

# LOON LAKE TIMELINE (2000 EDITION)

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SINCE 1600 ADIRONDACK INDIANS  
SEASONAL HUNTING BY IROQUOIS AND ALGONQUIN

- 1712 ADIRONDACK INDIANS CONQUER IROQUOIS  
IROQUOIS FORM LEAGUE OF TRIBES AND EXTERMINATE ADIRONDACK INDIANS  
FUR TRAPPERS ONLY WHITES TO SEE INTERIOR
- 1776 SIR JOHN JOHNSTON FLEES TO CANADA WITH TORIES
- 1786 OLD MILITARY TRACT AFTER REVOLUTION; STATE OFFERED LAND AS REWARD FOR  
SERVICE  
NO LAND TAKEN BY VETERANS
- 1789 INDIAN TITLE TO LANDS NOT YET EXTINGUISHED
- 1791 ALEXANDER McCOMB PURCHASES 4,000,000 ACRES @ .08
- 1793 SOON THEREAFTER DIVIDED UP AND SOLD; GERRIT SMITH BUYS PARCELS
- 1796 FIRST SETTLEMENT IN FRANKLIN COUNTY-- CHATEAUGAY  
POTASH AND SHIPS MASTS TO FT. COVINGTON
- 1802 MALONE ESTABLISHED
- 1812 NOT MUCH ACTION IN TOWN OF FRANKLIN DURING WAR
- 1814 AMERICAN TROOPS WITHDRAWN FROM FT. COVINGTON  
NORTHWEST BAY ROAD OPENED FROM WESTPORT TO HOPKINTON  
FRANKLIN FALLS SAWMILLS
- 1815 EARLIEST SETTLERS ARRIVED IN CRUDE OXEN ARTS FROM VERMONT
- 1827 FIRST SETTLEMENT TOWN OF FRANKLIN, McLENATHAN FALLS; BECAME  
FRANKLIN FALLS

- 1829 SUGAR BUSH; SUGAR MAPLING  
ALDER BROOK ESTABLISHED  
MERRILLSVILLE (LAMSONS AND CATES FROM VERMONT)  
WESTERNMOST SETTLEMENT AT TIME
- 1829-33 PORT KENT TO HOPKINTON TURNPIKE-- TEAMSTERS  
SAWMILLS AND CHARCOAL TO STANDISH BLAST FURNACES  
"PRINT" LOVERING TAVERN & INN (LOON LAKE) ON PORT KENT TO  
HOPKINTON TURNPIKE
- 1836 TOWN OF FRANKLIN INCORPORATED ; DIVIDED FROM BELMONT
- 1840 MONROE HALL OPERATED SAWMILL ON LOON LAKE OUTLET  
AVERY THATCHER BUILT SAWMILL 3 MILES ABOVE HUNTERS HOME ON  
NORTH BRANCH  
LEANDER CADWELL BUILT SAWMILL ON MUD POND
- 1843 VERMONTVILLE ESTABLISHED
- 1846 GOLDSMITH; TOWN ON NORTH BRANCH OF SARANAC RIVER  
PURCHASES 14,000 ACRES FROM GERRIT SMITH: LUMBER, SPECULATION,  
SAWMILLS,NORTH BRANCH HOTEL FOR HUNTING, FISHING, BOARDING. 25 HOUSES
- 1848 WILLIS HODGES ACQUIRES 240 ACRES LOON LAKE FOR BLACKSVILLE ON  
HODGES BAY FROM GERRIT SMITH;  
10 FAMILIES (FREED AND ESCAPED SLAVES) MOVE IN
- 1850 BLACKSVILLE DISBANDED;  
HODGES HOLDS LAND UNTIL SOLD TO MARY HOWE'S FATHER IN 1876  
"PRINT" LOVERING RENTS INN TO PAUL SMITH AT LOON LAKE
- 1852 ENTIRE TOWN OF FRANKLIN FALLS BURNED AND IS QUICKLY REBUILT  
PAUL SMITH BUYS 200 ACRES ON NORTH BRANCH OF SARANAC RIVER FOR  
HUNTERS HOME, A BOARDING HOUSE FOR HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN.
- 1858 HUNTERS HOME BURNS; REBUILT AND RUN BY PAUL'S PARENTS  
PAUL SMITH MOVES TO ST. REGIS LAKE
- 1860-64 FERD CHASE IN CIVIL WAR ALONG WITH 150 FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY

- 1868 W.H.H. MURRAY'S BOOK ON ADIRONDACKS
- 1874 FERD CHASE AND MARY HOWE MARRY IN VERMONT
- 1875 GEORGE BECKWITH BUYS LAND FROM PHOEBE GOLDSMITH
- 1878 CHASES PURCHASE 10 ACRES ON LOON LAKE FOR HOTEL/BOARDING HOUSE FOR HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN; CONSTRUCTION BEGINS
- 1879 LOON LAKE HOUSE OPENS: LOG STRUCTURE, 31 ROOMS, 3 STORIES
- 1882 OSCAR WILDE REGISTERS
- 1883 NEW MAIN HOUSE OPENS: 100 ROOMS, 5 STORIES, OLD HOUSE BECOMES WING
- 1886 CHATEAUGAY RAILROAD COMES TO INMAN (LATER DELAWARE & HUDSON RR) FROM PLATTSBURGH TO LOON LAKE EVENTUALLY TO SARANAC LAKE
- 1890 ZIEGLER CAMP BUILT (LATER 7 KEYS) 300,000. TO BUILD
- 1892 ST. LAWRENCE AND ADIRONDACK RAILROAD (CANADA TO UTICA) COMES TO INMAN (LATER NY CENTRAL RR)  
IN 24 HOURS ONE MILE OF TRACK BUILT FOR RAILROAD CAR OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. BENJAMIN HARRISON; THE MRS. TO CHASE'S HOTEL TO CURE TB;  
STAY IN "PRESIDENTS" COTTAGE
- 1893 FIRST ANNEX READY: HOTEL NOW ACCOMMODATES 500 ON AMERICAN PLAN
- 1895 "BACK" 9 HOLES OF GOLF COURSE BUILT ON SCOTTISH PLANS  
CADDIE HOUSE AND MANY OTHER IMPROVEMENTS  
PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND
- 1897 PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY
- 1901-2 SEWER SYSTEM BUILT UNDERGROUND OUT TO FARM
- 1903 FOREST FIRE SOUTH AND EAST OF LOON LAKE  
STONYWALD SANITARIUM ESTABLISHED ON LAKE KUSHAQUA  
ADIRONDACK-FLORIDA SCHOOL ESTABLISHED ON CLEAR POND BY RAINBOW LAKE

- 1905 GOLD DISCOVERED ON LOON LAKE MOUNTAIN BY SEYMOUR DOTY
- 1905-6 LOON LAKE MOUNTAIN LOGGED
- 1908 FOREST FIRE TO NORTHWEST OF LOON LAKE
- 1911-12 LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN LOGGED
- 1912 CHASES OFFERED AND DECLINED \$1,000,000 BY STATLER HOTEL CHAIN  
DECLINED
- 1913 FOREST FIRE NORTH OF LOON LAKE
- 1916 FERD CHASE DIES (B. 1840). LEAVES HALF OF HIS ESTATE TO CHARLES STEVENS.  
MARY LOSES \$200,000 IN OTHER DEALS; BUYS BACK STEVEN'S SHARES
- 1918 STATE REFORESTATION OF AREA
- 1919 GOLDSMITH POST OFFICE CLOSES
- 1922 "FRONT" 9 GOLF HOLES OPEN
- 1929 STOCK MARKET CRASH.  
LOON LAKE HOUSE, NOW OPEN 50 YEARS, ACCOMMODATES 800 GUESTS, HAS  
4,000 ACRES AND A STAFF OF 300
- 1930 PAUL SMITH'S HOTEL BURNS. LAST BIG SEASON OF LOON LAKE HOUSE
- 1931 IN RECEIVERSHIP TO CHARLES STEVENS AND FEINBERG
- 1933 MARY CHASE DECEASED (B.1843).
- 1939 LOON LAKE HOUSE UNDER MANAGEMENT OF FRANK HOWE, MARY CHASE'S NEPHEW
- 1940-42 MANAGER MITCHELL
- 1942-46 CLOSED DURING WORLD WAR II
- 1947 REOPENS UNDER ANDRON RESORTS INC.

- 1956 OLD MAIN HOUSE BURNS
- 1958 AUCTION OF SEPARATE PROPERTIES AND CONTENTS  
LOON LAKE SYNAGOGUE FOUNDED
- 1967 SURVIVING HOTEL PROPERTIES SOLD TO LEISURE PROPERTIES INCLUDING JACK  
AND IRENE MILLER, SUSSMAN, LEVISON  
BOAT HOUSE BURNS.
- 1968-69 BIG ANNEX #1 TORN DOWN
- 1971 TONY D'ELIA PURCHASES 7 KEYS LODGE
- 1972 7 KEYS LODGE BURNS. D'ELIA DEVELOPS; RUNS IRISH HOUSE, SMITH COTTAGE  
AND GOLF COURSE
- 1976 LOON LAKE ESTATES
- 1977 FORECLOSURE SALE; BULK TO NORTHEAST GENERAL
- 1978 CADDIE HOUSE RESTORATION  
DESORMO, HEYDAY OF THE ADIRONDACKS, CHAPTER 4  
D'ELIA, ADIRONDACK REBELLION
- 1980 WINTER OLYMPICS AT LAKE PLACID  
MULFORD BURNS.  
OMNIA PROPERTIES, OWNERS  
DOCTOROW, LOON LAKE
- 1985 RUTHERFORD COTTAGE BURNS  
BLUE SPRUCE DRIVE PAVED
- 1989 JAY FIELD AND JACQUES BACQUE BUY HOTEL SITE
- 1990 LOON LAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHED
- 1991 SMITH COTTAGE RESTORATION-- INN AT LOON LAKE

- 1992 TONY D'ELIA DIES.  
GAS STATION AND BARNs DEMOLISHED  
LEO COLLINS RETIRES FROM GOLF COURSE
- 1998 GREAT ICE STORM  
PINE GIRT BURNS
- 1999 IRISH HOUSE RESTORATION
- 2000 APRILL (ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION  
IN LOON LAKE) ESTABLISHED  
INFIRMARY RESTORATION BY JAY FIELD

LOON LAKE HOUSE GUESTS

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE  
IRVING BERLIN  
THEODORE DREISER  
OSCAR WILDE  
PRESIDENT MCKINLEY  
PRESIDENT HARRISON  
PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

FARGO  
GUGGENHEIM  
W. J. SLOAN  
FAIRCHILD  
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT  
WHITNEY  
ROTHSCHILD

ROCKEFELLER  
S.R. STODDARD  
FIRESTONE

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