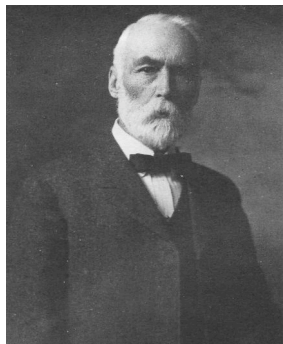


A Brief History of the House

by Mary B. Hotaling



Daniel Wiltshire Riddle, age 46, (pictured left) came to Saranac Lake in February, 1879, as a patient of Dr. E. L. Trudeau. He remained 34 years. His obituary in the Adirondack Enterprise stated, "He continued to make Saranac Lake his winter home, slept under canvas during the summer, as a part of the cure, and was carried from camp to Saranac Lake, or visa versa, on a bed." When Dr. Trudeau founded his Sanitarium in 1884, Riddle came to



his aid in finances, building and administration. In 1886 he became manager at the new Saranac Inn.

The house at what is now 8 Franklin Avenue was built by D. W. Riddle between 1899 and 1900. The four, quarter-acre lots on which it was built appear on the Village tax rolls in 1899, valued in total at \$400. By 1900, Mrs. D. W. Riddle's one-acre house and lot were worth \$8,000. D. W. Riddle and family (Blanche, Geo., Miss B. H., G. W.) resided at the house, which was first identified as "Wiltshire Manor Cottage." The Riddles resided at the house between 1902 and 1908, and seem to have left by 1910. Daniel Riddle died at The Gables, his residence at Saranac Inn, in early June, 1913.

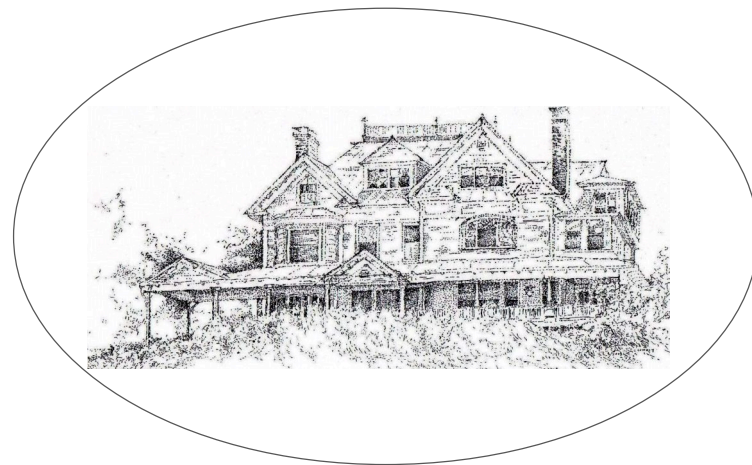
Mrs. Riddle returned to the house to operate it as a cure cottage. In 1916, Mrs. W. D. Riddle operated the Riddle Cottage, which had room for 18 patients, four cure porches and charged \$23-75 per week.

Harry and Florence Hull operated the house as a boarding cottage in the early twenties, and lived there with their daughters Catherine and Marjorie.

Perhaps as early as 1923, Camilla Hayes, a nurse and sister of Dr. John N. Hayes, ran the house as a nursing cottage. After she married Henry J. Hudson in 1933, the cottage name was changed to the Hudson Cottage, which operated until at least 1948. When Mrs. Hudson retired in October 1952, the Hudsons gave the house to the Carmel Sisters. It was a Carmelite Monastery until 1998.

 Historic Saranac Lake presents 

A Franklin Manor Christmas



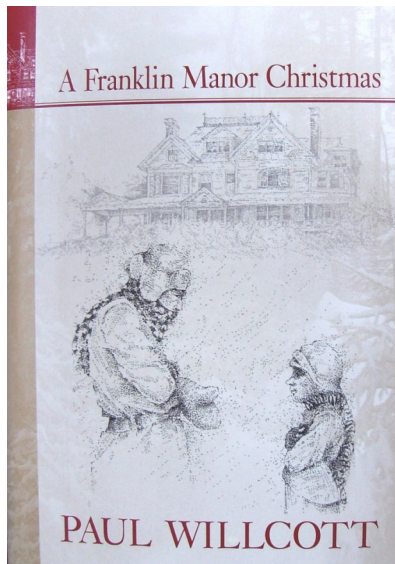
A Holiday Tea

hosted by Ann Laemmle and Paul Willcott

Sunday, December 13, 2009

3:00 - 5:00

About the Book



A Franklin Manor Christmas is an original Adirondack holiday story set in a down-at-heels former cure cottage and monastery occupied by a lonesome ex-professor.

For most potential buyers, Franklin Manor was just a run-down old house, half-buried in Adirondack snow. But to Professor Butch Regent, Franklin Manor was a beacon of hope. He would buy it, renovate it, and turn it into an artists' retreat. Franklin Manor would make his gray and unsatisfactory life bright and meaningful, but not without a life-and-death struggle.

Nuns, tuberculosis patients, and other former residents make a Christmas return from the dead to save the house and the old man from destruction. It's a Christmas story of despair versus hope.

Program

- 3:00 Guests arrive and visit while enjoying tea, coffee, hot chocolate with home made marshmallows, and Ann's home-made baked delights.
- 4:00 Paul will speak on a history of his house and read from his book, *A Franklin Manor Christmas*.
- 4:45 We will gather around the tree as Kim Weems sings a couple of Christmas carols, accompanied by Steve Borst on guitar.
- 5:00 Be sure to take a souvenir bell with you as you take your leave.

Please take a moment to stop by the Patient Memorial table to learn about how Historic Saranac Lake is working to remember patients who came to Saranac Lake for the cure.

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Thank you

Historic Saranac Lake thanks Ann Laemmle and Paul Willcott for opening their home to us and preparing all the wonderful baked goods. Thank you to musicians Steve Borst and Kim Weems, Paulo Magro for providing parking at Nona Fina's, Karen Lewis for dreaming up this event, and to the Board of Historic Saranac Lake, especially Ruth Chasolen, Linda Jackson, Sara Shatraw, and Barbara Wells.