

AMC Cold River Camp's First Valley Night

AMC purchased the Ledges Camp in North Chatham from Wilford Robbins in 1919 and started receiving guests the same year. Two years later in 1921 it hosted what is now called "Valley Night" wherein residents of Chatham and Stow are invited to CRC for a get together and food. While "Valley Night" is currently celebrated every year, it was not always so.

In 1921 CRC consisted of 38 acres of land, some buildings including the Conant Lodge built around 1907 for Wilford Robbins for his Ledges Camp and a few ravine cabins. Tents were also used to house guests. At that time and several years afterward Henrietta (Mrs. John) Chandler was not only hostess of the Royce House but also of Cold River Camp. She was thus responsible for hosting this first "Valley Night".

The following is a list of guests (63) who signed in the Register for the occasion. Note that the majority are full time residents but there are several seasonal residents or guests of either the Royce House or Chandler Farm boarding houses.

"Inspection and Reception to the Valley Friday Evening July 8th 1921

Mrs. L. C. Harris	Providence RI
Mrs. Ella E. Briggs	Providence RI
Mabelle S. Kingsford	Riverside RI
Lester C. Harris	Arlington RI
Auther H. Kingsford	Riverside RI
Polly Adams	West Newton MA
Leroy E. Briggs	Providence RI
Evelyn O, Chandler	North Chatham
Mrs. Fred Burke	Rye Beach NH
Annie Josephine Burke	"
Mrs. Preston Chandler	Chatham NH
Charles Lusky	"
Fred Lusky	"
Mr. And Mrs. Hazen Chandler	"
Norman C. Poole	Rockland MA
Evangeline Dyer	Chatham NH
Mrs. Cinnie Charles	Chatham NH
Mr. Dexter Charles	Chatham NH
Mrs. Ellis W. Blake	Rockland MA
Gordon L. Blake	"
Mr. E. W. Blake	"
George H. Eastman	Brockton MA
Kenneth A. Wiley	Chatham NH
John L. Chandler	North Chatham NH
Millard H. Chandler	"

Mr. Frederick Burke	Rye Beach NH
Mrs. Chas. S. Chandler	Chatham NH
Mrs. Merton Young	Chatham NH
Mr. Preston Chandler	Chatham NH
Mrs. Lida A. Chandler	“
Wiley P. Chandler	Chatham NH
Hazen Chandler	“
Chas. S. Chandler	“
Lucretia H. Chandler	N. Chatham NH
Donald E. Chandler	“
M. H. Young	“
W. P. Chandler	“
Madison O. Charles	“
Lillian B. Charles	“
Harry K. Eastman	“
Herbert A. Andrews	
H. Wardwell	Chicago
Mrs. Elizabeth Charles	North Chatham
Susan Charles	“
Alice Charles	Chatham
Ida Charles	Chatham
Marion Charles	Chatham
Amy Charles	Chatham
Esther Charles	“
Emily L. Charles	Chatham
Mattie J. Crouse	Chatham
Guy M. Crouse	Chatham
Rodney M. Crouse	Chatham
Mrs. H. E. Pike	Hoosick Falls, NY
Edward Hunt Pike	“
Alan Francis Pike	“
Ivanetta Morrison	Allston MA
Mrs. Bernice Emerson	
Miss Pauline Emerson	
Lucien Stiles	
Roger M. Emerson	
George H. Adams	