Evenrudes had a Magneto

in head of the engine which had a handle which was a cranck for starting the motor. I remember have difficult it was at times to start. Each cottage had a Rhielander 17 ft. boat as well as a row boat about 11 ft. with oars.

Both of the places were looked after during the times when we were not there by a man, Bill Strandberg. He was a caretaker and lived on the river between Stone and Rest Lake. He looked after every thing as well as removing shutters prior to the times we had the homes closed. He was a fishing guide and new the area very well. He also made a sailboat and row boat for me. I still have one.

Mnany members of both families came to stay at our respective places as well as many friends. When we knew they were coming we would fish for Muskie and put them on ice at the Koeners Stoehouse.

Fish were plentiful and both families would take day-long trips to other lakes for picknic and berry picking. We also took nees along for net minnows which we could keep for several days.

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Alice Mary Eaton " 1879-1973 /
1. Fournie Madelin " 1904-1978 / ARTHUR DOYD JOHN WARRIMAKER
2. Edwin Rudolph " 1905-1983 / ELIZABETH HILSWEDK 1908 / 1992
4. Jack Eaton " 1915- / DORIS KURTZ
3. Katherine LOHSE " 1909-1994 / JOE MITCHELL EMERSON MOYRDE STANFORD

the Gmüthner family dates back to Germany - though my father's parents came from Ohio in a covered wagon with oxen to the south side of Milwaukee 14th + Morgan, and established themselves with a dairy here to serve the local community. ~~The~~ father died when my father was in high school but there was enough money for him to go to Milwaukee Dental College after graduating from South Division High school, to establish his dental office on ~~the~~ at 16th Street and Washington
→ Grandfather August Gmüthner died at the time my father was in high school. Grandmother inherited the farm.
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Grandmother Quinton had a twin sister. The family name
was Holtberg. They had a distillery which was on the hill north
of the present Miller Brewery, which ~~was~~ is the east end of Washington
Park. When she was only 3 Chief Big Horse etc. see files story.

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~~My~~ My mother, Alice May Eaton, was the oldest
daughter of Barney ~~Eaton~~ & Catherine Quinton.

