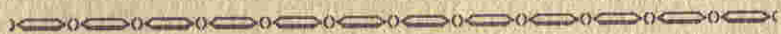


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This has been a pleasant task and as I turn away from it there is one impression I wish I might record.

One has a feeling that the Ridge has been what it is because of the quiet but effective influence of the Northfield Ideals and moreover to my mind it is clear the welfare of the Ridge today and for the future is lodged in loyal adherence to the Christian Ideals for which Northfield has stood through the years.

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1 Starting at the intersection of Highland Avenue, Moody Street and Winchester Road, North Lane takes its way due east and shortly after crossing Birnam Road, with more than one sharp curve, climbs a foot-hill of Notch Mountain still following an easterly course. There, amid the woods of the hillside, seven finger roads, at intervals, branch off North Lane in a northerly direction and along these roads are the cottages of Tract One and Tract Two of Rustic Ridge, while north of them are the cottages of the Pine Grove addition, and south of North Lane are the four cottages of the South Extension—a total of seventy-one cottages whose owners and renters work together in the Rustic Ridge Association of East Northfield, Massachusetts.

The pioneer of Rustic Ridge was the Rev. Arthur N. Thompson.

In 1901, while walking through the woods, he came upon a spot on the south side of North Lane at the sharp curve at the top of the hill where the view charmed him and as he gazed, he found himself exclaiming, "What a wonderful place for a summer home!" Upon inquiry he learned it was possible to secure the land and he looked about for someone to build his home.

This is where the builder—Mr. Howard S. Harris, a Hermon man of the Class of 1902—comes into the picture.

I quote from his letter to me. "In the summer of 1901 I was working in New York State and one day something seemed to tell me I must return to Northfield, and I did at once, ar-

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iving there at twelve o'clock on a Saturday night, having walked all the way from Greenfield. I knew the night watchman at the Seminary, Thomas Rowan, and found him at Marquand Hall and slept in his bed that night. He told me that Mr. Frank Spencer tried to locate me that day and had asked where I could be found. I went to see Mr. Spencer next morning and he told me the Rev. A. N. Thompson wanted to build a slab cottage on the hillside and he would like me to do it. Mr. Spencer had materials there and we started on Monday morning with five helpers, and Mr. Thompson slept in the cottage the next Saturday night."

The Rev. Mr. Thompson named the cottage "Kenjockey." This was the first cottage on the Ridge.

In the November issue of the 1901 Record of Christian Work there is a letter from Rev. A. N. Thompson to the Editor with a picture of Kenjockey and a plan of the rooms. The Rev. Mr. Thompson wrote that the cottage was built in ten days by four men and the total expense was \$300.45. He also added that while at Conference time the minimum cost of board and lodging on the campus was seven dollars a week, they had lived at Kenjockey at an average expense of \$2.03 per week each person and had lived well.

That summer of 1901 Mr. A. G. Moody had Mr. Morris, a teacher of mathematics at Hermon, survey Tract No. One. John Fleming and Howard Harris helped him. Tract No. Two, north of Pine Road, was surveyed in 1904 and Pine Grove in 1903.

Tracts One and Two were thirteen acres from the George F. Moody farm and Mr. A. G. Moody remembered that in his boyhood days there were corn fields where the woods are now full grown.

At the Annual Meeting of the Ridge Association in 1935, Mr. A. G. Moody said at the beginning four men put up the money to start the enterprise and that he and two others were appointed by the Seminary as Trustees of the roads.

When Mr. Moody made this statement in 1935, of the three Trustees, he alone survived.

The Rev. Arthur N. Thompson spoke from the General

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Conference platform in 1902 telling of his cottage and of the possibilities of homes on the Ridge. He invited members of the Conference to visit his cottage. Lots were offered for sale in 1902 at the rate of one cent a square foot or fifty dollars a lot.

That summer Mr. Howard S. Harris built the cottages of the Rev. R. M. Aylsworth of Jersey City, Miss Caroline C. Moffet of Germantown, Pa. (now the Doremus cottage), Miss Elizabeth S. McGowan of Jersey City, Mr. C. H. Jones of Boston (now the Anderson cottage), Mr. George L. Goodrich of Newark, N. J. (now The Hemlocks, home of Miss Livingston and Mrs. W. A. MacIntire); also the cottage of Miss Julia Edwards.

Ramona Cottage, East Lane, was built in 1902 by a carpenter brother of the Rev. Davis W. Lusk. The Rev. Mr. Lusk came from New Jersey and his cottage was a duplicate of an Ocean Grove cottage; taken from the seashore and set down in the woods of Massachusetts.

In 1903, on my way to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Los Angeles, California, I met Mr. Lusk and I remember the zest with which he told of "the shack" he had built on the hillside at East Northfield. In 1910 we spent the summer at Cliff Chateau (now High View), the last cottage on the seventh ridge, Cliff Road. Before we came away we purchased Ramona Cottage, remodeled it in 1911 and lived there in very happy fashion each summer until 1937.

See Appendix A for a list of cottages planned and built by Mr. Harris from 1903 to 1908; also for an interesting account of the after life of the men who worked with him. In 1908 Mr. Harris gave his work over to Mr. Moses Crosby and Mr. Arthur Bolton, and having begun to teach September 1, 1907, he continued to do so until June, 1943.

Mr. Harris still comes to the Ridge each spring and sometimes in mid-winter.

The first evidence of community interest came in 1904 when a letter was sent to property holders saying that business enterprises should not be undertaken on Rustic Ridge.

The first recorded minutes tell of a preliminary meeting

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held at the cottage of Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, August 21, 1905, at which an Executive Committee was appointed consisting of Mr. Horace K. Brainard, Chairman, Miss Emma Beach, Rev. Davis W. Lusk, Mr. H. B. Moore and Rev. A. N. Thompson, Secretary.

The drainage of the lowlands just west of the Ridge and the planting of shade trees along the approaches to the Ridge were discussed.

Money was subscribed and the trees were planted in 1906. Many remember the beauty of the Willows.

This committee met two other times in 1905. At the meeting of September 1, 1905, held in Mr. A. G. Moody's office, the Rev. Davis W. Lusk and the Rev. A. N. Thompson were appointed a committee to draw up plans for a permanent organization and at that time it was made plain that the roads did not belong to the owners of the cottages.

On August 2, 1906, at the call of the Executive Committee, the owners and renters of the Ridge met at the residence of Mr. H. K. Brainard; Mr. Brainard was chosen Chairman and Rev. A. N. Thompson, Secretary.

The committee on a plan for permanent organization reported and their report was adopted. This included the adoption of By-Laws. The name of the association was to be The Rustic Ridge Association of East Northfield, extending from the Lyman property on the north to the old reservoir and Camp Northfield on the south.

I remember that Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Brainard called on us when we came to live at Ramona in 1911 and how delighted I was to find an honest-to-goodness Presbyterian elder the Executive Officer of the Ridge.

The Annual Meeting of the Ridge was held at the Brainard Cottage eight times. Mr. H. K. Brainard served as President of the Ridge Association from 1905 to 1910, and again from 1917 to 1918.

At the start of his administration outside toilets were abandoned; bathrooms were installed in the cottages. Life at the beginning was quite primitive. Oil lamps and candles supplied illumination in the cottages and at night pedestrians

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carried lanterns. Friendly cottagers, here and there erected outside lamp posts and maintained kerosene lamps during the evening hours.

Water was piped from springs south of North Lane. In 1907 the Ridge asked for water from the Seminary reservoir and when we came in 1910 a system of water pipes covered the entire Ridge.

At the first meeting of the Ridge Association arrangements were made with Mr. E. L. Morse to gather garbage twice a week at three dollars a trip and each family was to pay one dollar for the summer. Mr. Morse has rendered faithful service through the years—to the present. At this meeting a large Social Committee was appointed.

At the Annual Meeting of 1906, the Communication to Householders, prepared by a committee—Rev. H. F. Randolph and Rev. H. H. Gifford, was read for the first time. This Communication is read at each Annual Meeting of the Ridge.

In 1908 auditors were appointed and the treasurer made his first recorded report showing receipts \$60.10 and expenditures \$47.81. A Directory of the Ridge was prepared by Mr. A. G. Moody's office and sold for ten cents a copy, and a blueprint map of the Ridge was available. Two road supervisors were appointed; also the first Ridge agent, the Rev. Elliott W. Brown. At a meeting of the Executive Committee the first budget was adopted—Garbage removal \$60.00, Road repairs \$40.00 and General expenses \$27.00—and we begin to find the oft-repeated record "matter referred to Mr. A. G. Moody."

At the meeting of 1909 it is recorded that the Rev. A. N. Thompson had gone from his pastorate in Jersey City to a church in Seattle, Washington. He afterwards purchased a home in Northfield on Main Street at the Waterloo elm and lived there till his death November 1, 1940.

At the meeting of 1911 Mr. H. K. Brainard received "a vote of thanks for his years of cheerful service," and the Rev. H. F. Randolph—a pastor of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, was elected President. The Rev. Mr. Randolph was a neighbor of ours, living at what is now known as Over-Look

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Cottage. About this time he purchased a home at the east end of Main Street, where Mrs. Randolph still lives, and consequently his term of service as President was for only one year.

Mr. George L. Goodrich began his term of office as President in 1912 and continued to serve until 1916. I remember Mr. Goodrich very well. He was a business man from Newark, N. J. He and his wife were very much interested in the Conferences. They lived in the cottage north of our cottage.

Mr. Goodrich and I pitched many games of quoits. He would put his horse, Ginger, and carriage on the Albany boat and complete the journey in easy stages from Albany to their cottage on the Ridge. They had a colored maid, Eliza, who was always a person of much interest to our children; indeed Eliza was very kind to them and on one occasion when one of our daughters was about to pick up a snake which she thought was a piece of rope, Eliza came to the rescue in the nick of time. When Eliza died the Necrology Committee of the Ridge prepared special resolutions of condolence.

About this time Mr. Derr's cottage on the seventh ridge was entirely destroyed by fire—as far as I know the only cottage so destroyed in these more than forty years. I remember going in the early morning hours to the fire and on my way I passed a cottage of the South Extension and saw the owner, a huge man, standing on his back porch arrayed in his night shirt busy filling the tank of his oil stove.

The minutes of the Ridge of this period tell of fire stand pipes set up, painted a bright red. The Ridge paid two-thirds of the cost of the pipe, the Seminary the other third. Two engine tire fire alarms were put in place, one at the north end and the other at the south end of the Ridge; also eighteen fire extinguishers were purchased and the minutes tell of a fire extinguished by a fire extinguisher at Rest-a-While Cottage.

In 1912 the tax rate was set at one-third of 1% of the Town assessment; in 1914 at one-half of 1% of the Town assessment; in 1918 at three-fourths of 1% of the Town assessment, and in 1934 at one per cent of the Town assessment. Mr. H. K. Brainard served as President from 1917 to 1918, and the Rev.

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J. M. Lent from 1919 to 1921. The Rev. Mr. Lent was a pastor of a church in Rhode Island. Mrs. Lent still comes to the Ridge.

In 1920 the Ridge offered a reward of twenty-five dollars for evidence leading to the conviction of any one breaking into a cottage. In 1921 a Ridge Praise Service was held on a Sunday afternoon at the homes of Rev. Frank D. Torrey and Mr. Fairbanks, and another in 1922.

About this time the minutes record the thanks of the Ridge to the Town for helping to repair the roads and attention was directed to the fact that the Town assessed valuation of Ridge property was thirty-six thousand dollars and the Town tax per year, one thousand dollars.

Mr. E. I. Aldrich, a Massachusetts business man, an executive of the Hood Rubber Company, served as President of the Association from 1922-1923. His home was Sunny-Shadow Cottage. Mr. Aldrich died January 23, 1924. The only President who died in office.

The Annual Meeting of the Ridge held in 1922 passed a motion of thanks to Mr. Ambert G. Moody "for his continuous service," and the word "continuous" states the fact. Mr. Moody gave the impetus which meant the beginning of the Ridge and through all the years from 1901 to 1945 his cooperation was given with enthusiasm and without stint. Names come and go in the story of the Ridge but in that story Mr. A. G. Moody's name is constant. He served on the Executive Committee. He was an active member of the Road Committee; and many times he was the middle man between the Ridge and the Town, and any number of individual cottagers testify to his kindness expressed in special service rendered to them.

Mr. D. L. Moody, in his life time, leaned on his nephew for many services and Mr. A. G. Moody's generous interest in the Ridge confirms the wisdom of D. L. Moody's judgment. Since the 1945 Annual Meeting God has called His Servant home—the Ridge will sorely miss him and at the same time be devoutly thankful for his many years of wise and helpful service.

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From 1924 to 1928 the Rev. J. L. Peacock served as President. At this time the Rev. Mr. Peacock was President of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. We all think of him as over-looking the Ridge from his Peacock Cottage on Cliff Road.

I served under him as Secretary and always felt that I owed him real respect as an older man. Imagine my surprise when in an after year I stumbled on the fact that he is two years younger than I am. I still hold our good friend in high regard, but for other reasons.

Evidently the Sunday services held in 1921 and 1922 at the cottages of the Rev. F. D. Torrey and Mr. Fairbanks were continued, for I find a record in the minutes of 1923 of a Sunday Service Committee consisting of Rev. A. J. Crooks and Rev. Frank D. Torrey.

Long before this time reports of the Ridge Agent, of the Executive Committee, Auditors, Road Supervisors, also Garbage, Milk, Tree Trimming, and Hospitality Committees had become a part of the regular procedure of the Annual Meeting. The lists of Ridge Agents, Auditors, and the various Committees, as well as the Officers of the Ridge for the years 1906 to 1945, will be found in the Appendixes. Accompanying this narrative also is a list of the places of meeting.

It was at the Annual Meeting of the Ridge held at Kenarden Hall in 1924, that the Rev. J. L. Peacock was chosen President. I remember the young women of the Kenarden offices served lemonade and cake.

At the 1925 meeting, held at Kenjockety Cottage of Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Torrey, while the Association waited for the report of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. A. G. Moody gave readings and there was special music.

During the Rev. Mr. Peacock's administration, electricity was brought to the Ridge.

I remember very well the meeting of the Executive Committee held September 3, 1927, at Kenjockety, at which Mr. H. E. Duren of the Electric Light Company was present. The Company brought the main line to the Ridge. The Ridge put up four branch lines. To bring the wires to the

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cottages was to cost each owner ten dollars. Fifteen subscribers were necessary to launch the project. At the Annual Meeting of 1928 the Ridge voted an honorarium of twenty-five dollars to Mr. W. F. Hoehn in appreciation of his services in securing the installation of electric light.

During the Rev. Mr. Peacock's administration repairs were made by the Town to North Lane.

At the Annual Meeting of 1929 the Rev. J. L. Peacock was heartily thanked for his five years of service and the Rev. C. C. Woodruff was chosen President.

It was at the meeting of 1930 that first mention was made of the Rev. W. H. Des Jardins' work on Ridge signs. This work was conducted by him over a period of years in a very satisfactory manner. It may be noted that in 1929 twenty collections of garbage were made at six dollars a collection. In 1931 there was a balance in the Treasury of \$177.85. In 1932 \$250 was appropriated for road work.

In 1933 the Executive Committee was made up of the Officers, the Chairmen of Committees and Mr. A. G. Moody; in the same year the State Police began to patrol the Ridge. In 1936 the Town surfaced and oiled North Lane and planned to take over the road. At the meeting of this year the Association with great kindness voted to congratulate the Rev. Robert Bonner Jack for his twenty-six years of service as Secretary.

At the Annual Meeting of 1938, President Woodruff reported that his visit to the Town Meeting in February had resulted in the widening of North Lane and the first steps for a through Town road from North Lane to the Highlands. At this meeting the following Road Trustees were appointed: Mr. Myron Dunnell, President; the Chairman of the Road Committee, Vice President; and Mr. A. G. Moody.

On September 21, 1938, New England was visited by a hurricane which with great fury came out of the great deep. Mrs. Jack and I made a tour of the region on the following day. The Main Street of Northfield was blocked with fallen trees. The total effect was that of a huge game of Jack Straws. Men were busy cutting down fallen trees, removing broken

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branches, hauling away rubbish in an effort to clear the roads.

We walked down to Schell Bridge and saw the swollen Connecticut River covered with debris. I remember sea gulls, blown inland by the tempest, were perched on floating boxes or branches, on their way back to their ocean home.

One cannot forget the sad results of a fallen chimney on the Seminary campus.

We went out Winchester Road and called on the Coburns at Myrtle Street, then worked our way under and over fallen trees through the length of the Ridge. Mr. Roger Woodruff and Mr. W. F. Townsend gave fine service in the matter of clearing the roads.

President C. C. Woodruff and Vice President Rev. W. H. Des Jardins visited the Ridge and made a careful inventory of the condition of the cottages and where there was need of immediate attention, they notified the owners. To a very remarkable degree the cottages came through without damage and it is a matter of profound thanksgiving that on the Ridge no lives were lost. As an example of the havoc caused by the hurricane, on the two lots of Ramona Cottage, seven large trees came down. The Cathedral Pines of Virginia Camp seemed to be a focal point of the hurricane; there was a complete wiping out of the one-time grandeur of the tall pines.

On this spot in 1903 the Y. M. C. A. (as reported in the Record of Christian Work) established a men's camp of tents. That year five hundred men were cared for at the rate of a dollar a day for board and lodging. We remember the uproarious celebrations frequently held at evening around a huge bonfire. When more dormitory space was available on the campus the men's camp ceased to be and since then the grounds have been used for a camp devoted to the welfare of New York City children. This camp was named Virginia Camp in memory of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moody who died in childhood. Following the hurricane the Government sent CCC men to the Ridge to clear away the fallen trees and straighten out the situation.

Mr. W. F. Townsend, an engineer and owner of Townsend Cottage, rendered splendid service supervising the restora-

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tion, and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke gave food to the CCC men. The fallen wires were restored by Mr. Alfred Holton at a cost of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Now that eight years have come and gone since the hurricane and nature's wounds have been healed, there are those who hold to the opinion that the Ridge is even more beautiful because of nature's pruning, rigorous as it was.

At the 1939 Annual Meeting the President made his first report which was received with applause. In 1940 a recreational club was formed of the members of the Association, who by payment of dues received privileges at the Hotel swimming pool.

About this time increasing emphasis was given to the matter of roads and splendid service was rendered by the Road Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. T. J. Duncan.

Here I want to direct attention to the fact that all through these more than four decades there has been cordial cooperation on the part of the Northfield Schools for the welfare of the Ridge. As I have already noted, Mr. A. G. Moody was the leader of this valuable expression of goodwill and his lieutenants, the late Mr. Lester A. Polhemus and Mr. George W. Carr followed his example.

I have lived in the Town of Northfield nine years and have attended nine Annual Town Meetings, and I am glad to bear witness to the Town's genuine interest in the Summer Colony. The visits of the officers of the Association to the Town Meetings have been productive of much good.

The Rev. C. C. Woodruff served the Ridge as President from 1929 to 1940. He was the successful pastor of large churches of the Methodist Episcopal Denomination and served as District Superintendent. He brought to the Ridge the use of his fine administrative powers. If you will look over the list of the Presidents of the Association—Appendix B—you cannot but observe that the Ridge has been richly blessed in its executive officers. When President Woodruff found it necessary to resign, the Ridge at its Annual Meeting of 1941, voted him their hearty thanks for his valuable services.

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At the Annual Meeting of 1941, the Rev. Arthur L. Berger was chosen President. He has served with fidelity and is the present Executive.

The Rev. Mr. Berger is the pastor of the Elmwood Presbyterian Church of Syracuse, New York.

The outstanding feature of the last five years has been the interest in the building of permanent roads.

Gifts of money have been made to the Road Funds. "The Elect Ladies" (so designated by the late President Woodruff) of the Ridge held food sales; Mrs. W. H. Bollman gave Dramatic Readings; a White Elephant Sale was conducted and profits from all these efforts were added to the Road Funds.

The Executive Committee meeting August 20, 1942, thanked the Town for taking over the road from North Lane along Rustic Way and north to Myrtle Street; they also took note of the death of the Rev. C. C. Woodruff by ordering that Rustic Way and the Northern Extension of it be henceforth known as The Woodruff Memorial Road. Due to war time restrictions on needed materials permanent road building has been halted for the time, but the Road Fund has been built up so that construction can proceed as soon as possible.

Throughout the years the Ridge Association often voted that property on the Ridge should only be sold or rented to those who are in harmony with the Northfield Ideals.

It is no doubt true the harmony and the spirit of cooperation which have marked the history of the Ridge, spring from the reality of the Northfield Ideals among owners and renters of cottages.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, August 20, 1913, the following resolution was ordered sent to Mr. W. R. Moody. "The Rustic Ridge Association sends you its appreciation of the excellent program of the recent General Conference and their deep conviction that much good was accomplished."

It is the habit of the Ridge Association to often express by resolution its whole-hearted approval of the General Conference program.

Mrs. Herbert P. Bruce and her daughter Dorothy, both of whom had devoted their lives to teaching in New York

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schools, had long been owners and occupants of Rest-A-While Cottage on Ledge Way. Miss Dorothy served as Corresponding Secretary of the Ridge. Both died at the Brattleboro Hospital with but a short interval between their deaths. Woven deep into the story of the Ridge are the memories of the faithful pastoral service rendered these good women by the Rev. Arthur L. Berger, President of the Association.

The Annual Meeting of 1944 was held on August 15 at Kiowa, the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cregar, on the twentieth anniversary of their coming to the Ridge.

At this meeting announcement was made that Rest-A-While, the Bruce cottage on Ledge Way, left by the will of Miss Dorothy Bruce to the Ridge, had come into the possession of the Ridge. This is—as far as I know—the only property the Ridge Association has ever owned. I understand that it has been sold.

At this time steps were taken for the incorporation of the Ridge. A Legal Committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Mr. W. F. Hoehn and Mr. Thomas J. Duncan.

The first meeting of the Incorporators of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. was held at the office of Mr. Willard O. Seibert, 359 Main Street, Greenfield, Mass.

The Incorporators were Arthur L. Berger, Wesley H. Des Jardins, George W. Carr, Parker B. Holloway, Francis L. Jones, Louise Roe and William F. Hoehn.

At this meeting Rev. Arthur L. Berger was elected President; Rev. William H. Bollman, Vice-President; Rev. Wesley H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Mr. William F. Hoehn, Clerk; and Miss Gertrude Lauber, Assistant Clerk. This was done, in each case, by written ballot.

Two Directors were elected,—Mr. George W. Carr and Mr. Thomas J. Duncan.

The By-Laws of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. were adopted.

Twenty active members make a quorum.

At the Annual Meeting held at the home of Dr. J. L. Peacock on Cliff Road, August 4, 1945, the announcement was

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made that this year more cottages had been sold or rented than in the past four years. It was directed that "the Saucer" south of North Lane and the Sixth Ridge be cleaned out for wading purposes. Mr. E. L. Morse was thanked for faithful removal of garbage over a period of forty years.

The Ridge heartily recommended that the General Conference be held during the summer of 1946

In the minutes of this Annual Meeting is the following record. "Voted that the Rustic Ridge Association be and is hereby dissolved and that the assets of said Rustic Ridge Association be turned over and delivered to the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., and that the proper officers of the Rustic Ridge Association be and are hereby authorized to sign, seal, deliver and acknowledge a deed of all rights in the secondary transmission lines to the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., and that the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc., assume all the outstanding liabilities of the Rustic Ridge Association."

A meeting of the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc. followed immediately after this action, and the officers chosen at the meeting of the Incorporators were elected.

The Rustic Ridge Association is dead!

Long live the Rustic Ridge Association, Inc.!

2 As I have been writing I have become increasingly aware that the real story of Rustic Ridge is the story of the life lived in the different cottages. If it were possible to put into words all that these cottages have meant to their occupants throughout these more than two score years, what a narrative that would be.

Before my retirement nearly all my life had been lived in the Manse, but however comfortable the Manse may have been, I found there was something priceless in being able to stand at Ramona Cottage and with a distinct sense of possession exclaim, "This is ours!" and with real contentment to know the joy of living under one's own roof!

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After a year of strenuous living, year by year, we came to Ramona as to a real Refuge. There was something in the quiet of the woods, their subtle fragrance, the glad surprise of a bird's note, the charm of the far view, in the fine conspiracy of all this and so much more that served as effective medicine for the soul. After the complete rest of a day or so we would look around to begin carrying out the plans over which we had mulled and dreamed for months. The change in the Post Office path, the placing of a new stone in the Auditorium path, or at long last the beginning of the enlargement of the tennis court. A large part of coming to Ramona was always found in meeting our neighbors and taking up the threads of the year before, and sharing with each other the experiences of our lives back home.

The day after we first came to Ramona a little lad appeared at our back door and introduced himself by saying, "I has my daddy's blue eyes." Through the years we followed, with real interest, this lad's growth through boyhood and the teens, his college course, his years at the Harvard Graduate School, and then his enlistment in the Navy, and now with pride we note his return to civilian life, having gained the rank of Commander.

When my good neighbor to the north, the Rev. William A. McIntire,—one of God's noblemen—was helping me move a large stone for the tennis court retaining wall, his little daughter ran home calling to her mother, "Father has his Sunday suit on and he is helping Mr. Jack move a big stone and he will split those Sunday pants!" When I began this retaining wall another grandson of my neighbor to the south came running to ask me what I was doing. I replied, "I'm building a wall." "How long will it take?" "Perhaps seven years."—"Oh!" the little fellow replied. "Maybe you'll be dead!"

The Ridge is a great place for children. We shall always be glad that our daughters grew up enjoying all the varied privileges which came from life at Ramona. How they loved to have their father take them to Garnet Rock. With what eagerness they searched for garnets. Then came a day when, with some exploration, we found the path from Garnet Rock

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to Strowbridge. Then we found some graves, also a spring. More than thirty years ago we had a memorable picnic at the old orchard on Strowbridge, with the Woolworths.

On another day we followed the path through the white birches from Strowbridge to the Reservoir—passing a long-abandoned cellar. We learned to go as far as Hog's Back, the Balanced Rock, the Great White Birch, and to the Deserted Village. Each year these places would be revisited.

We have a picture of the children's Conference group under the care of Miss Clare Chapman. We have always felt the Ridge children were fortunate to enjoy the privileges of this group. Every year there are pageants held by one Conference or another often calling for the children's help. All the children looked forward to Stunt Nights and the bonfire of the Young People's Conference. Yes, the Ridge is a great place for children. There our children grew up to womanhood.

Our grandchildren spent a summer at Ramona and now when they come to see us their very first purpose is to visit the Ridge.

Coming to the Ridge meant that in due time Alice entered the Seminary, and in 1925 we were glad to have Ramona as headquarters when we attended Alice's Commencement at the Seminary and Louise's Commencement at Holyoke.

In the summer of 1930 we bought our first Buick—Jamie I—and the Rev. W. H. Bollman, with wonderful patience, taught me to drive. We celebrated the achievement by making a trip to the White Mountains, the Bollmans going with us.

I have dwelt on our life at Ramona Cottage as an example of what Rustic Ridge has meant to one family; multiply this by the number of other cottages—seventy-one—and you may form some idea of what life on Rustic Ridge has meant in all its wealth of interest throughout these more than forty years.

When in 1910 we were looking about for a summer home, there were a number of places in mind. The deciding factor in the choice of Rustic Ridge was the fact that the Northfield Conferences would be within reach. It can be affirmed if there had been no Conferences there would have been no Rustic Ridge Association.

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I have a vivid remembrance of my first Sunday morning Auditorium service. Campbell Morgan, recently arrived from England, was the speaker. We were advised to go early if we wished to have a seat. We went an hour before the appointed hour. The Auditorium was crowded, the many seats on the platform were occupied by clergymen. For me there was a real thrill in the moment when Campbell Morgan, accompanied by Mr. W. R. Moody, approached the platform—tall, thin and even then with grey forelock. I remember the Republican candidate for President in the campaign of 1884, James G. Blaine, was known as the plumed knight of Maine, but his grey forelock could not have been any more distinctive than that of Campbell Morgan. That year, and afterward, I attended Campbell Morgan's Bible Class at the nine o'clock hour. Men and women were eager to be there and promptly at nine o'clock the doors were closed, a stanza of "Break Thou the Bread of Life" was sung and the teaching was under way.

I liked his always reverent approach to his subject. He did not traffic in doubts. You came away fortified in your faith and ready to press on with the assurance of God's word ringing in your soul.

The summer schedule included other Conferences.

Two teachers from our home church attended the school of Religious Education. Mrs. Jack graduated from this school. As a result of this the Junior, Primary and Beginners Departments of our Bible School attained a high standard of efficiency.

Year after year I gathered especial help and inspiration from the General Conference. The Alexander Praise Services come to mind and there echoes the refrain, "Brighten the Corner where you are." One year a baritone named Brown sang, "Back to My Father and Home," and all through the following months those words helped to keep me loyal to the presentation of the Gospel. I remember a little tenor who came from Canada and how, figuratively speaking, he stood on the edge of his collar and sang, "Will the Circle be Unbroken?"

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Not everyone can sing a hymn as a solo. Miss Doctor knew how to do that and I remember how fortunate I was to find in my own congregation a young woman who could sing hymns in a way which made her help invaluable.

It is not possible to list all the speakers of the General Conference through the years, but I shall always be profoundly thankful for the opportunity to hear the Rev. J. H. Jowett. Among the many the Rev. J. D. Jones looms large in memory.

There came a time when Dan Crawford came to the Conference platform from the heart of Africa. I remember there were a few vacant chairs on the platform but for some reason or other he chose to sit on the steps leading to the gallery. I purchased Dan Crawford's "Thinking Black" that fall and had a great time telling my congregation about him.

More than once I heard John A. Hutton on "Launch out into the Deep," and felt its summons to greater undertaking.

Year after year I came away from the General Conference and returned to my field of service with the Spirit of a Crusader and as one who was responding to a rousing challenge.

D. L. Moody, the Founder of the General Conference, under God, made different contributions to the Religious Experience of the world and one of these was the fact that he founded and sponsored the Northfield General Conference.

They tell us times have changed. Of course they have changed. We who were young and now are old are well aware of the fact. However, I am not inclined to identify myself with those who take the fact of change and place it in the center of the stage; rather I am disposed to remember that two and two still make four and that the shortest distance between two points continues to be a straight line, and I find myself greatly heartened by the steadfast conviction that Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, today and forever.

The young minister of today, and for that matter, the rank-and-file Christian of this generation, sorely need to experience the fervor and the power of the genuine preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; they also need the devout study of the Word of God.

I bid you listen! Did you hear that hearty AMEN?

Need I tell you whose it is?

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APPENDIX A

Cottages of Rustic Ridge built by H. S. Harris

1901

1. Kenjockety—Rev. Arthur N. Thompson,
Jersey City, N. J. South Extension

1902

2. Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Jersey City, N. J. Tract 1 Lot 20
3. Miss Caroline C. Moffet, Germantown, Pa. Tract 1 Lot 24
4. Miss Elizabeth S. McGowan, Jersey City, N. J. Tract 1 Lot 11
5. Mr. C. H. Jones, Boston, Mass. Tract 1 Lot 10
(Now Anderson's)
6. Mr. George L. Goodrich, Newark, N. J. Tract 1 Lot 23
7. Miss Emma and Miss Julia Edwards Tract 1 Lot 8

1903

8. Rev. F. Cleveland, Malden, Mass. Tract 1 Lot 29
9. Miss Lizzie R. Kinsman, Beaufert, S. C. South Extension
East of Kenjockety
10. Rev. William Hascell, Burma Tract 1 Lot 32
11. Mrs. Anna E. Stoddard, Boston, Mass. Tract 1 Lot 13
12. Rev. David Howie, Cleveland, Ohio Tract 1 Lot 14
*(Afterwards owned by Rev. R. Houghton,
Wallingford, Vt.)*
13. Mrs. Lucy Bainbridge, New York City Tract 1
14. Miss K. C. Latham, New Brunswick, N. J. Tract 2
15. Mrs. Irene V. Whalen, South Hadley, Mass. Tract 2
16. Mr. F. H. Revell, New York City Pine Grove Extension
17. Miss Rose *(Cottage on corner owned by Mrs. Doremus)*

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18. Mr. Zopher Mills, Brooklyn, N. Y. Tract 1 Removed
 19. Mr. H. K. Brainard, Thompsonville, Conn.
 (*Now owned by Mrs. J. F. Schmadake*)

1904

20. Mr. Frederick A. King Tract 1
 (*Next to Brainard cottage*)
 21. Mr. H. S. Harris, Providence, R. I. Tract 1 Lot 25
 22. Miss Florence Ellis, Orange Park School,
 Florida Pine Grove Extension
 23. Rev. William Barr, Central Falls, R. I.
 South Extension
 East of Miss Kinsman
 24. Miss L. R. Richardson, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.
 Pine Grove Extension
 25. Mr. B. F. Havalion, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Pine Grove Extension
 26. Mr. H. B. Moore, Brooklyn, N. Y. Tract 2

1905

27. Miss T. E. Simar, New York City Tract 1 Lot 18
 (*Center part of house only*)
 28. Miss Helen Y. Pietch, New York City
 Pine Grove Extension
 29. Mrs. Lamont, McCauley Mission, New York City
 Pine Grove Extension
 30. Miss Nellie Smith, New York City Tract 1
 (*Sold to Rev. C. C. Woodruff, E. Orange, N. J.*)
 31. Ruggles St. Baptist Church, Boston, Mass.
 (*Bruce Cottage*) Tract 2 Lot 49
 32. Mr. E. Z. Derr, Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.
 (*Burned*) Tract 2 Lot 74
 33. Mr. H. S. Harris Tract 2 Lot 82
 (*Sold to Mrs. Edna Jenkins*)

1906

34. Miss A. M. Spring, New York City Tract 2
 (*Seven Cottages*)

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1907

35. Mr. A. G. Moody—on lowest Ridge Tract 1
(*Afterwards owned by Miss White*)
36. Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Glen Ridge, N. J. Tract 2
37. Mr. H. S. Harris and Mr. Moses Crosby Tract 2

1908

38. Mr. M. E. Halstead South Extension

Mr. H. S. Harris drew most of the plans for the cottages. He worked for 25 cents—sometimes 35 cents, an hour.

Mr. Herbert Reed furnished the lumber from his mill.

Alexander Bros. built the Kenjockey fireplace. All the rest were built by N. A. Blouin of Hinsdale, N. H.

Most of the plumbing was done by M. R. B. Hubbard, at present Seminary plumber.

Hermion men who helped at different times:

Clarence Chaney—became a missionary in Burma.

Thomas C. Hood—partner 1903-04.

Thomas Rowan—now a minister in Ireland.

John Hooper—now a Manager of Builder's Iron Foundry, Providence, R. I.

Moses Crosby—later a Nova Scotia farmer, deceased.

Arthur Bolton—dairy farmer, South Vernon, Mass.

Harry Goodwin—farmer, Swan Lake, Ontario, Canada.

William Hascell—Burma.

Theodore Hascell—doctor, Riverside, R. I.

Mr. Hand.

Sale of land:

Salesmen—Mr. A. G. Moody, Mr. E. F. Howard.

APPENDIX B

Officers of the Rustic Ridge Association

President

1905-1910 Mr. Horace K. Brainard

1911 Rev. H. F. Randolph

RUSTIC RIDGE

1912-1916	Mr. George L. Goodrich
1917-1918	Mr. Horace K. Brainard
1919-1921	Rev. J. M. Lent
1922-1923	Mr. E. I. Aldrich
1924-1928	Rev. J. L. Peacock
1929-1940	Rev. C. C. Woodruff
1941-	Rev. Arthur L. Berger

Vice-President

1915-1916	Mr. Horace K. Brainard
1917-1921	Mr. E. I. Aldrich
1922-1923	Rev. W. S. Voorhees
1924-1925	Rev. J. M. Lent
1926-1928	Rev. C. C. Woodruff
1929	Rev. W. H. Des Jardins
1930-1933	Rev. D. O. Cowles
1934-1939	Rev. W. H. Des Jardins
1940	Rev. Arthur L. Berger
1941-	Rev. W. H. Bollman

Treasurer

1907-1908	Rev. A. N. Thompson
1909-1911	Mr. Frederick A. King
1912	Mrs. C. M. Knapp
1914-1916	Rev. W. B. Barr
1917	Mr. John J. Jenkins
1918	Rev. Frank D. Torrey
1919-1921	Mrs. W. D. Anderson
1922-1924	Miss Annie L. Richardson
1925-1932	Miss L. R. Kinsman
1933	Miss Dorothy Woodruff
1934-1936	Rev. Philip Phelps
1937	
1938	Rev. W. A. Dreissler
1939	
1940-	Rev. W. H. Des Jardins

Secretary

1905-1908	Rev. A. N. Thompson
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RUSTIC RIDGE

1909-1910	Rev. Henry Hale Gifford
1911-1935	Rev. Robert Bonner Jack
1936	Mr. Francis L. Jones
1937	
1938-1940	Rev. C. M. Ackerman
1941-1942	Mr. Francis L. Jones
1943	Mrs. Robert P. Aylsworth
1944	Rev. David O. Cowles

Rustic Ridge Association, Incorporated
President—Rev. Arthur L. Berger
Vice-President—Rev. W. H. Bollman
Treasurer—Rev. W. H. Des Jardins
Clerk—Mr. Wm. F. Hoehn
Asst. Clerk—Miss Gertrude Lauber
Directors—Mr. George W. Carr and Mr.
Thomas J. Duncan

APPENDIX C

Executive Committee

1905

Mr. Horace K. Brainard, Chairman; Miss Emma Beach, Rev. D. W. Lusk, Mr. H. B. Moor and Rev. A. N. Thompson, Secretary.

1906

Mr. Horace K. Brainard, Chairman; Rev. F. L. Cleveland, Mr. George L. Goodrich, Rev. H. F. Randolph, Rev. H. H. Gifford, Rev. A. N. Thompson, Secretary, and Mrs. Irene V. Whalen.

1907-1908

Mr. H. K. Brainard, Chairman; Rev. F. L. Cleveland, Mr. George L. Goodrich, Rev. H. F. Randolph, Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. H. H. Gifford, and Rev. A. N. Thompson, Secretary.

RUSTIC RIDGE

1909-1910

Mr. H. K. Brainard, Chairman; Mr. G. L. Goodrich, Dr. J. McD. Hervey, Mr. A. G. Moody, Mr. Frederick A. King, Treasurer; Rev. H. F. Randolph, and Rev. H. H. Gifford, Secretary.

1911

Rev. H. F. Randolph, President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mr. Frederick A. King, Treasurer; Mr. H. K. Brainard, Mr. G. L. Goodrich, Dr. J. McD. Hervey, Mr. A. G. Moody.

1912

Mr. George L. Goodrich, President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mrs. C. M. Knapp, Treasurer; Mr. H. K. Brainard, Rev. W. B. Barr, Rev. Mr. McLennahan, Mr. A. G. Moody.

1913

Mr. George L. Goodrich, President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mr. H. K. Brainard, Rev. W. B. Barr, Miss A. M. Spring, Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. Mr. Ralson, Alternate.

1914

Mr. George L. Goodrich, President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Rev. W. B. Barr, Treasurer; Mr. H. K. Brainard, Mr. A. G. Moody, and Miss A. M. Spring.

1915-1916

Mr. George L. Goodrich, President; Mr. H. K. Brainard, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Rev. W. B. Barr, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, and Miss A. M. Spring.

1917

Mr. H. K. Brainard, President; Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mr. J. J. Jenkins, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, and Miss A. M. Spring.

RUSTIC RIDGE

1918

Mr. H. K. Brainard, President; Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Rev. Frank D. Torrey, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, and Miss A. M. Spring.

1919-1920

Rev. J. M. Lent, President; Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, and Miss A. M. Spring.

1921

Rev. J. M. Lent, President; Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Treasurer; Rev. J. L. Peacock, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1922-1923

Mr. E. I. Aldrich, President; Rev. W. S. Voorhees, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss Annie L. Richardson, Treasurer; Rev. J. L. Peacock, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1924

Rev. J. L. Peacock, President; Rev. J. M. Lent, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss Annie L. Richardson, Treasurer; Mr. L. A. Peacock, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1925

Rev. J. L. Peacock, President; Rev. J. M. Lent, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R. Kinsman, Treasurer; Rev. F. D. Torrey, Mr. W. D. Anderson, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1926

Rev. J. L. Peacock, President; Rev. C. C. Woodruff, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R.

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Kinsman, Treasurer; Rev. F. D. Torrey, Rev. J. M. Lent, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1927-1928

Rev. J. L. Peacock, President; Rev. C. C. Woodruff, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R. Kinsman, Treasurer; Rev. F. D. Torrey, Mr. G. E. Wright, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1929

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. Wesley H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R. Kinsman, Treasurer; Mrs. Charles R. LaBella, Mr. T. J. Duncan, Rev. J. L. Peacock, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1930-1931

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. D. O. Cowles, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R. Kinsman, Treasurer; Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mr. Robert P. Aylsworth, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, and Mr. A. G. Moody.

1932

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. D. O. Cowles, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss L. R. Kinsman, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, Mrs. J. M. Lent, Miss Jennie Johnson, Rev. W. H. Des Jardins.

1933

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. D. O. Cowles, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Miss Dorothy Woodruff, Treasurer; Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Mr. W. D. Anderson, Rev. Philip T. Phelps, Mr. A. G. Moody.

1934

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Rev.

RUSTIC RIDGE

Philip Phelps, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Rev. A. L. Berger, Miss A. L. Richardson, Mr. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. Jennie Johnson.

1935

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary; Rev. Philip Phelps, Treasurer; Mr. A. G. Moody, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Rev. A. L. Berger, Miss A. L. Richardson, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Mr. Thomas J. Duncan.

1936

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Mr. Francis L. Jones, Secretary; Rev. Philip Phelps, Treasurer; Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Rev. A. L. Berger, Mr. T. J. Duncan.

1938

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Rev. C. M. Ackerman, Secretary; Rev. W. A. Dreissler, Treasurer; Mr. T. J. Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Rev. A. L. Berger.

1939

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Vice-President; Rev. C. M. Ackerman, Secretary; Treasurer; Mr. T. J. Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Rev. A. L. Berger.

1940

Rev. C. C. Woodruff, President; Rev. A. L. Berger, Vice-President; Mr. C. M. Ackerman, Secretary; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Mr. T. J. Duncan, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Rev. P. B. Holloway, Miss Josephine Moody, Miss M. B. Curtis, Miss Dorothy Bruce, Corresponding Secretary.

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1941

Rev. Arthur L. Berger, President; Rev. W. H. Bollman, Vice-President; Miss Dorothy Bruce, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. F. L. Jones, Recording Secretary; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Rev. C. C. Woodruff, Mr. T. J. Duncan, Miss Lucy Jackson, Mr. C. W. Wright, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mrs. Harriette Bruce, Mrs. J. J. Jenkins.

1942

Rev. Arthur L. Berger, President; Rev. W. H. Bollman, Vice-President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Miss Dorothy Bruce, Corresponding Secretary; Prof. Francis L. Jones, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harriette Bruce, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Miss Lucy Jackson, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mr. T. J. Duncan, Miss Mabel Livingston, Mr. C. W. Wright.

1943

Rev. A. L. Berger, President; Rev. W. H. Bollman, Vice-President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Mrs. R. P. Aylsworth, Recording Secretary; Miss Therese Simar, Corresponding Secretary.

Aug. 15, 1944

Rev. A. L. Berger, President; Rev. W. H. Bollman, Vice-President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Rev. D. O. Cowles, Recording Secretary; Miss Therese Simar, Corresponding Secretary.

Aug. 14, 1945

Board of Directors of Rustic Ridge Association
Incorporated

Rev. Arthur L. Berger, President; Rev. W. H. Bollman, Vice-President; Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Treasurer; Mr. W. F. Hoehn, Clerk; Miss Gertrude Lauber, Assistant Clerk; Messrs. George W. Carr and Thomas J. Duncan, Directors.

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APPENDIX D

Auditors

1908	Mr. D. Howie, Mr. F. A. King
1909	Miss Edwards, Miss Ellis
1910	Mrs. Whalen, Miss Galloway
1911	Miss Margaret Galloway, Mrs. C. M. Knapp
1912	Mr. Stevenson, Miss Moffet
1913	Rev. H. H. Gifford, Miss White
1916	Mr. H. K. Brainard, Mr. John J. Jenkins, Mrs. McCloud
1917-1920	Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Rev. J. M. Lent, Mrs. McCloud
1921-1923	Mr. John J. Jenkins, Mr. H. K. Brainard
1924-1925	Mr. H. K. Brainard, Mr. W. D. Anderson
1926-1928	Mr. Robert P. Aylsworth, Mrs. W. D. Anderson
1929	Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. M. Lent
1930-1931	Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. Frank D. Torrey
1932	Miss A. L. Richardson, Miss Lucy Jackson
1933-1935	Miss A. L. Richardson, Mrs. W. D. Anderson
1936	Miss Joslin, Miss Ruth Johnson
1938-1939	Mr. H. W. Doremus, Mrs. W. D. Anderson
1940	Mr. F. L. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Anderson
1942	Rev. Philip Phelps, Mrs. J. A. Otte, Miss Dorothy Woodruff
1943	Miss Dorothy Woodruff
1944	Mr. F. L. Jones, Miss Lucy Jackson, Mr. Thomas J. Duncan
1945	Miss Gertrude Lauber, Miss Ruth Card, Mr. Thomas J. Duncan

APPENDIX E

Ridge Agent

1909-1913	Rev. Elliott Brown
1914-1915	Rev. W. W. Coe
1917-1926	Mr. E. F. Howard
1927-1930	Mr. W. F. Hoehn

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- 1931-1935 Rev. W. W. Coe
1936-1942 Rev. W. H. Geibel
1943 Mr. W. F. Hoehn

APPENDIX F

Road Supervisors

- 1908 Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Mr. J. P. Sjoburg, Mr. A. G. Moody
1909 Mr. George L. Goodrich, Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Mr. A. G. Moody
1910 Mr. George L. Goodrich, Rev. Davis M. Lusk, Mr. A. G. Moody
1911 Mr. George L. Goodrich, Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Mr. A. G. Moody
1912 Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Mr. H. K. Brainard, Mr. A. G. Moody
1913-1915 Mr. H. K. Brainard, Rev. R. M. Aylsworth, Mr. A. G. Moody
1916-1917 Mr. H. K. Brainard, Rev. W. S. Voorhees, Mr. A. G. Moody
1918-1921 Mr. A. G. Moody, Mr. J. J. Jenkins, Rev. W. S. Voorhees
1922 Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. W. S. Voorhees, Rev. D. O. Cowles
1923-1927 Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. A. J. Crooks
1928 Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. A. J. Crooks, Mr. H. L. Ballou
1929 Mr. A. G. Moody, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Mrs. Mabel A. Grogan
1930 Prof. W. D. Anderson, Mr. H. W. Doremus, Mr. Lester A. Polhemus
1931-1934 Prof. W. D. Anderson, Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. Lester A. Polhemus

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- 1935-1939 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. W. D. Anderson,
Mr. Lester A. Polhemus
- 1940 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. W. D. Anderson,
Mr. George W. Carr
- 1941 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. Gordon C. Willard,
Mr. W. F. Townsend, Mr. George W. Carr
- 1942 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Rev. W. C. Atkins,
Mr. W. F. Townsend, Mr. George W. Carr
- 1943 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Rev. W. C. Atkins,
Rev. A. C. Ackerman, Mr. George W. Carr,
Mr. Howard S. Harris, Rev. Walter Chapin,
Rev. Robert A. Heydenreich
- 1944 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. George W. Carr,
Rev. W. C. Atkins, Mr. Howard S. Harris,
Rev. Walter Chapin, Rev. Robert A. Heydenreich
- 1945 Mr. Thomas J. Duncan, Mr. George W. Carr,
Rev. W. C. Atkins, Rev. Robert A. Heydenreich

APPENDIX G

Garbage Committee

- 1909 Mr. George L. Goodrich
- 1910 Mr. George L. Goodrich, Mr. H. K. Brainard,
Rev. H. F. Randolph
- 1918 Mr. George L. Goodrich, Mr. Fairbanks
- 1920-1921 Mr. Fairbanks, Rev. F. D. Torrey
- 1922-1923 Rev. D. O. Cowles, Mr. W. D. Anderson

Milk and Garbage Committee

- 1924-1925 Mr. W. D. Anderson, Rev. J. M. Lent, Rev.
Philip Phelps
- 1926-1927 Rev. F. D. Torrey, Mrs. Sarah McLeod, Rev.
Philip Phelps

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- 1928 Rev. Philip Phelps, Mr. W. D. Anderson, Miss E. Babbitt
1929 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mr. W. D. Anderson, Rev. D. O. Cowles
1930-1932 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Rev. D. O. Cowles, Rev. J. C. Eason.
1933-1934 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Rev. D. O. Cowles, Mr. Francis L. Jones.

Garbage Committee

- 1935-1937 Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Mrs. W. A. MacIntire, Mr. Gordon Willard
1938-1940 Mrs. Bessie B. Schmadeke, Mrs. W. A. MacIntire, Rev. D. O. Cowles

Waste Removal Committee

- 1941-1942 Mrs. C. W. Wright, Miss Josephine Moody, Miss Therese Simar
1943-1944 Mrs. C. W. Wright, Miss Josephine Moody, Mrs. William Voorhees
1945 Mrs. C. W. Wright, Miss Therese Simar, Miss Edith Babbitt

APPENDIX H

Milk Committee

- 1920-1921 Rev. J. M. Lent, Mr. W. D. Anderson
1922-1923 Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Mr. H. W. Doremus, Rev. J. M. Lent
1924-1934 See Milk and Garbage Committee—Appendix G
1935-1936 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Miss Lucy Jackson, Mr. Francis L. Jones
1938-1941 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Miss Lucy Jackson, Miss Therese Simar

RUSTIC RIDGE

- 1942 Miss Lucy Jackson, Miss Alice Pedley, Miss
Alta M. Hale
- 1943-1944 Miss Lucy Jackson, Miss Alice Pedley, Mrs.
H. W. Doremus
- 1945 Miss Lucy Jackson, Mrs. P. B. Holloway, Mrs.
Mark Ray, Rev. G. W. Washburn

APPENDIX I

Social Committee

- 1906 Mrs. Nellie Smith, Mrs. F. L. Cleveland, Miss Therese
Simar, Miss Bessie Brainard, Mrs. H. B. Moore
- 1907 Rev. D. W. Lusk, Mrs. E. I. Aldrich, Miss Isabella
Thompson, Mrs. H. F. Randolph, Mr. David Howie
- 1908 Miss E. Whallon, Mrs. Hervey, Rev. H. F. Randolph,
Rev. H. H. Gifford, Mrs. Woolworth
- 1909 To be appointed by the ladies if it is desired
- 1941 Miss Mabel Livingston, Miss Maud Curtis, Mrs. W. A.
MacIntire, Mrs. P. B. Holloway
- 1942 Miss Mabel Livingston, Miss Ruth Card, Miss Maud
Curtis, Mrs. P. B. Holloway, Rev. Robert A. Hey-
denreich
- 1943 Miss Ruth Card, Miss Maud Curtis, Miss Gertrude
Lauber, Miss Lucy Keith, Miss Martha Bollerman,
Miss Ruth Johnson, Mr. C. L'Hommedieu, Mr. E.
Calvacca
- 1944 Miss Ruth Card, Miss Maud Curtis, Miss Gertrude
Lauber, Miss Mabel Livingston, Miss Shirley
Wright, Miss Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Charles Crane,
Mr. C. L'Hommedieu
- 1945 Miss Maud Curtis, Miss Ruth Card, Miss Gertrude
Lauber, Miss Shirley Wright, Mrs. Everett Lobb,
Miss Ruth Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Bollman, Miss
Martha Bollerman, Rev. George Washburn, Rev.
Henry I. McKnight

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APPENDIX J

Hospitality Committee

- 1924 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mrs. J. M. Lent
- 1925 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev. C. C. Woodruff
- 1926-1927 Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev. C. C. Woodruff.
- 1928 Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Mrs. J. M. Lent
- 1929 Mrs. C. C. Woodruff, Miss Therese E. Simar
- 1930 Rev. L. J. Brace, Mrs. J. M. Lent
- 1931-1932 Rev. Philip Phelps, Mrs. J. M. Lent
- 1933 Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Miss Therese E. Simar
- 1934 Miss Alice Pedley, Miss Therese E. Simar
- 1935 Rev. A. L. Berger, Miss Alice Pedley, Miss Therese E. Simar, Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Mrs. W. H. Voorhees, Mrs. H. Bruce
- 1936 Mrs. Harriet Bruce, Mrs. W. F. Townsend, Mrs. W. H. Voorhees, Miss Louise Roe, Capt. Wisdom
- 1937
- 1938-1939 Mrs. P. B. Holloway, Mr. C. L'Hommedieu, Mrs. W. H. Voorhees, Miss Louise Roe, Mrs. Louise LaBella
- 1940 Miss M. B. Curtis, Mrs. R. P. Aylsworth, Miss Dorothy Bruce
- 1941-1942 Mrs. Harriet Bruce, Mrs. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. W. C. Atkin, Mr. C. L'Hommedieu, Mrs. W. H. Voorhees
- 1943-1944 Mrs. W. H. Bollman, Mrs. Walter Chapin, Mrs. R. A. Heydenreich, Miss Virginia McLeod, Mrs. C. S. Cregar
- 1945 Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mrs. Walter Chapin, Mrs. R. A. Heydenreich, Miss Virginia McLeod

RUSTIC RIDGE

APPENDIX K

Condolence Committee

- 1925 Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Rev. D. O. Cowles,
Mrs. Frank L. McLeod
- 1926-1928 Rev. Philip Phelps, Mrs. Frank L. McLeod,
Miss Annie Richardson
- 1929 Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Mrs. Frank L. McLeod,
Miss Annie Richardson
- 1930 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Miss Therese E. Simar, Miss
Annie Richardson
- 1931 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mr. Francis L. Jones, Miss
Annie Richardson
- 1932 Rev. J. L. Peacock, Mr. Francis L. Jones, Mrs.
J. F. Schmadeke
- 1933 Rev. Philip Phelps, Miss Josephine Moody, Mrs.
J. F. Schmadeke
- 1934-1935 Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Rev. Philip Phelps, Miss
Josephine Moody
- 1936 Miss Therese E. Simar, Rev. Philip Phelps, Miss
Josephine Moody
- 1937
- 1938-1940 Rev. Frank Russell, Mrs. Harriet Bruce, Miss
Josephine Moody

Neighborhood Committee

- 1941 Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mrs. W. S. Voorhees, Rev.
C. M. Ackerman

Necrology Committee

- 1942 Rev. David O. Cowles, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev.
C. M. Ackerman
- 1943 Rev. David O. Cowles, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Miss
Mabel Livingston, Rev. J. L. Peacock

RUSTIC RIDGE

- 1944 Mr. Charles S. Cregar, Mrs. W. H. Doremus,
Miss Martha Bollerman, Mrs. Wm. A. Mc-
Intire
- 1945 Rev. David O. Cowles, Rev. J. L. Peacock, Miss
Jennie Johnson, Mrs. Wm. A. McIntire, Miss
Mabel Livingston

APPENDIX L

Tree Trimming Committee

- 1919-1921 Rev. J. M. Lent, Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Rev. Frank
D. Torrey
- 1922 Mr. H. W. Doremus, Rev. J. M. Lent, Mr. E. I.
Aldrich, Rev. Frank D. Torrey
- 1923 Mr. E. I. Aldrich, Rev. J. M. Lent, Rev. Frank
D. Torrey
- 1924 Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Rev. W. A. McIntire,
Mr. Zophar Mills
- 1925-1927 Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Rev. W. A. McIntire,
Miss Edwards
- 1928 Rev. W. A. McIntire, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Mrs.
C. S. Cregar
- 1929 Rev. W. A. McIntire, Rev. A. J. Crooks, Mr.
Leon Taber
- 1930 Rev. W. A. McIntire, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Mr.
Leon Taber
- 1931-1932 Rev. W. A. McIntire, Rev. A. J. Crooks, Mrs.
C. S. Cregar
- 1933 Rev. W. H. Des Jardins, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev.
W. H. Bollman
- 1934-1939 Rev. A. L. Berger, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev.
W. H. Bollman
- 1940 Rev. P. B. Holloway, Mrs. C. S. Cregar, Rev.
W. H. Bollman

RUSTIC RIDGE

- 1941 Mr. Francis L. Jones, Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Rev.
C. C. Woodruff
- 1942 Mr. Francis L. Jones, Mrs. Robert P. Aylsworth,
Rev. William Deissler
- 1943-1944 Rev. P. B. Holloway, Rev. Wm. Deissler, Mrs.
J. F. Schmadeke, Mrs. W. A. McIntire, Mr.
F. C. Harmon
- 1945 Rev. Gordon Poole, Rev. Thomas W. Kidd,
Mr. W. D. Anderson, Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke

APPENDIX M

Mosquito Committee

- 1925 Rev. J. Wallace Chesbro, Mrs. Jennie Johnson
- 1926 Rev. David O. Cowles, Mr. A. G. Moody
- 1927 Rev. David O. Cowles, Mr. A. G. Moody, Mrs.
Jennie Johnson
- 1928-1929 Mr. A. G. Moody, Rev. David O. Cowles, Mrs.
Jennie Johnson
- 1941 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Miss Ruth Card, Mrs. P. B.
Holloway
- 1942 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Miss Louise Roe, Mr. Gor-
don C. Willard
- 1943 Mrs. Edna Jenkins, Mrs. C. F. Ohlandt, Mrs.
C. S. Cregar, Miss Louise Roe
- 1944-1945 Rev. W. C. Atkins, Mrs. C. F. Ohlandt, Mrs.
C. S. Cregar, Miss Louise Roe

Recreation Committee

- 1944-1945 Rev. P. B. Holloway, Rev. Charles Crane, P. B.
Holloway, Jr.

RUSTIC RIDGE

APPENDIX N

Place of Annual Meeting

- 1905 Preliminary Meeting—Cottage of Rev. Robert M. Aylsworth
- 1906-1912 Cottage of Mr. H. K. Brainard
- 1913 Cottage of Mr. George L. Goodrich
- 1914 *Wheaton*—Mrs. Anna E. Stoddard
- 1915 Cottage of Mr. H. K. Brainard
- 1916 *Kiowa*—Mrs. Halstead
- 1917 *Kiowa*—Mrs. Halstead
- 1918 *Kumfort*—Miss Helen Y. Pietsch
- 1919 *Sunny Shadoa*—Mr. E. I. Aldrich
- 1920 *Pine Lodge*—Miss A. M. Spring
- 1921 *Sunny Corners*—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson
- 1922 *Fernwold*—Rev. D. O. Cowles
- 1923 *Ramona*—Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack
- 1924 *Kenarden Hall*
- 1925 *Kenjockety*—Rev. and Mrs. Frank D. Torrey
- 1926 *Kenarden Hall*
- 1927 *Kiowa*—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cregar
- 1928 *Peacock*—Rev. J. L. Peacock
- 1929 *Rockameka*—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Des Jardins
- 1930 *Interpines*—Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Woodruff
- 1931 *High-View*—Mrs. J. J. Jenkins
- 1932 *Sunny Corners*—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Anderson
- 1933 *Kiowa*—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cregar
- 1934 *Johnson*—Mrs. Jennie Johnson
- 1935 *Cozy Cabin*—Miss Alice M. Pedley
- 1936 *Rest-A-While*—Mrs. Herbert P. Bruce
- 1937
- 1938 *Evergreen*—Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Holloway

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- 1939 *La Chaumiere*—Miss Therese E. Simar
1940 *High-View*—Mrs. J. J. Jenkins
1941 *Loggia*—Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Berger
1942 *Rockameka*—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Des Jardins
1943 *The Hemlocks*—Miss Mabel Livingston and Mrs.
W. A. McIntire
1944 *Kiowa*—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cregar
1945 *Peacock*—Rev. J. L. Peacock