

MOFFAT REUNION – July 15, 2017

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On a bright sunny day in July, the Moffat family held a reunion where 56 Moffat descendants representing 5 generations gathered on the lawns of Margaret Moffat’s pink stone farmhouse on South Portage Rd.



Thomas Lang 1 and Elizabeth

Seven generations ago, in about 1869, Thomas Lang 1 and Elizabeth King Moffat emigrated from Scotland with their family. Eventually, in 1893 they settled in Weston Ontario and this is where they incorporated the Moffat Stove Company of Weston.

In the early 1900’s, the family would come to Muskoka where they vacationed at “Fairyport”, a resort on Fairy Lake. They soon discovered neighbouring Peninsula Lake and with a subdivision being developed along Springsyde shore, three of the Moffat brothers (John King, Thomas Lang II and Fredrick William) bought building lots. In 1904, three adjacent cottages were built by these brothers and a long legacy of Moffats on Peninsula Lake began. A few years later, the remaining 2 brothers (Charles Lang and Alfred Bryce) built on the lake, one on the Springsyde shore and one on Pow Wow Point. Their only sister never had a cottage on Peninsula Lake.

Over the years, many of the Moffat descendants have remained in Muskoka and today there are 14 Moffat cottages/homes on Peninsula Lake and another 3 on Lake of Bays. Peninsula Lake has remained a place where the bonds of family are continually strengthened and even today, the Lake casts a magical spell over many present-day generations of Moffats.



Original T.L. Cottage “Crossford”



Original F.W. Cottage “Corralyn”



Original J.K. Cottage “Rothesay”



The Happy Gathering – 5 Generations of Moffat descendants from 4 of the original brothers were represented at the reunion and it has been 7 generations since the family has been coming to Peninsula Lake.

For more information on the Moffat history please refer to Penlake Books I and II or the Penlake.ca website and click on ‘Historical Committee – Photos’.