

# Little Eden Camp

10. Little Eden Camp, 3721  
East Portage Point Drive

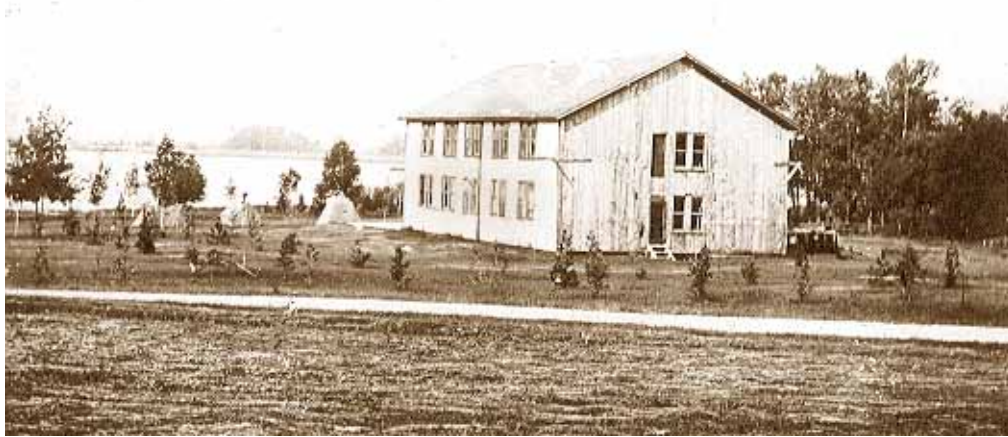
St. Mary's Summer School and Camp



In 1910, a large barn on the Farr farm was moved down near the Lakefront to be transformed into a hotel. By 1913, Camp Onekama, a boys' camp, was established there. An article in the *Manistee News-Advocate* of April 19, 1924, states that preparations were being made

for St. Mary's Summer School and Camp, as the "large old barn," known to many as the "Seymour Inn," was being renovated.

## Seymour Inn

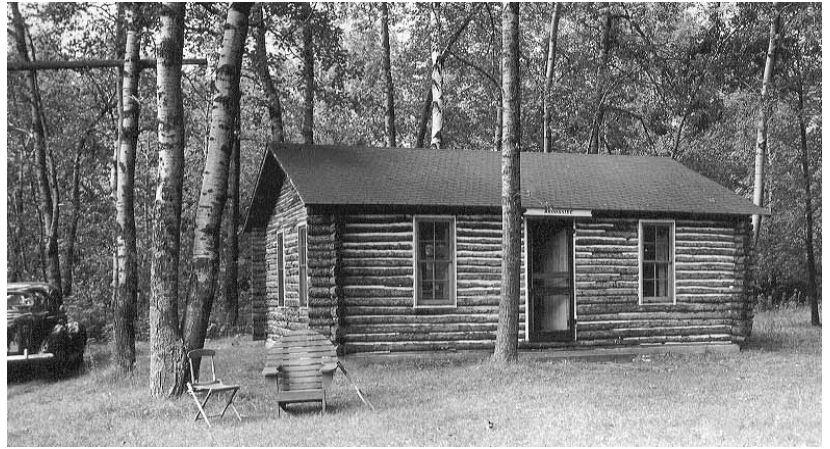


The Reverend Francis L. Carrington, dean of St. Mary-St. Margaret Episcopalian Girls' School in Knoxville, Illinois, was superintendent. The Camp was later called "Camp Carrington." This summer girls' camp was also used as Carrington's Michigan Junior School for Boys several winters.



St. Mary's  
Chapel

Cottage at  
St. Mary's



The *Manistee County Pioneer Press* of June 4, 1937, announced that Reverend Arthur Taylor, State Director of Intermediate Groups of the Church of the Brethren, was changing the name of the Camp to "Little Eden" and would manage the property, which he purchased. Although the Camp was regarded as nondenominational, the main building was to be used exclusively for religious purposes, such as conventions and group meetings. The family camping tradition continued when the Taylors sold the Camp in 1944 to a Mennonite Church group, the Little Eden Camp Grounds Association, Inc., of Archbold, Ohio. In 1988, the main building was demolished and a new log-sided structure was erected.