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Editorial
So what happened to the old plaque?

We received a note this week from three members of the Oshier family—Virginia Oshier Mullin, Louis Oshier and his son, Louis Jr. All three are descendants of Louis Oshier, one of Tupper Lake’s early settlers.

The two wrote that they were amazed—and not pleasantly so—with the recent transformation of Lumberjack Springs on the southern edge of the town during a visit there.

Their connection to the spring is that their ancestor discovered it in 1910. In one of his Transitions columns he devoted to Lumberjack Springs, historian Bill Fennette conjectured that Oshier may have made the discovery while fishing that very same year 90 years ago.

According to an article in Adirondack Life devoted to several popular roadside springs, the building was once used to house the lumbering industry, so famous in this region, and to the hardy French Canadian lumberjacks of the region.

During a recent visit to the spring, Virginia Oshier said the building was already occupied by the New York State DEC, and not only the “Lumberjack Spring” sign which hung for many years on the building, but the sign she recognized her ancestor, Oshier. The DEC procedures have been saved off. She noted that a second plaque, erected to commemorate Mrs. Goodman, remains in tact and unmoved.

In June 2003, the Goodman family in 2003 to recognize Charles Goodman on his 120th birthday. It also lists the names of nearby Gooseby Mountain in honor Charles Goodman and his grandson, Andrew, 20, who was murdered by the Klux Klux Klan in Mississippi while registering African-American citizens to vote during the summer of 1964.

The Oshier family members wrote they were happy to see the second plaque in good state, as it memorializes the lives of two fine Gooseby Mountain. They mentioned that it was recognized in its former condition.

The Oshier descendants wondered if perhaps members of the Oshier family or other local citizens know anything about the first plaque and would love to learn anything they could. It seems there are others here who would be willing to see the sign relocated and restored where it rightfully belongs. If any of our readers have any knowledge or information that might shed light on this matter, please give us a call at the Free Press office.

—Dan McClelland

Adirondack Conservation Observatory Skywatch

The Adirondack Observer will continue on the second page of this issue. The observer's observations can be found on the first page of the Observer.

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In a letter to the editor published two weeks ago Michael Carr, executive director of the Nature Conservancy, Adirondack Chapter, explained why he believes his organization, which now owns the 14,600-acre Follensby Park, must mount a legal challenge to the plan of Adirondack Club and Resort to build a private road.

Last week the ADKSE Business Council’s David Thomas explained why he felt upheld—those who are challenging the organization’s motives and pitting hunters against the Conservancy.

Today the Conservancy’s lawyers will appear before the town board to try to convince him to issue an injunction to stop a new town highway department court case hearer tomorrow to determine whether Preserve Associates, LLC, one of the entities behind the Adirondack Club and Resort project, has the right to cross Follensby Pond Road. The other issue before the court is whether Preserve will have to pay for the right to cross Follensby Pond Road. The other issue before the court will be to decide if the Follensby Road intersects Follensby Pond Road. The other issue before the court will be to decide if the Follensby Road intersects Follensby Pond Road.

The Conservancy has filed legal papers seeking a permanent injunction to determine whether the property is the intersection of the only means of access.

So why would the Conservancy spend thousands of dollars of membership money on expensive legal fees to try to stop a road that may be built in the future?

The only conclusion we can come to is that the Conservancy must feel they can somehow injure and thereby delay the Adirondack Club and Resort project in some way. They are willing to waste thousands of dollars of membership money to that end.

Conservancy officials in the past have said their organization prides itself in being what the good neighbors in the towns in which it owns large holdings. Do “good neighbors” try to injure the property? Do “good neighbors” try to harm the property? If any of the members know anything about this matter, please write to us.

Most of the leaders of the preservationist groups operating in the Adirondacks have already signaled their opposition to the project, some members are taking direct action. The Conservancy Council prudently support elements of it, but work diligently in the background to try to squash it. The Nature Conservancy, LLC, has filed plans with the town to build the road. We believe it is a...