

# 1983

Mr. Fred Bray Isaacs was for a number of years was the oldest active member of Morton's Point. A truly gracious and much respected gentleman, (younger brother of founding member W. H. Isaacs) had joined in 1928 and never missed a summer at the camp in 54 years. He passed away April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1983. His ashes were taken in the Hyah-Hyah and put into the lake as the boat cruised around Sandy Hook Island, as per his requests, by Fred A. Isaacs, Rob W. Haddow, John F. Haddow Jr., Glen R. Noble, Dennis A. Pettit, Jim G. Steele, Brian K. Soehner and John C. Kerr. Part of the ashes were buried on the front lawn and his Grandson Rob Haddow continues the ritual of a "Tontine" on the third week of July each year.



The original tin that held F. B. Isaacs ashes & bottle of Hiram Walkers Imperial Whiskey used at the first tontine along with the bottle of Hiram Walkers Imperial whiskey now used for the toasts.

. (July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1998)

During this ceremony, the original members of F. B.'s camp, A.K.A. the old bastard as he was fondly called, would lower the flag to half mast, then Dennis Pettit stands by the flag pole and gives F. B. a Masons Salute, he returns to the original group who organize themselves in a circle on the front lawn and bring out the original bottle of Hiram Walker Imperial Whiskey that F. B. had left in camp so that members could toast his memory after his death. These members recall the memories of Mr. F. B. Isaacs and his wishes. The Spirit & Intentions of Morton's Point Camp are read and then a straight shot of Hiram Walkers Imperial Whiskey is taken in a toast to F. B. I. Other members and guests are then asked to join the circle and another shot is poured for all. Toasts are made and Fred Bray Isaacs' memory is kept alive.



3 of the original Tontine Members from left to right; Jim Steele - Rob Haddow - Glen Noble. John Haddow Sr., Dennis Pettit and Fred A. Isaacs are the other remaining active Camp Members from the original Tontine.

Picture taken July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1998

Morton's Point is more than a Camp, it is an attitude that appreciates the special atmosphere, the fellowship, the dedication and the history that goes along with it.

The following is a copy of a story told by F. B. Isaacs that I found in the "Lake Wah Wash Kesh, Early Years Book" published by the "Wah Wash Kesh Conservation Association" in 1986.

"In the early days all came to camp by train until roads were better.

Ed. Ladore, Traffic Manager of Hiram Walkers would have a half-passenger and half-baggage car put on the siding and all supplies were loaded, including cases of liquor.

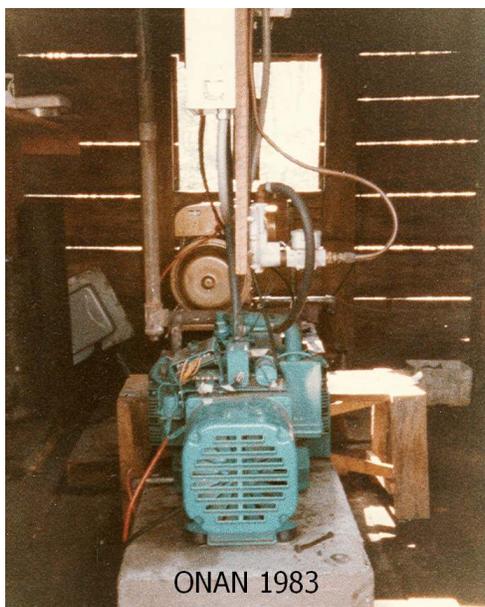
This car was hooked onto the C.N.R. train, leaving Windsor around noon and F.B. Isaacs joined them on arrival in London. Upon arrival in Toronto, about 7:30 p.m., it was the job of Isaacs and Bob Sherlock to remain in the coach to guard the liquor, while it was shunted around the yard.

The car was hooked onto the Vancouver train and left about 11:30 p.m. A supply of food was on board for a lunch about 1:00 a.m. and many times we would have the Conductor, Brakeman, Fireman, etc., join us and we often wondered who was operating the train! The train stopped at all the small stations in those years and one night after the train had left one place we heard someone shouting, "HELP". Someone had shut the door on the Conductor and he was hanging on outside until we let him in.

We arrived at Ardbeg around 3:30 a.m. and the coach was put on the siding. There was a small hotel close to the station and all had breakfast there.

The hotel was owned by Jimmy Ainslie at that time and he was always looking for us because someone always said "What about a drink, Jimmy?", and his reply was always "Well its better than a kick in the belly."

Three new cast iron stoves were found at a great price by John Haddow Sr. and he donated them to the Camp. They were transported to Camp by Rob Haddow in March of 1982 and were welcomed by all who gained comfort from them during those cool spring and fall days.



The Onan propane generator was purchased and delivered to Ned Riley who took it to camp and installed the new unit. The cost of the unit and panel was \$2,753.02 plus \$75.27 freight and around \$600.00 in duty. Ned installed the Onan on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1983. The old power plant was stored in camp with hopes it could be traded to Kenny Hayward towards a new steel boat.

Picture taken August 1999.

Picture taken in 1983 by Ned Riley.

The kitchen fridge was replaced this year as the old one finally bit the dust. Bud Lutman picked up the fridge but had other members take it into camp from his garage in London as he had no means of transport for the job.

Talk started about replacement boats and Kenny Hayward was given the task of replacing the motor in the Hyah-Hyah. They traded the big steel boat, the old Delco generator and the Betty Lou motor to Kenny Hayward for the work. The catamaran had been taken to Parry Sound for float repairs which cost \$291.84 . An old tippy canoe was sold and a new Coleman canoe was purchased by Rob Haddow.

The old septic tank system was deteriorating and thoughts on a new septic system were sent to a committee headed by Les Server. The work would be extremely difficult due to the rocky ground and the decision was made to try to restore the old system. This would carry on over the next few years based on notes found in the Camp Minutes.

The problem with the kitchen pulling away from the Main Lodge was of considerable concern to the Board and the task of pulling the kitchen back in place was started. This pulling together thing was another project that would get drug slowly through the years. The gas generator had been removed from camp and repaired. Les Server and Ned Riley reinstalled the unit in May as well as put in the repaired panel for the Onan Generator.

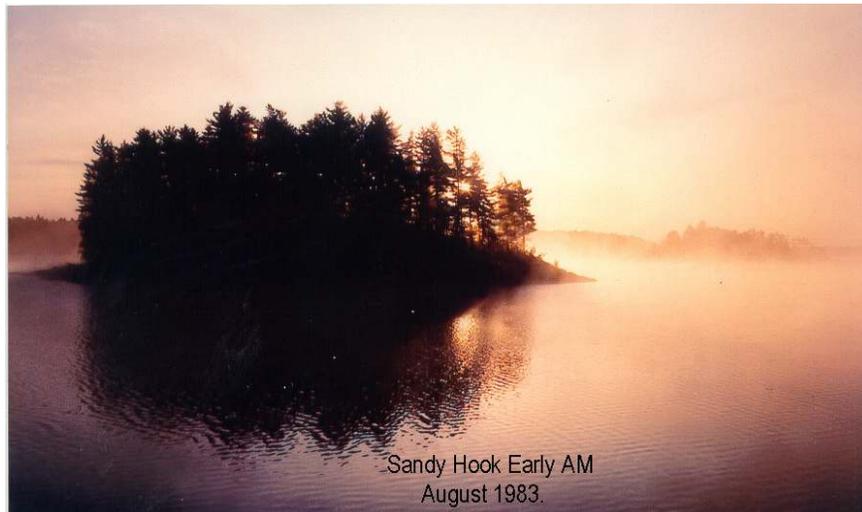
The drainage around the boathouse had become a problem and Kenny Hayward began to dig out a drainage path and installed drainage tiles to try to remedy the damage to the footings. A slight improvement was made but more attention over the years would be necessary.

The main lodge roof shingling was done by Kenny Hayward. He eventually dug a hole and buried all the debris as well as the garbage up in the dump behind camp as it was building up to a large mess.

The cook & help for the year was Donna Felhaber and her husband Eugene (Doug). The Board wrote and asked Donna to reconsider and find some way to return as cook.

Resignations (4) F. B Isaacs deceased, Ted Havens , Jonathan Hauger non payment of dues, Paul Hauger non payment of dues.

New members (4) Larry Ancypa, John Fingland, Pat Fisher, Ernie Link.



Sandy Hook Early AM  
August 1983.

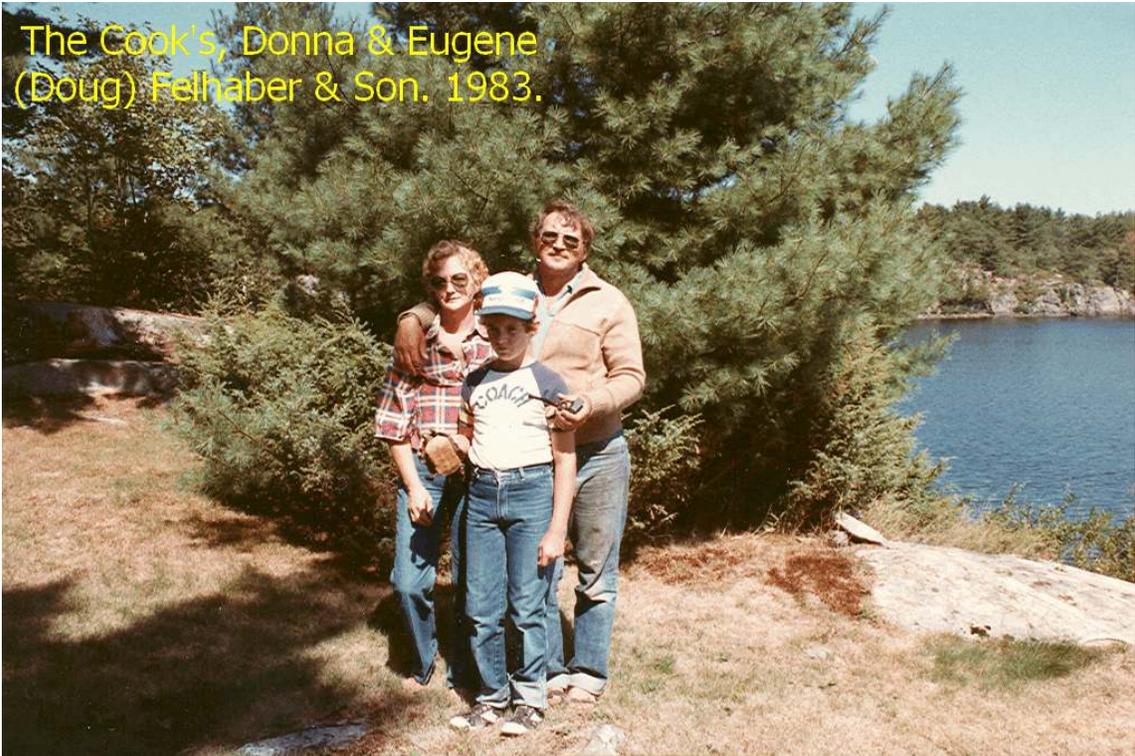
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Whoever said,  
“Come Hell or high  
water”, got the high  
water!





May 1983



The Cook's, Donna & Eugene (Doug) Felhaber & Son. 1983.



1983 May, June & August Camps.  
Good times and good friends.

Pictures supplied by Ned Riley.



Steve Bachle  
1983



John Kennedy

Les Sever

1983



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