

Marion Historical Commission
Sippican Historical Society



TREMONT ADVENT CAMPMEETING

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TOPICS

- Marion historic survey project
- History of campmeetings
- Tremont Advent Campmeeting
- Buildings
- Campmeeting life



Marion Historic Survey Project



Historic Properties Surveys

- Local and state-wide inventories of historic resources
- Typically conducted by local historical commissions

....the first step in preserving historic resources is to identify and document them

FORM A - AREA

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Assessor's Sheets USGS Quad Area Letter Form Numbers in Area

See Data Sheet	Warren	MRNG	See Data Sheet
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Town/City: Marion
Place (neighborhood or village): Old Landing
Name of Area: Old Landing Wharf / Burr Brothers Boatyard
Present Use: Commercial marina / Residential
Construction Dates or Period: Early 19th to early 21st century
Overall Condition: Good
Major Intrusions and Alterations: No intrusions, some alterations to 20th c. structures
Acreage: 19.28
Recorded by: Lynn Smiledge
Organization: Marion Historical Commission
Date (month/year): November 2022



See continuation sheet

What gets surveyed?

- Primarily single buildings but also
 - Bridges
 - Landscapes
 - Burial grounds
 - Archaeological sites
 - Monuments & other structures
- Area forms: multiple resources with a single story
- Factors in selection
 - Generally > 50 years old
 - Location, appearance, and condition
 - History
 - Significance to community

What are the surveys used for?

- Foundation of community's historic preservation efforts
- Planning tool for local government
- Basis for establishment of historic preservation tools
- Resource for local education, walking tours, historic marker programs, and publications
- Resource for home owners, historians, students, real estate agents, & journalists
- Raises local awareness & appreciation

What kind of information is included ?

- Snapshot description
- Locus map
- Photographs
- Architectural description
- Historical narrative
- Historic maps & images
- Bibliography

FORM B – BUILDING

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Assessor's Number: 6-30A USGS Quad: Marion Area(s): MRN.E Form Number: MRN.B01

Town/City: Marion

Place: *(neighborhood or village):* Allen's Point

Address: 111 (formerly 109) Allen's Point Road

Historic Name: Charles C. Hoyt House

Uses: Present: Residential
Original: Residential

Date of Construction: Possibly ca. 1920

Source: Visual analysis

Style/Form: Shingle Style

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Exterior Material:
Foundation: Granite block
Wall/Trim: Wood shingle & rubblestone / Wood
Roof: Wood shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
Barn / boathouse (ca. 1920)

Major Alterations: *(with dates):*
None apparent

Condition: Excellent

Moved: no yes **Date:**

Acreage: 3.43

Setting: Sparsely settled neighborhood on Allen's Point, a small, wooded peninsula between Stipican Harbor to the west and Blankenship Cove to the east. The majority of properties are imposing seasonal dwellings on large waterfront lots and have boat docks. The area was substantially developed between the 1890s and 1920s.

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12/12 Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

Where are they kept?

- Filed with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
- Available to the public online via MACRIS (Massachusetts Cultural Resources Information System)
- Indexed by town, neighborhood, and street
- Searchable by resource type, age, architectural style, architect, etc.
- Elizabeth Taber Library & Sippican Historical Society

Marion Survey Update

- Over 650 surveys completed
- Multi-year project
- New and updated surveys
- Currently in 4th phase
- Wide range of resources



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Assessor's Sheets USGS Quad Area Letter Form Numbers in Area

See Data Sheet Marion MFR R See Data Sheet

Town/City: Marion

Place (neighborhood or village): Marion

Name of Area: Tremont Advent Christian Campmeeting Association / Camp Marion-by-the-Sea

Present Use: Camp; other religious; secondary housing

Construction Dates or Period: 1906-2019

Overall Condition: Fair / Good

Major Intrusions and Alterations: None

Acreage: 10.7

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Organization: Marion Historical Commission

Date (month/year): April 2023

A grid of 43 individual survey sheets for buildings at Camp Marion. Each sheet includes a title, a photograph of the building, a table with columns for 'Form Number', 'Assessor's Sheet', 'USGS Quad', 'Area Letter', and 'Form Numbers in Area'. The sheets are arranged in a grid, with some sheets containing additional photographs or maps. The buildings shown are various styles of cottages and larger structures, typical of a camp setting.

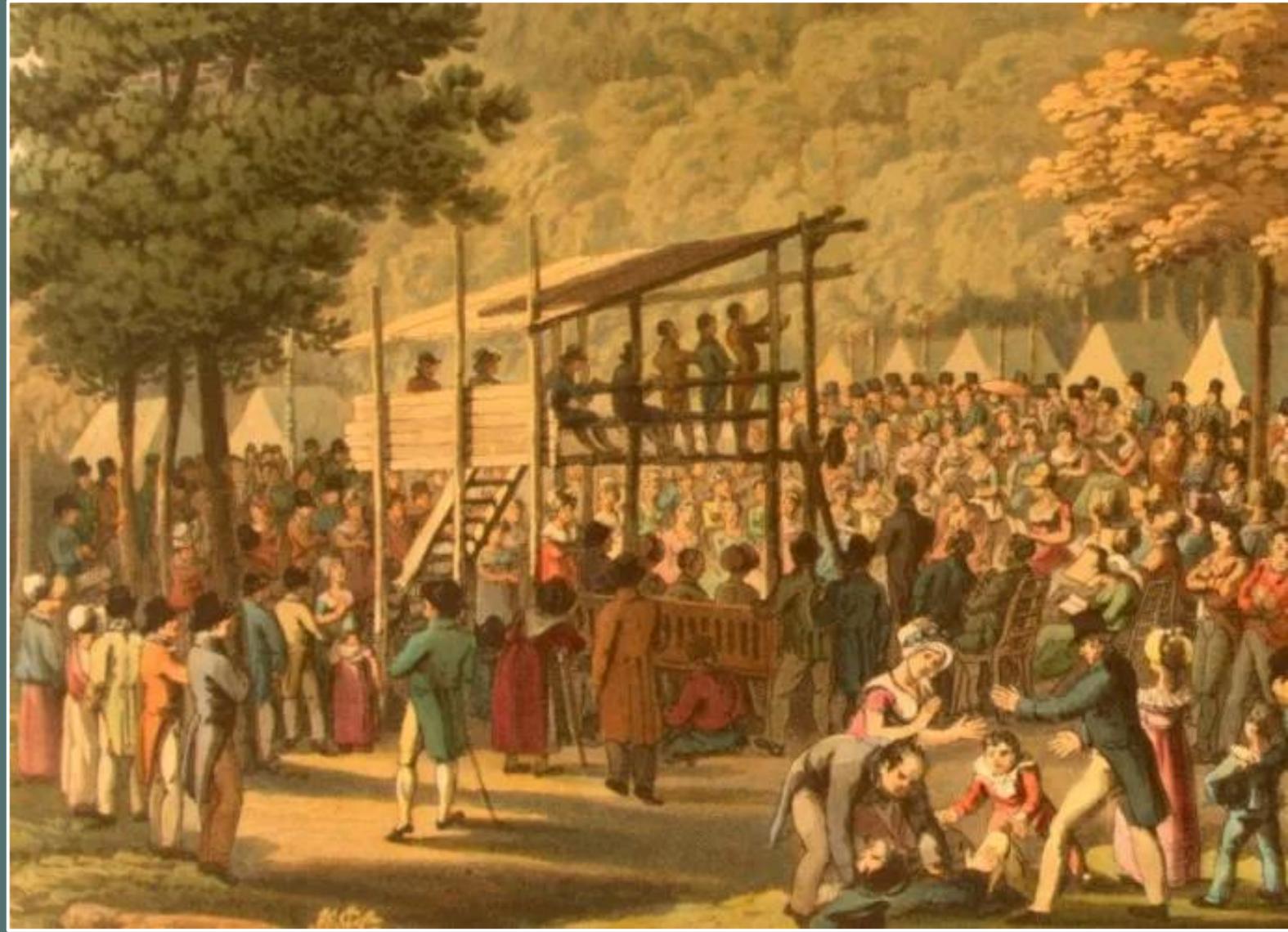
Tremont Advent Christian Campmeeting
aka Camp Marion – 43 buildings inc. 24
private cottages

Excerpt: National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

The Tremont Advent Christian Camp Meeting Grounds Area is recommended as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local and regional levels under Criterion A for Social History and Criterion C for Architecture. The area is named for its original location in the Tremont section of the town of Wareham and for its association with the Advent Christian Church.

The 10-acre camp ground is sited on the western shore of Hammett's Cove at the north end of Sippican Harbor. In continuous seasonal operation in Marion since 1905, it annually draws campers from the New England region and beyond. The site and most of the original cottages and other buildings remain largely as constructed during the first quarter of the 20th century. The arrangement of resources within the natural landscape is worthy of recognition and is informative about camp meetings as they evolved from their beginnings in the mid-nineteenth century.

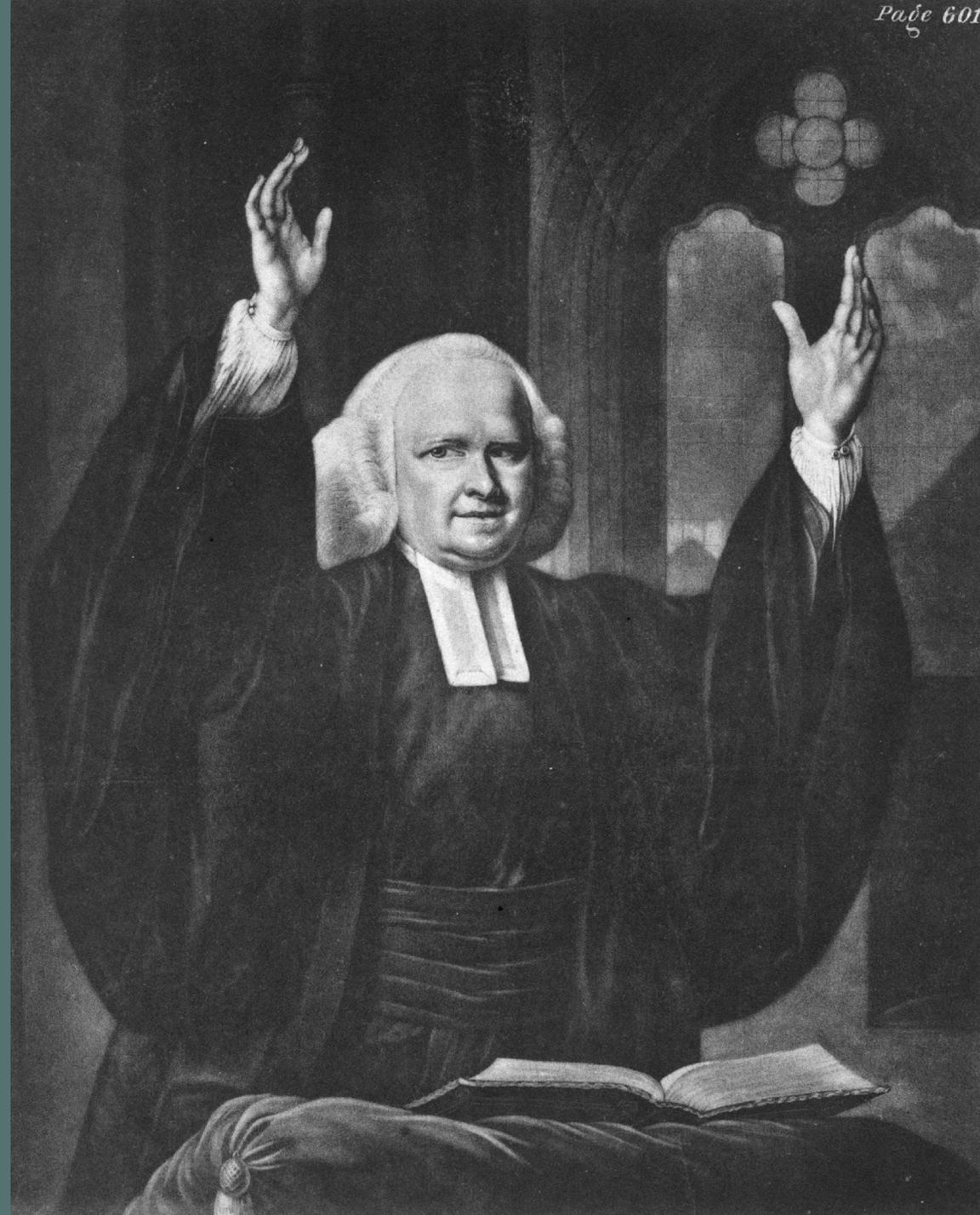
HISTORY OF CAMPMEETINGS



CAMPMEETING ROOTS

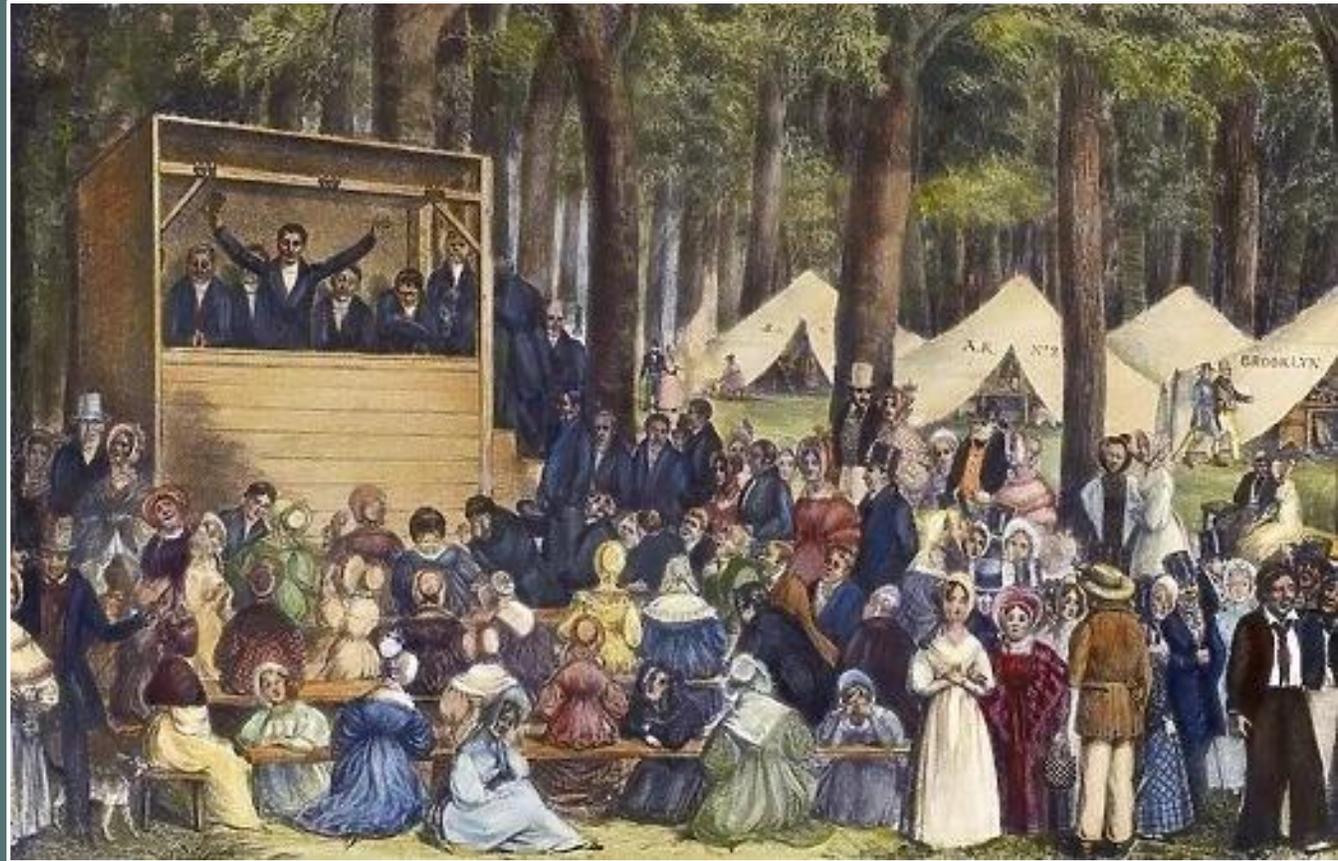
REVIVALISM

- 1st Great Awakening 1730-1750
- Focus on personal salvation
- Outdoor, extemporaneous & enthusiastic preaching to large crowds
- Important figures
 - George Whitefield (1714-1770)
 - Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758)
- Various Protestant denominations
- Multiple waves through the 19th century



CAMPMEETING BEGINNINGS

- Outdoor revival meetings lasting several days
- American innovation
- First in Kentucky in 1796
- Isolated, varied settings
- Temporary sites – participants camped
- Itinerant preachers
- Access to unchurched populations
- Methodists particularly active



CAMPMEETINGS IN 19TH CENTURY

- Most active Civil War to WWI
- Common across America
- Rural areas & outside cities
- Movement to permanent locations
- Dormitories, dining halls, & meeting rooms
- Private residential cottages
- Plentiful food & recreational activities

“a singular combination of a prayer-meeting and a picnic.” *Henry David Thoreau*



NEW ENGLAND

- Very popular throughout New England
- Many at seaside locations - Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard
- Easy access by water & later by rail
- Many camps in continued operation today



Martha's Vineyard Campmeeting

NEW ENGLAND



Yarmouth Camp Ground - 1863

NEW ENGLAND



Onset Campground - 1911

NEW ENGLAND



Oniset Wigwam Spiritualist Camp - 1877

TREMONT ADVENT CAMPMEETING

- Established in 1861
- Second Advent Christians
 - Second coming of Jesus Christ
 - Camp meetings = major recruiting tool
- First located in Tremont section of Wareham – close to railroad depot
- 50 buildings including restaurant & hotel
- Destroyed by fire March 31, 1905



TREMONT ADVENT CAMPMEETING: CAMP MARION

- Property on Hammetts Cove
- Purchased for \$2,800 from brothers Harry & C.S. Gleason
- 8.14 acres with water frontage, inc. a cottage and barn



1903 map



Camp Marion

Tremont Advent
Christian Campmeeting...

Oakdale Ave

Oakdale Ave

Sarah



Minister's Rock – Oakdale Avenue

CAMP MARION

- First campmeeting July 1905
- Main tent at shoreline surrounded by family tents

“The Sunday meetings were the climax of the series and people from the surrounding counties came in all sorts of conveyances and thronged the grounds..... Minister’s Rock attracted many.”

The Courier



CAMP MARION

- First cottages constructed 1906
- 18-20 cottages by 1911, many facing the water
- Gable front with open porches
- Vertical board siding
- Front room, kitchen with sleeping quarters above
- Tabernacle – former barn
- Dining hall sited near the water



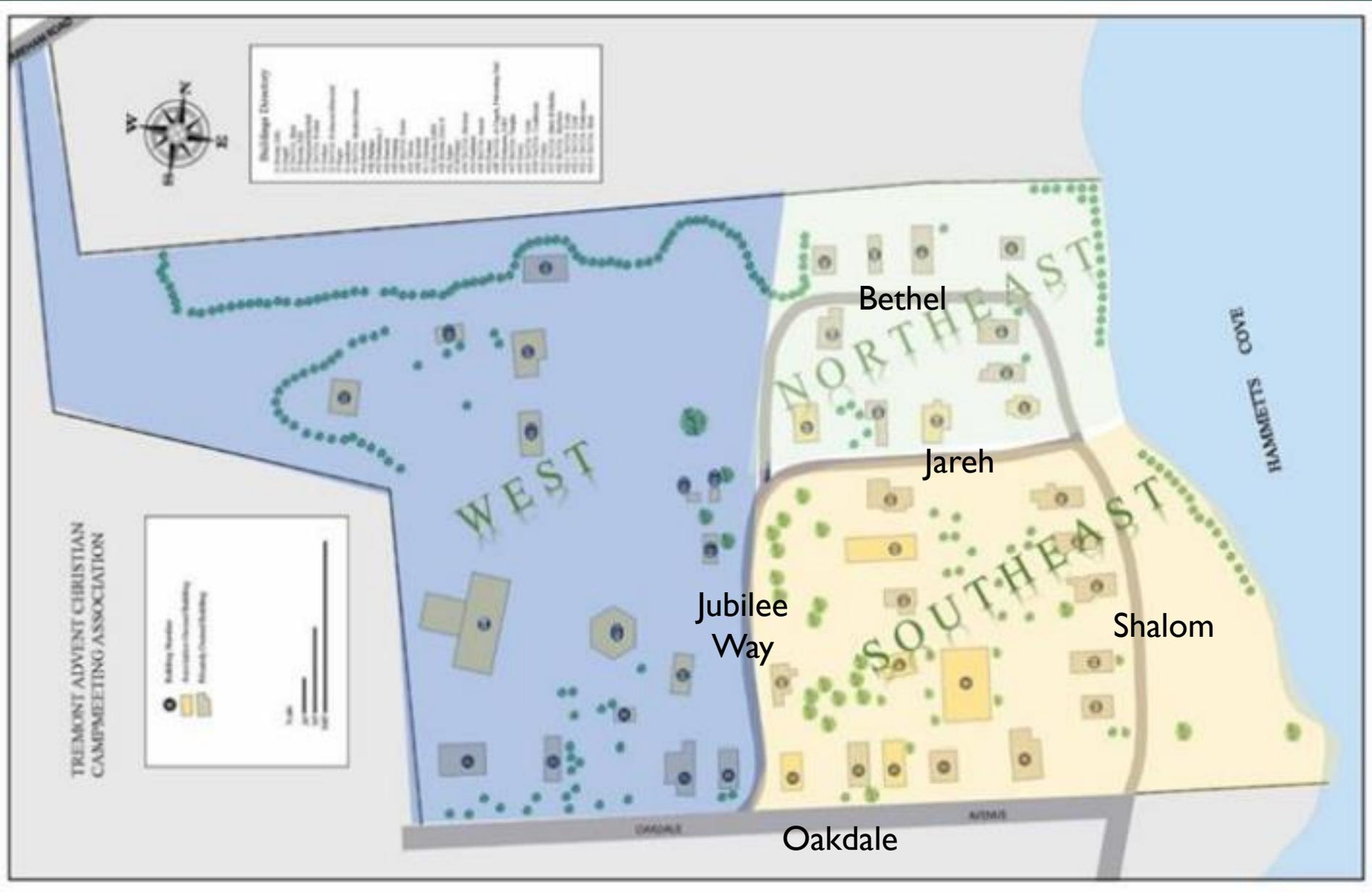
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Mission Cottage



Bennett Cottage





Nissi Park

CAMP MARION



Phillips Cottage (formerly Washburn and Peace Haven) ca. 1910.



Mission Cottage ca. 1910.

Photographs courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

CAMP MARION



Outdoor service ca. 1915. Photograph courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

HURRICANES



Photographs courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

CAMP MARION

- Hurricanes damaged or destroyed many original buildings
- Rebuilt and/or moved away from the water
- Cottages passed from generation to generation
- No year-round occupancy









Stuckles Memorial Tabernacle (1923)



Photograph 1925



Junior Chapel & Fellowship Hall



Photograph 1930s



Dyer Bunkhouse



Annex Dormitory



Mission Cottage (1906)



Washburn / "Peace Haven" Cottage



Photograph 1920









Motel units

CAMPMEETING LIFE

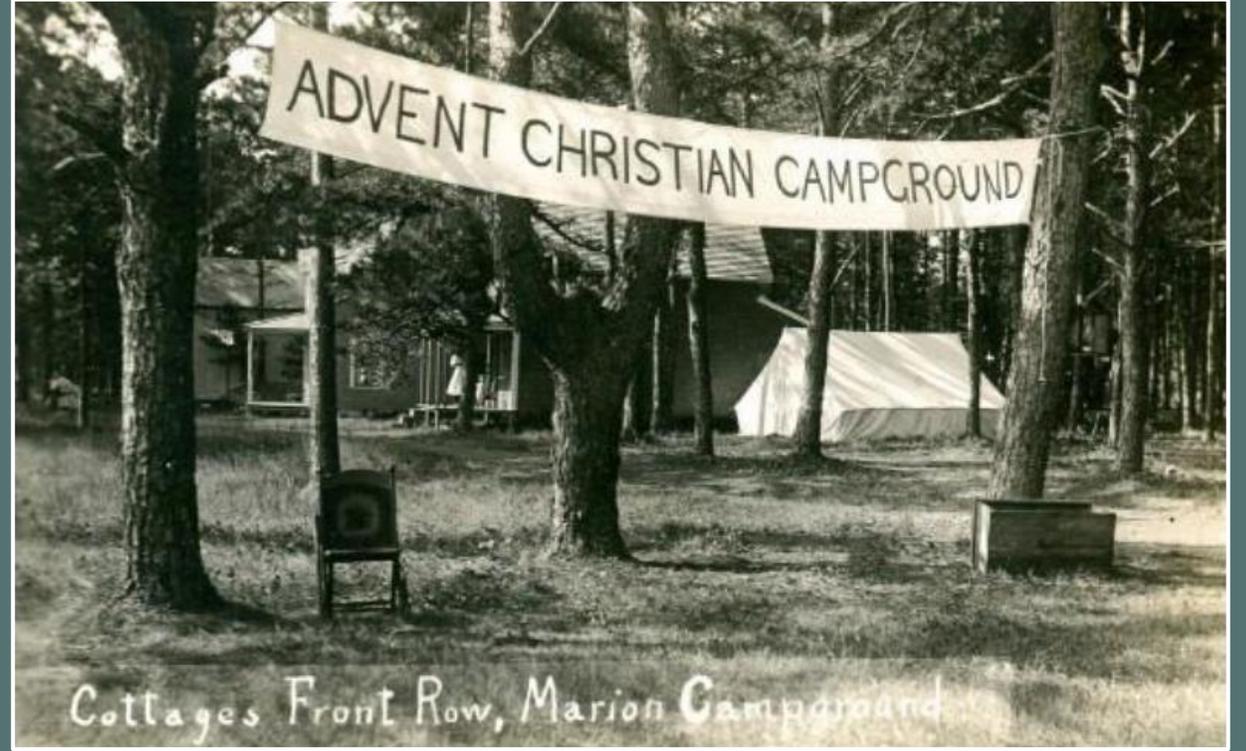


Water facing cottages, ca. 1910. Photograph courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

CAMPMEETING LIFE



Corbett family tent, ca. 1907.



Ca. 1920.

Photographs courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

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1917.



1950. Photographs courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

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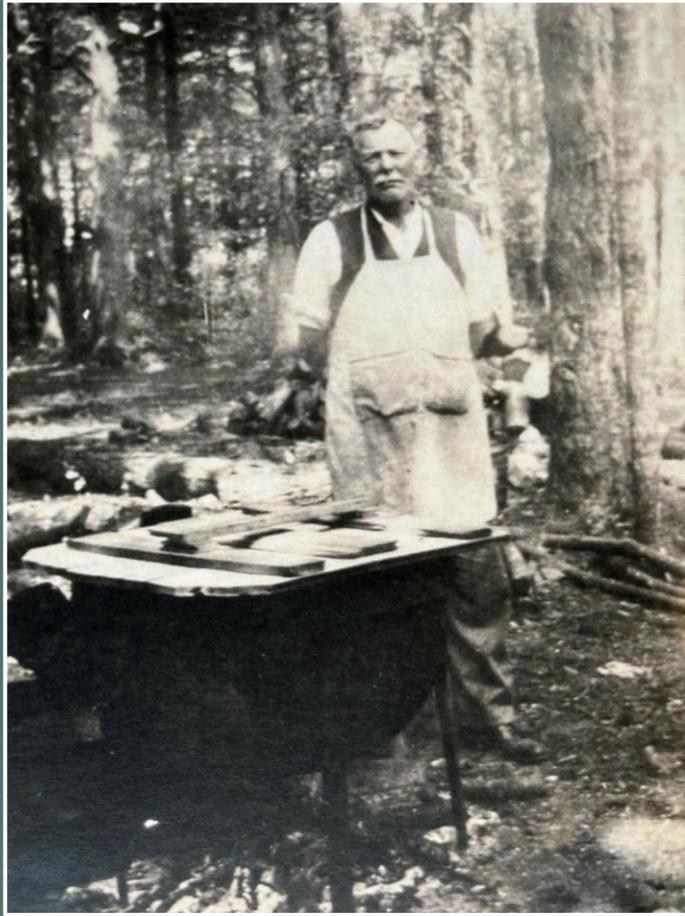
Ca. 1960s. Photograph courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

CAMPMEETING LIFE



1930. Photograph courtesy of Tremont Advent Campmeeting Association.

CAMPMEETING LIFE



1910



1956

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