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When was your first visit to Saugatuck/Douglas? Infant - 1948?

Do you have photos or stories to contribute to the SDHS? Yes

May we contact you for more information? Yes

Comments:

My mom & dad & their parents & siblings came to Saugatuck from Oak Park, IL as children (born 1915 and 1917). When a teenager, my dad, Bob Baker (Bake) worked the chain ferry a couple summers. We stayed at Westminster/Camp Gray as my mom's dad, Frank Bible, was a Presbyterian minister. Mom's brother, Frank, and sister, Betty and my cousins would stay in cottages there. I see a story "Paradise" written by Dawn Schumann which talks about my uncle and cousins Louise and Billy! I probably knew her! So, now that my cousins, my 2 brothers and I are the oldest generation, we have some family photos I'm trying to scan which might be fun to share with other Saug. lovers.

Hi there,

I'm just getting around to some emails! I'm attaching some photos. The oldest is on top of Mt. Baldy @ 1929-1931. My mom, Barbara Bible, is in the middle and her older sister, Betty Bible, is on the right. Their father, Frank Bible, was an official in the Chicago Presbyterian Church and the family stayed at Camp Gray (as we always have called it-to this day). They lived in Oak Park, IL.



Marge Evans, Barbara Bible, Betty Bible,

As a teenage, my dad (also from Oak Park) worked one summer at Saug. operating the chain ferry. That was probably sometime between 1930 and 1934. He very may well have worked there so he could see my mom! He and his parents stayed in cottages in Saug. - I think the Bluebird Cottages might have been where they stayed - but I may be wrong.

The rest of the photos were taken @ 1964-1965 at the beach/cottage where my mom and dad and we 3 kids stayed from about 1960 through 1968. The cottages were called Van Bloys (spelling?) and they were near Fennville, I think. The family home was at the road - 2-storey probably built

early 1900's and there were varying sized cottages going down the drive to the last one on top of the dune. The small cottages were toward the road, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and the big, 2-storey 3-bedroom cottage shown here was at the end. I'm guessing 8 cottages in all. I did return to stay in one in about 1970-71 but have no idea about whether they're still there since then. I know we have more photos - but these are pretty much what I've scanned thus far. As I get more to that project, I'll send them along to you.





An aside... I work at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Sacramento, CA. Last week we had a visitor from the U.P. A coworker - born and raised in Sacramento, spoke to the visitor about sand dunes and brought up Saugatuck! Since coming to CA 20 years ago, I'd not heard one person, other than my family, talk about Saug! I joined in the conversation and the U.P. person also had relatives who vacationed in Saug. long ago - taking a ferry to Grand Rapids (I think). Small world some times!

Well, thanks for your work at keeping track of Saug's lively history.

Pat Stanfield