

GENERATIONS AT LAUDERDALE LAKES FAMILY ARCHIVES



"THE COTTAGE"
"BUG INN"
1929 - 2016

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LINDMER
Est. 1996

N7455 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE ELKHORN, WI

State of Wisconsin } ss.
County of Walworth }

I do further certify that said map contains a correct representation of lots, outlets, parks, private roads, drives, courts and paths and ways within said subdivision; that the title or fee to all roads, drives, courts and paths is vested in the owners of the property contained in said plat abutting thereon subject however to the easement or right of all other owners of property in Landerdale Heights Subdivision, their heirs, licensees, servants, and invitees to pass over and across said roads, courts, drives and paths on foot with animals or vehicles; that Wilkinson road is subject to the further easement or right of Henry Hofman his heirs and the assigns of Hofman's Island and their families and of the public generally as a means of ingress and egress to and from the lake to pass over and across ^{said road} ~~said road~~ with animals or vehicles; that all said highways are to be privately maintained by the abutting land owners, that the title or fee to the community park is to remain in the grantor subject to the rights of the owners of property in this subdivision and their families, to use and enjoy said park for amusement and recreation under the supervision of said grantor and his heirs; that all lake front lots continue to low water mark, that the property hereinbefore described is subject to the following restrictions and conditions to wit: all lavatories and toilets shall be within the dwelling house on said lots and shall be connected with septic tanks, so as to be sanitary in all respects. Only one single family dwelling and one garage up to two car capacity shall be allowed on any one lot, that no building porch or other structure shall be erected within 20 feet from the front lines of lots 1 to 22 inclusive, 25 to 37 inclusive, and 33 to 42 inclusive and that no building (other than private boat house) shall be erected on any lake front lots (excepting lots 58-70 and 71) within 10 feet from the base line as indicated on the above map. The following shall be the minimum cost and fair value of all dwelling on lots in Landerdale Heights Subdivision: Lots 8-24-25-26-27-28-29-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-57-58-59-60-61 and 62 two thousand Dollars \$2,000.00. On lots 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-30-31-32-43-44-45-56-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70 and 71 fifteen hundred Dollars. No dance pavilions, refreshment parlors, amusement park or any other form of public concession shall be erected, either temporarily or permanently on any of said lots but the property is to be maintained as first class summer residences.

In presence of:
Wm. Child
A. F. Thoreau

B. W. Denison

L. D.

State of Wisconsin } ss.
County of Walworth }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1925.

(Notary Seal)

Arthur F. Thoreau

Notary Public for Walworth County Wisconsin
My commission expires Sept. 2, 1926.

State of Wisconsin } ss.
County of Walworth }

E. C. Peterson Town Clerk of the Town of La Grange, Walworth County, Wisconsin do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly and legally adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Grange Walworth County Wisconsin at a special meeting held on the 18th day of May 1925 and that the above map or plat is the identical map or plat approved by the said Board in and by the said Resolution. Be it Resolved by the Town Board of the Town of La Grange Walworth County Wisconsin that that certain map or plat of Landerdale Heights Subdivision certified to by Wm. Child Surveyor and dedicated, signed and acknowledged by B. W. Denison on the 9th day of May 1925 as owner of the land platted, be, and the same is hereby approved.

E. C. Peterson Town Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1925.

(Notary Seal)

William L. Thompson

Notary Public for Walworth County Wisconsin
My commission expires Jan. 20, 1929.

State of Wisconsin } ss.
County of Walworth }

I, E. C. Peterson Town Clerk of the Town of La Grange Walworth County Wisconsin do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing plat together with a copy of all certificates thereon shown was filed in my office this 18th day of May 1925 in the manner and form prescribed by statute.

E. C. Peterson Town Clerk.

Received for record this 19th day
of May, A. D. 1925 at 10 o'clock A. M.
F. B. Holmes, Register of Deeds.

WHERE IT BEGAN ...

1925 PLOT of LAUDERDALE HEIGHTS

1920's + 1930's PURCHASES
LOTS 24-28 &
33, 35, 37, 39

2004 PURCHASE
LOT 29



Number 250108

Lauderdale Heights.
Located at Lauderdale Lake
LaGrange T.P. Walworth Co. Wis.



WHO BEGAN IT ...

MARTIN J O'BRIEN



Born in Chicago.

Martin J. O'Brien had a long career in Chicago politics. He was born in Chicago in 1872 and was educated in the public schools.

In 1911 he was made a clerk in the office of County Clerk Robert M. Sweitzer. At about the same time he became ward committeeman of the 29th ward, one of the most important in the city from the standpoint of Democratic strength.

O'Brien was given his first big job in the organization about 1921 by the late George Brennan. He was made chairman of the Cook county central committee, and in this capacity worked for the election of Mayor William E. Dever in 1923. From 1923 to 1927 he was city controller.

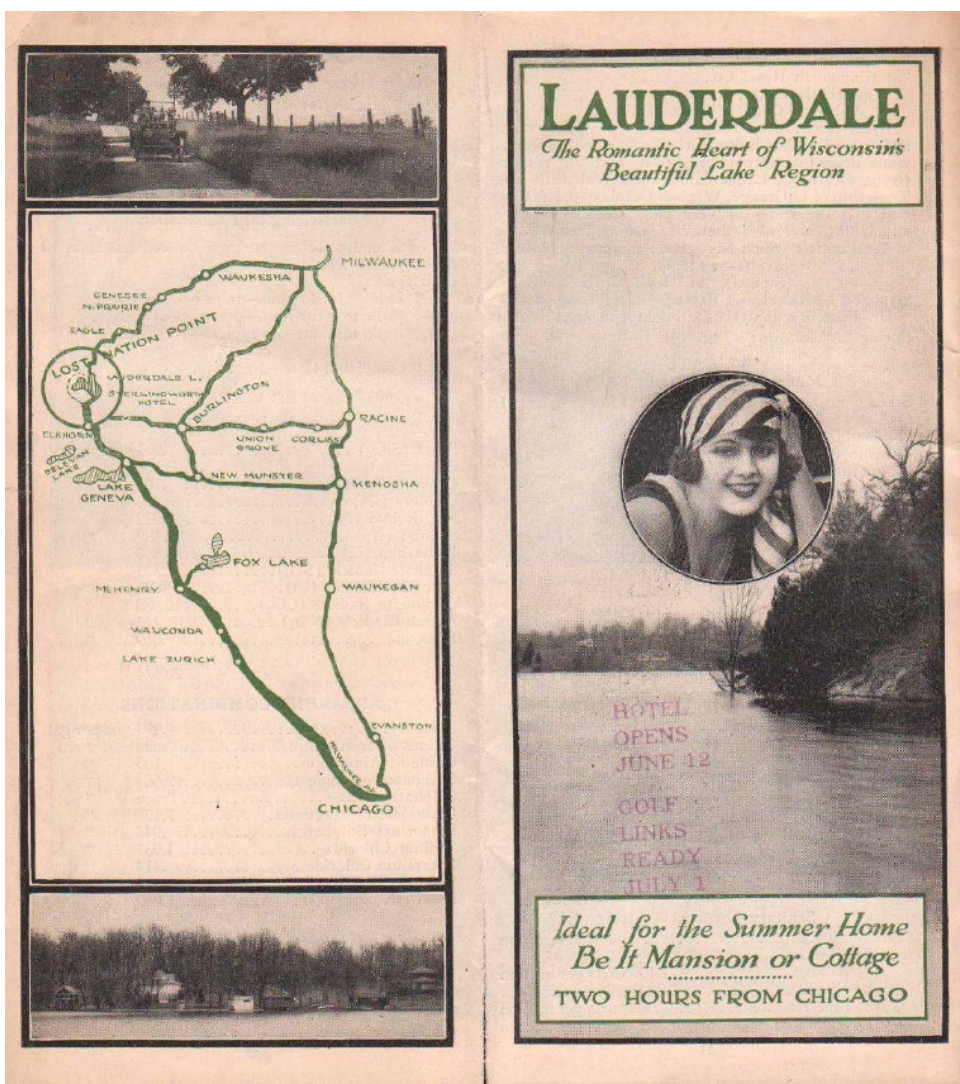
In the late 1920's, Martin purchased the land at Lauderdale as a fishing cottage.

His best friend, Frank Roeder, bought the neighboring lots and built a house. Frank's descendants, the Slingerlands, still own the property and the original house in 2025.

The Lower lots, were purchased October 12, 1929 just days before the stock market crash that began October 24, 1929.

In the 1930s, Martin abandoned Lauderdale and began vacationing at the Crawling Stone Lodge in Minocqua, Wisconsin, alongside other Chicago politicians. Owned by Bill Yeschek, the lodge became a regular retreat for Martin and his family until his untimely passing there in 1940.

Decades later, in 1986, Mike Divane met Bill Yeschek at the University of Wisconsin. After a few months of friendship, they uncovered the connection between their great-grandfathers.



DEED FROM 1929

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WARRANTY DEED Swan to O'Brien STATE OF WISCONSIN—FORM No. 1 A. D. 1929

NUMBER

281768

This Indenture, Made this 12th day of October, A. D., 1929
between Emma Louise Swan, of Elkhorn, Walworth County, Wisconsin
part y of the first part, and
Martin J. O'Brien of 3851 Congress Street, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,
part y of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said part y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
One dollar and other good and valuable consideration
to her in hand paid, by the said part y of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has given,
granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien,
convey and confirm unto the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate,
situated in the County of Walworth, and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

Lots numbered Thirty-three (33) and Thirty-five (35) of Lauderdale Heights, located at Lauderdale Lakes, LaGrange, Township, County and State aforesaid, according to Plat thereof, recorded in Volume Eight (8) of Plats, pages 220-23 Walworth County records.

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said part y of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises, and their hereditaments and appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as above described, with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said part y of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns FOREVER.
AND THE SAID Emma Louise Swan

for herself and her heirs, executors and administrators, do give, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents she is well seized of the premises above described as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever,

and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof, she will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said part y of the first part has hereunto set her hand and seal this 12th day of October, A. D., 1929
SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENCE OF
Theodora Walbrant
Thelma Olsen
Emma Louise Swan (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
Walworth County, ss.

Personally came before me, this 12th day of October, A. D., 1929
the above named Emma Louise Swan

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Received for Record this 19th day of November A. D., 1929, at 2 o'clock P. M.
F. G. Holmes Register.



Theodora Walbrant
Notary Public Walworth County, Wis.
My Commission expires Jan. 26, A. D., 1930

MARTIN J. O'BRIEN
MAY 10, 1873 – JULY 6, 1940

Shock Is Fatal After Rescue in Wisconsin

(Picture on page 3.)

Minocqua, Wis., July 6 [Special].—
Martin J. O'Brien, public administra-

tor of Cook county and one of Chicago's veteran Democratic leaders, died this evening after he had been rescued from drowning in Crawling Stone lake, 15 miles west of Minocqua. Death was attributed to a heart



Map locates scene of Martin J. O'Brien's Death.

attack provoked by shock and exposure. He was 68 years old.

O'Brien and two other Illinois Democratic leaders had been brought ashore thru the heroic efforts of an Indian guide, John St. Germaine, after a boat capsized with them about 1,000 feet from the east end of the lake. John J. Hallihan of East St. Louis, director of the state department of education and registration, and Arthur O'Brien, secretary to Gov. Henry Horner, were the others rescued.

MARTIN O'BRIEN'S BODY IS BROUGHT TO CHICAGO HOME

The body of Martin J. O'Brien, public administrator of Cook county and a west side Democratic leader for many years, was returned to Chicago last night from Minocqua, Wis., where he had a summer home. He died Saturday night, supposedly of a heart attack, after he was rescued from drowning when a small boat capsized in Crawling Stone lake, about 15 miles west of Minocqua. He was 67 years old.

John J. Hallihan of East St. Louis, state director of education and registration, and Arthur P. O'Brien, secretary to Gov. Henry Horner, who were rescued with Martin O'Brien, by John St. Germaine, an Indian guide, were under the care of physicians. Each was reported by his wife to be recuperating. Martin O'Brien and Arthur P. O'Brien were not related.

Mr. O'Brien leaves a son, Martin E. O'Brien, and two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Richards and Mrs. Daniel Divane. His daughters were with him at his summer home. Mr. O'Brien lived in Chicago at 3851 Congress street.

Hallihan's Condition Serious

THE STORIES CONTINUES ...

After the death of Martin J. O'Brien, the property was deeded to his son, Martin E. O'Brien.

1948 | the property was deeded to Eleanor Divane, Martin E O'Brien's sister.

1948 | Eleanor deeded the property to her husband, Daniel Divane.

1951 | Eleanor and her sister, Clara, died within hours of each other.

1962 | Following the death of Daniel J. Divane, Jr, the property was deeded to his son, Daniel J. Divane, III and daughter, Eleanor Monti (Valvassori)

1967 | Daniel + Eleanor deeded 1/3 of the property to John Divane.

1972 | After the death of Daniel J. Divane, III, Daniel's share of the property was purchased by John and Eleanor.

1995 | John and Eleanor split the property. Eleanor took the upper lots (24-28) with "The Cottage". John + Sue (Bernadette) took possession of the lower lots (33,35,37,39).

1996 | John and Sue built "Lindmer" on the lower lots.

2004 | Eleanor Valvassori purchased lot 29

2016 | Eleanor deeded her property to her children. And then her children, sold the property to Sue Divane (Lots 24-29). "The Cottage" was torn down.

FUN AT LAUDERDALE IN 1970'S

1971 | MIKE + MARY



1976 | STERLINGWORTH
PATTY, MARY, TIM + MIKE



1977

MARY, PATTY, TIM + MIKE



PATTY



SUE + JOHN



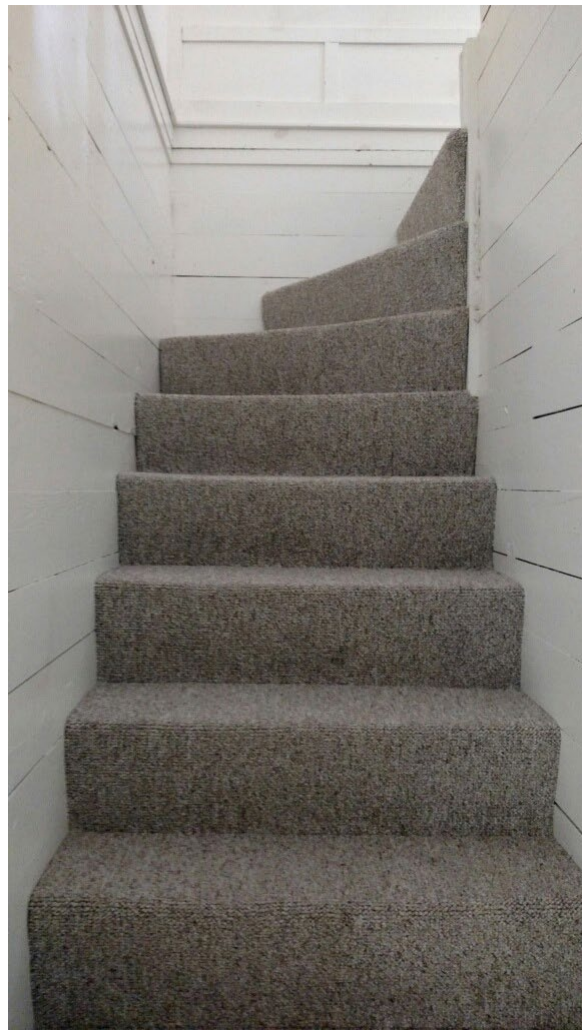
PICTURES OF "THE COTTAGE"



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PICTURES OF "THE COTTAGE" 2016



The Boats over the Years



Criss Craft
Picture from 1960
(John and Friend)



The Green Boat
1974
(Mike, Tim, John)



Mastercraft
1988

First Pontoon
"Sweetwater"
1994



Lower Lot before Lindmer
1993



Lindmer Est. 1996







July 4
2021

Johnny Anna Molly Maria Mike Mary Mike Mc Katie Ryan Erin Kevin
Tommy Maddie Brian Charlie Patty Sue (Grandma) Tim Moria Shannon Garrett
Fredrick (Dog)



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