

Blodgett Landing History, 1850s - 1950s

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Did you know that Blodgett Landing was initially established as a “Spiritualist” church community and that church members gathered there for annual camp meetings in the late 1800s and early 1900s? Did you know Blodgett Landing was once one of eleven major steamboat landings on Lake Sunapee or that it had a hotel, three boarding houses, a casino (the entertainment type), and a thriving business district?

These fun facts are just a few of the many shared by John Greenwood at the Adventures in Learning Community Enrichment Program held in the Woodcrest Community Room on August 21, 2024. The audience of over 50 attendees from Woodcrest Village and the greater New London community responded enthusiastically to John’s presentation, sometimes calling out their own reminiscences or identifying places in photographs and videos. John used side-by-side then-and-now photographs and photo overlays to illustrate how the town has changed and remained the same. He concluded with a drone flyover video and drive-through video of today’s Blodgett Landing. The audience loved it!

John has lived in Blodgett Landing for 42 years. He became interested in local history when a neighbor showed him a collection of memorabilia from the early 1900s, mainly about Spiritualism and the Spiritualist church in Blodgett Landing. The neighbor also shared his collection of early Blodgett Landing postcards. This introduction to the community’s history began John’s decades of research and collecting, culminating in his fascinating website that covers Blodgett Landing and Sunapee’s history.

For a deep dive into the visual history of Blodgett Landing and Sunapee, [visit John’s website](#).

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