

# STORIES IN THE HISTORY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LAKES REGION



AND PEMIGEWASSET  
VALLEY

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**A New Book: "Stories in the History of New Hampshire's Lakes Region and Pemigewasset Valley" by Daniel Heyduk**

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Just in time for summer reading, there is a new history book about Lakes Winnepesaukee and Squam, and towns of the Lakes Region and Pemigewasset Valley. Local historian Daniel Heyduk, who wrote the "Passing Time" column in THE MEREDITH NEWS, and the book MEREDITH CHRONICLES, has produced this wide-ranging look at the area's past.

There are stories of deadly Indian battles and of the hard work, success and tragedies of the region's first settlers. Farmers, artists, boatmen, loggers, inventors, mill-builders and businessmen are portrayed. There are eye-witness accounts of stagecoach trips, floods and hurricanes, a tragic log drive, and the sinking of the steamer James Bell. Aunt Cook's blueberries-with-milk and F. Schuyler Matthews' beautiful nature guides gain wide renown. Railroads and their steamboats duel on Lake Winnepesaukee, while Squam Lake is the cradle of summer camps for children, families, and Harvard surveying students. The countryside is dotted with one-room schools, tourist boardinghouses and country stores, while elaborate estates are being created by ambitious and strong-willed landowners. Names like Winona, Paugus, Opechee and Kanasatka are invented for local lakes and ponds, look-outs are kept for forest fires and enemy aircraft, and much other local lore is revealed along the way .

Dan Heyduk found these stories through years of research and wanted to bring them together in a wide-ranging history of the region. He has included more than 150 historic and modern photos to help bring the past to life and to show pieces of the past that are still there today. Knowing that people may be interested in particular towns, he has included an Index of Towns to help readers zero-in on one or more localities. Those who have read his MEREDITH CHRONICLES will find many new Meredith stories in this book, while fourteen of the region's towns are included overall. The large and attractive book will be available at bookstores, libraries, and online. The suggested retail price is \$19.99.