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KUSUMPE BROOK CAMPSTEAD PRESERVE

A First of its Kind

The donation of a conservation/preservation easement on both land and buildings by the Kusumpe Brook Association marks a new era in the preservation of the Squam Lakes. Members of the Kusumpe Brook Association – Archibald Coolidge, Jr., Elizabeth Miller, Susan Bartow, Julian & Gail Coolidge, Deborah Leach, Henry Barnes, Lillian Coolidge, Lewis Miller, David Coolidge, and Nancy Patriarco - - working with SLCS Executive Director Roger Larochelle and members of the NH Preservation Alliance successfully navigated new waters in our conservation efforts, by receiving this precedent-setting easement on December 30, 2004.

Campsteads hold a significant place in Squam's character, history, and sense of community. There are 71 "old rustic camps" on Squam Lake built prior to 1920, and many more since. They are characterized by summer seasonal use only, their rustic character, and serving as a family hub.*

Conserving and preserving campsteads and the land surrounding them poses unique challenges. A baseline documentation describing the current condition of both land building(s) must be undertaken. From this baseline, use limitations and reserved rights are determined, keeping, as the highest priority, the rustic appeal and integrity of the campstead and property.

The preservation of the Coolidge family campstead, located next to Kusumpe Brook on Sandwich Bay in Sandwich, is a major step in preserving the low impact, rustic quality of life here at Squam. We hope the Coolidge family's leadership role in this endeavor will serve as a model for preserving many more rustic camps on Squam and throughout New Hampshire.

**Kinship and Landscape at Squam Lake, by Derek Brereton (dissertation), 2003*

Monitoring Workshop

Learn how to be an SLCS property monitor by attending our Monitoring Workshop on Monday, July 25, 2005 from 1 to 5 p.m. Please contact Jane Blaine (603-968-7900 or jane@squamlakes.com) to sign up.



Kusumpe Brook Campstead

Save the Date SLCS Annual Meeting

Saturday morning
August 20, 2005

at Burleigh Barn
Route 113, Holderness

Courtesy of the Webster Land Corporation