



HISTORY OF CAMP ISLAND

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Camp Island has gone down through the Brown family for many years. John Brown was the first one. In the Strafford County records in the Belknap County Registry book 9, page 7 dated Jan 1, 1821 John Cushing of So. Berwick, Me. sold to John Brown, Jr. of Poplin in Rockingham County and Daniel Follet of Gilford for \$1,000 a tract of land called number 4 on the Southwesterly end of Long Island containing 200 acres. See notes 1, 2, & 3

Belknap County Registry book 26, page 334 dated Dec. 3, 1855 shows that John Brown deeds to George K. Brown for \$50 a certain island known as Sam Follett Island or Uncle Tom's Island situated in Lake Winnipissiogee and lying southwesterly from the lower end of Long Island and southeasterly from Great Bear Island containing about 20 acres. See note 1.

Belknap County Registry book 65 page 137 dated Jan 7, 1879 shows that George K. Brown of Moultonborough sold to Ellen R. Brown, wife of Charles Brown of Gilford, for \$500 a certain island in Winnepesaukee Lake southwesterly from Long Island and known as Follett's Island and also as Camp Island. Also included was one un-divided sixth part of an island southwesterly from Long Island and known as Six Mile Island. Follett's or Camp Island contains about 20 acres and Six Mile Island contains about 20 acres.

The Merrimack County registry of Probate shows that Ellen R. Brown died Aug. 15, 1929 without a widower. There was no will and the next of kin were her daughters Anna B. Chandler and Dora M. Wilder. The estate was administered by George P. Wilder. The only real estate listed is Camp or Follett's Island on Lake Winnepesaukee- land only, buildings on island not included. Also one un-divided half of Mink Island on Lake Winnepesaukee, land only. There was no specific distribution of the land. According to law the land passes to the heirs upon death, so Anna B Chandler and Dora M. Wilder each received one half un-divided interest in Camp Island and and one un-divided one quarter interest in Mink Island.

Belknap County Registry book 221, page 4 dated Mar. 3, 1936 shows that George P Wilder deeded to Edna W. Nolan a tract of land known as Camp or Follett's Island and a tract of land known as Mink Island. The deed states that the Ellen R. Brown estate probated in Merrimack County gave Camp Island to Dora M. Wilder, and that the Dora M. Wilder estate was probated in Merrimack County and gave Camp Island and Mink Island to George P. Wilder. Note- This deed is obviously in error. It should have been confined to portion of Camp and Mink Islands owned by Dora M. Wilder and later through probate by George P. Wilder rather than the whole of each island.

At this point it is evident that Anna B. Chandler and her niece Edna W. Nolan each owned an un-divided half in Camp Island and a one quarter un-divided portion of Mink Island.

Belknap County Registry book 304 page 242 dated Sept 16, 1947 states that Anna B. Chandler deeds to Edna W. Nolan a tract of land being the southern portion of Camp Island and bounded as follows: Commencing at an iron pin in the ground on the easterly side of Camp Island and thence running southerly, westerly, northerly, and northeasterly to another pin set in the ground on the westerly side of the island on the shore and thence running easterly across the island to the iron pin above mentioned.

Belknap County Registry book 304 page 550 dated Sept 16, 1947 states that Edna W. Nolan deeds to Anna B. Chandler Little Camp Island containing six acres stating that her title to said island is derived from the estate of her mother, the late Dora M. Wilder.

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Belknap County Registry states that Edna W. Nolan of Malden, Mass. deeds to Anna B. Chandler of Concord, N. H. a certain tract of land being the northern portion of Camp Island and bounded as follows: commencing at an iron pin on the easterly shore of said island which marks the southeasterly corner bound of the tract thereby conveyed, and thence running northeasterly, northwesterly, southerly, and westerly to another iron pin situated on the westerly side of said island, thence turning and running northeasterly across said island to the bound begun at; and meaning hereby to convey the northerly part of Camp Island.

Belknap County Registry book 312 page 240 dated June 22, 1949 states that Anna B. Chandler deeds to Charles E. Chandler a certain tract of land being known as Little Camp Island containing six acres more or less and which island is separated from Big Camp Island by a channel in high water.

Belknap County Registry book 317 page 154 dated Dec 7, 1949 states that Anna B. Chandler deeds to Mortimer A. Chandler a certain tract of land on Camp Island and bounded as follows: commencing at an iron pin set in the ground on the westerly side of said island which marks the southeast corner bound of the lot hereby conveyed and the northwest corner of the land of Edna Nolan, and running along the shore of said island in a northeasterly direction to an iron pin set in the ground; thence running still northeasterly across said island to an iron pin set in the ground on the easterly side of said island; thence turning and running about southerly along the easterly shore of said land to an iron

pinset in the ground, which marks the northwest corner of land of Edna Nolan, thence turning and running about southwesterly along land of said Edna Nolan to the bound begun at.

Belknap County Registry book 317 page 153 dated Dec 7, 1949 states that Anna B. Chandler deeds to Lawton B. Chandler a tract of land on Camp Island and being the northerly portion of said island and bounded as follows: commencing at an iron pin set in the ground on the westerly side of Camp Island, which marks the southwest corner of land hereby conveyed and the northwest corner of land owned by Mortimer A Chandler and running about northerly, northeasterly, southeasterly, and southwesterly around the top of said Camp Island to an iron pin set in the ground on the easterly side of Camp Island, which marks the southeast corner bound of the lot hereby conveyed and the northeast corner of land of Mortimer A. Chandler; thence running about southwesterly along the division line between Mortimer A. Chandler and the lot hereby conveyed to the iron pin first mentioned.

Belknap County Registry book 306 page 263 dated Sept 22, 1948 states that Anna B. Chandler deeds ~~one-quarter~~ interest in Mink Island formerly known as Little Birch Island to Lillian C. Sanborn. For her title she refers to deed of Barnard, assignee in bankruptcy of estate of Thomas Appleton, to Charles F. Brown and George H. Robie book 47 page 447; sheriff's deed of the interest of Charles F. Brown to David Sawyer book 47 page 331; deed of David Sawyer to Ellen R. Brown of half interest in Little Birch Island book 71 page 527. Reference is also made to the estate of Ellen R. Brown and Dora M. Wilder in the registry of probate in Merrimack County, the said Ellen R. Brown being the mother of Anna B. Chandler.

Belknap County Registry book 389 page 33 and 34 dated July 5 1958 states that Edna W. Nolan deeded one eighth un-divided portion of Mink Island to Alan Veazey and one eighth un-divided portion of Mink Island to Gerald Wheeler. She says that for her title see estate of Dora M Wilder of Merrimack County probate records number 39-930 and deed of George Wilder to Edna W. Nolan book 221 page 4.

NOTES:

1. There is no probate record in Belknap County of John Brown, George K. Brown, or Charles Brown.
2. Daniel S Follett estate was submitted to Belknap County Probate Court on May 15, 1883. No mention was made of any real-estate in his estate.
3. There is no mention in the Belknap Registry of Deeds, other than items mentioned above, of any transfer of land titles either to or from John Brown or Daniel S. Follett going back into the records as far back as 1800. Therefore it is assumed that the island properties of John Brown, with the exception of property on Long Island, were simply claimed thru squatter's rights.
4. A stone dam was erected at Lakeport in 1852 which raised the level of Lake Winnepesaukee between six and eight feet.

Dora M. Wilder died Oct 30, 1935 and George P. Wilder was the administrator of her estate. The inventory showed one un-divided half of Camp Island and one quarter of Mink Island.

Edna W. Nolan sub-divided her portion of Camp Island in June 1955.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST FOUND
DURING THIS INVESTIGATION

Knap County Registry shows Stafford County book 4 page 155 dated March 8, 1782 shows that Samuel Gilman, trustee for the fiscated estate of the late Gov. John Wentworth, deeded Barnors Island to John Cushing of Boston, Mass. for 9,600 pounds of the then present continental currency. Wentworth granted the property by the Mason Proprietors. (John Cushing the one who sold John Brown the Long Island property)

Knap County Registry book 43 page 240 dated Dec 6, 1847 states John Brown sold to John Brawn a certain island in Winnipisiogee ed Five Mile Island.

Knap County Registry book 90 page 156 dated Aug 3, 1893 states Ellen R. Brown for \$1,200 deeded to the Birch Island Camp Co. New London Conn. a certain tract of land in Lake Winnepesaukee g an island known as Birch Island and situated west of Long nd and southeast of Bear Island and northwest of Steamboat Island aining 20 acres.

Knap County Registry Book 76 page 250 dated Sept 2, 1886 states Ellen R. Brown for \$50 deeded to Martha B. Yates and George H. s a tract of land in Lake Winnepisseogee lying at the eastern emity of Birch Island known as Steamboat Island. Also 65 feet and at the easterly end of Birch Island beginning at an iron pin en into the ground and extending to the waters edge in an erly direction.