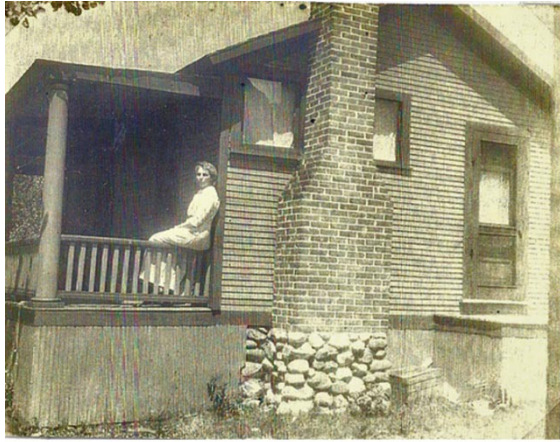


100th Anniversary Celebrated at the Nutting Family cottage By John Verhoven

Liz and John Verhoven have a home on Douglas Lake because she, Elizabeth Nutting Verhoven, is the granddaughter of Charles Cleveland Nutting. He was a professor at the University of Iowa. His wife Eloise Willis Nutting suffered from hay fever, and in searching for a summer residence for relief, he purchased two fifty-foot lots on the north shore of Douglas Lake from Miss Gwen Griffith.

In 1912, Charles Nutting built a prefabricated cottage on one of the lots with the help of his older son Willis, then twelve, and some local helpers, including Bill Judson. The stone work for the chimney and fireplace, which are still standing, is original to the cabin and was constructed by a local Native American mason.



A 1916 Photo of Eloise Nutting at original cottage

In the 1950s, two additions were made to the green cottage by Harold Brill. In the first, occurring in 1956, the open porch on the lake side of the cabin was replaced by a living room and a small side porch. In the second, which took place a few years later, an addition was constructed on the road side that included a small kitchen and a bathroom with only cold water included. The outhouse was no longer needed. The green cottage did not have hot water and a shower until a few years after the great grandkids started coming in 1974.



Same side of present cottage

Interestingly, CC Nutting was a marine zoologist located in the middle of the country. However, he had organized and carried out several world-wide expeditions with his colleagues and students to places like the Bahamas, Barbados, Antigua, the Layson Islands, Fiji, and New Zealand. If you visit the Museum in MacBride Hall at the University of Iowa, there is a wonderful cyclorama exhibit of birds from the Layson Island trip. His main research specialty was hydroids. He discovered two new families, seven new genera, and 175 new species. Probably because of his academic background and interests, CC Nutting got to know people at the University of Michigan Biological Station. When they got around to making a map of Douglas Lake, they named the bay where his cottage still stands after him. To this day, the bay is known as "Nutting's Bay."

CC and Eloise Nutting had two sons: Willis and Charles. Each son, in turn, had three children. Teresa, Charles and Ted were the children of Willis; Catherine, Elizabeth and Margaret, the children of Charles. Willis and Charles were both academic types and, except during the WWII years, both families visited the cottage in the late summer, and all of the grandchildren have wonderful memories of their Douglas Lake summers. Every other year since 2001, the six grandchildren have gathered at the Verhoven house for a reunion, with many visits to the sacred ancestral home on Nutting's Bay, now formally known as "The Green Cottage."

This year, 2012, marks the 100th anniversary of the cottage. At the biannual gathering in July, a little ceremony was held in honor of its centennial. Two of the six grandchildren could not attend, however. Charles had died in 2005 and Catherine no longer travels. The backyard of the Green Cottage was cleaned up and a plaque was mounted on a large granite rock stating:

"These 6 trees Planted July 2012 In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Nutting Cottage. By the Grandchildren of Charles Cleveland Nutting And Eloise Willis Nutting".

Surrounding the rock are six small pine trees representing the six grandchildren. Appropriate toasts were made at the catered dinner at the Green Cottage to complete the centennial celebration.



Four of the six Nutting grandchildren at the July centennial celebration of the green cottage