



# Camp Darling

In the early 1900s, Camp Darling was owned by Alvin M. Darling. It was operated as a lodge with people coming by train or up the Penobscot River from Bangor to spend their summers on the shore of Cold Stream Pond.

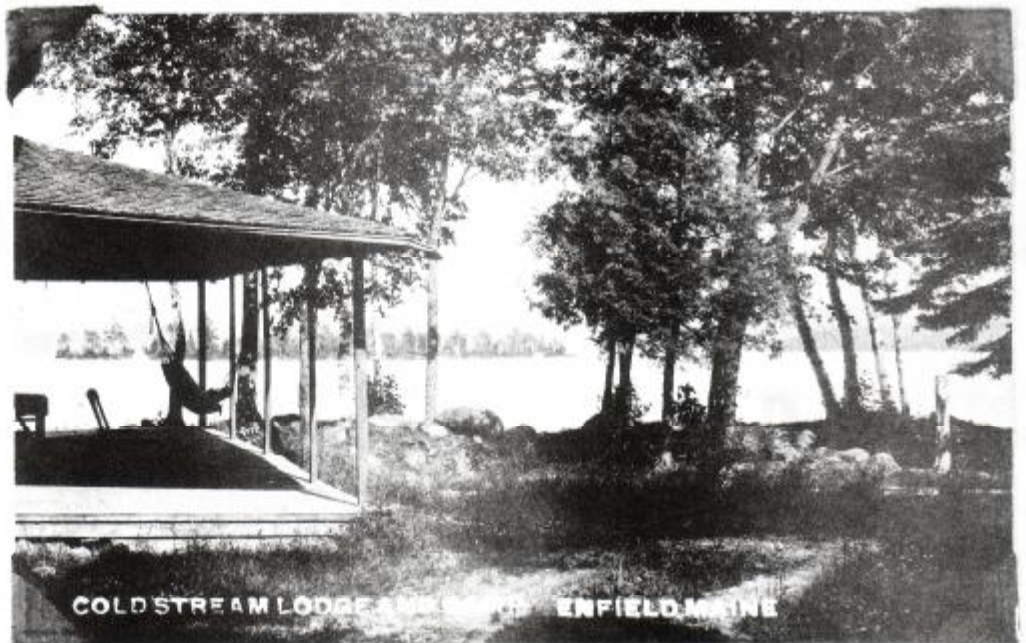
The lodge was sold to Frank and Hattie Sibley in 1914. They advertised Camp Darling "only one and one-half miles from the M.C.R.R....situated on one of the most beautiful sheets of water in

the State...noted for Good Fishing of Trout, Land Locked Salmon, Togue and Perch". Room and board could be had for \$2 per day or \$10 per week.

Martin and Maude Hurley bought Camp Darling in 1921. They continued to operate the lodge changing its name to Cold Stream Lodge & Camps. Perhaps it was the Depression in the 30s that numbered the days of the popular lodge, for, whatever the reason, the

Hurleys began to have financial difficulties in the late 30s and early 40s as evidenced by several years of tax liens against the property. In 1941, the south section of the lot with one cabin was sold to Arthur Littlefield. Martin died shortly after and Maude moved into a building in the back referred to as the "stable".

## Cold Stream Lodge & Camps



488. Cold Stream Lake Showing  
the Darling Camp, at ENFIELD, Me.



In 1945, the property was sold to Robert & Adele Matthews who, 5 years later, sold to Edmund Roguski. Mr. Roguski purchased the property as a business venture and hired a Mr. Porter from Lowell as his caretaker until he sold to John and Beverly McCloskey in 1952.



VIEW FROM DARLING CAMP

Camp Darling was sold for the last time in April, 1957 to Peter & Jean Gaetani of Old Town and Americo & Mary Gaetani of East Millinocket who refer to it as the "Gaetani Riviera". They and their 9 children shared the camp with its many bedrooms (each with a room number over its door) and large kitchen and dining room for many summers until 1970 when it was torn down and 2 separate camps built. The Gaetanis found many names written on the walls when the old camp came down. They still have the Cold Stream Lodge & Camps sign hanging on their porch.

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