

MY PLACE LOGBOOK HOLDS A RECORD OF FOND FAMILY MEMORIES

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means cleaning it and connecting and priming the pump. Fall chores include draining water, winterizing the building and stowing the lawn furniture.

Electric baseboard heat replaced a propane wall furnace during the remodeling. When a sewer system was established for all the lake properties in 1993-94, a 40-year-old septic tank system was retired.

Many of the changes, along with numerous memories, have been recorded in the family logbook, which began as the accounts book for Georgia's grandfather's grocery store.

In the early days, some memories were written on the dining area wall, but Georgia's Aunt Doris eventually copied that material into the log. The wall since has been painted, and photos and artwork by family and friends are displayed there.

Family members continued to record happenings and events. The fragile logbook is filled with entries of swimming, fishing and boating. One journal entry states: "Georgia at six months came to the lake for the first time." Other entries record the number of bluegills caught in a day — including 24 one day and 40 another.

Georgia reported rowing to the mainland marina to get blocks of ice for the icebox. She recalls that highlights of her life here were making new friends and helping them.

Both Georgia and her sister, Jane Townsend Tindall, have many fond recollections of those childhood summers. Among the entries Jane wrote: "I have a love of rocking chairs, which began at the cottage, where there were several rockers. I spent many hours rocking, looking at the lake, reading and dreaming."

Jane recorded that, each spring, she and Georgia marched in the Plainwell Memorial Day parade.

"I played Dad's baritone horn," Jane reported. "(Then) we girls did our best to get the



For sitting or sleeping: The living room sofa doubles as hide-a-bed for guests.



Much bigger: Remodeling maximized the bedroom.

work (opening up the cottage) done as quickly as we could, so we could get into our bathing suits, sun ourselves on the dock and hope for a boat ride over to the favorite swimming beach."

Jane planned to travel from her home in California for the 100th anniversary celebration of the construction of the cottage that Georgia and David are hosting today. Family and friends will gather on the island to spend time and reminisce.

As they made plans for the reunion, David and Georgia cautioned would-be guests

about the possibility of rain. They watch weather reports and carefully plan comings and goings.

"A disadvantage of island living can be the weather," David said. "I never go out on the lake if there is thunder or lightning."

Earlier this summer, when their daughter, Anne, and her husband, Allan, spent a night on the island, they awoke to storm warnings.

"We have to get out of here fast or we'll be stranded," Anne told Allan. They dressed, packed up, sped across the lake

and were on the road in 50 minutes — just in time to beat the storm.

One of the Lundquists' mottoes is: "If you don't bring it to the island, you won't have it on the island." They must bring milk, meat, vegetables and whatever other food that they will need. If they forget something, they do without.

But the family loves spending time on the island and say the advantages outweigh the inconveniences.

"One advantage of living on an island is that the only visitors you get are the ones who have their own boat, or who you invite and taxi over from the mainland," David said.

Folks used to come and go by rowboat. Now, David ferries visitors in a pontoon boat.

And, Georgia pointed out, "There's always a breeze on the island."

David's suggestions for summer cottage owners are: "Make good use of it. Enjoy it. Share it with family and friends, and keep things simple."

The couple has done just that and, as the sign on the wall indicates, they consider themselves lucky.