

The  
WHITE MOUNTAIN  
CHURCH

A history of the White  
Mountain Church written  
sometime around 1921,  
from reminiscences told me  
by Emma C. Shipman, C.S.B.  
and from reads in Mrs. Eddy's  
writings and the Christian  
Science Journal.

A. W. B. Smith

Between 1893 and 1898  
I spent some of the  
summers at the White  
Mountain House in the  
White Mountains, New  
Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs.  
Roosevelt were the  
owners and managers  
of the house and  
many people interested

in Christian Science  
stayed there. Mr. and  
Mrs. Roosevelt were  
Christian Scientists. I  
worked in the office,  
gathered flowers and  
decorated the house  
with them, guided  
guests on mountain  
climbs, drove any  
elderly ladies who

wished to go driving  
around the country, and  
was generally useful.

[See Journal  
for testimony of hospitality  
at White Mt. House.]

Every Sunday during  
the summer we held  
Christian Science services,  
in the parlors of the hotel.

[See Journal Sept. 1897 p. 379  
under Roosevelt.]

The attendance increased  
more and more until the  
parlor was not large  
enough to take in all  
who wished to attend.  
And it did not seem  
fair to the other guests  
in the hotel to have  
the parlor occupied by  
Christian Scientists  
entirely. So Maria Adams

of Utica, New York, Eugenia  
Pierce of Shepherstown,  
West Virginia, and  
myself considered building  
a little church. I was  
chosen to write Mrs. Eddy  
and ask her advice  
about the project. I did  
so and Mrs. Foy answered  
for her and enclosed  
her check for \$100 toward  
the church building.

I was elected treasurer  
and secretary and we  
immediately began  
collecting funds and  
by the next summer had  
a small church building  
erected near the hotel.

When the church  
was to be dedicated  
I asked one of the boys  
at the hotel to get me a



large piece of birch bark.  
On it I wrote the invitation  
to Mrs. Eddy to attend  
the dedication. I tied the  
scroll with sweet grass  
and sent it to Pleasant  
View.

Mrs. Janette E. Weller  
was at Pleasant View  
with Mrs. Eddy at the  
time and Mrs. Eddy

said to her "Who is this  
Miss Shipman?" Mrs.  
Weller replied "Mrs.  
Governor Dillingham's  
niece." Mrs. Dillingham  
was a student and a  
very dear friend of  
Mrs. Eddy's. Then  
Mrs. Eddy said to  
Mrs. Weller "Put her  
down for my next  
class."

See also  
Minutes of the White Mt.  
Chapel. Z. C. S.

Sentinel August 15, 1903  
p. 794

At the dedication of  
the church I read the  
message from Mrs. Eddy  
which she sent in  
answer to my letter of  
invitation.

[See Journal Sept. 1898  
p. 377 and "Miscellany"  
p. 184]

This dictation was read  
and corrected by  
Mrs. Shipman.

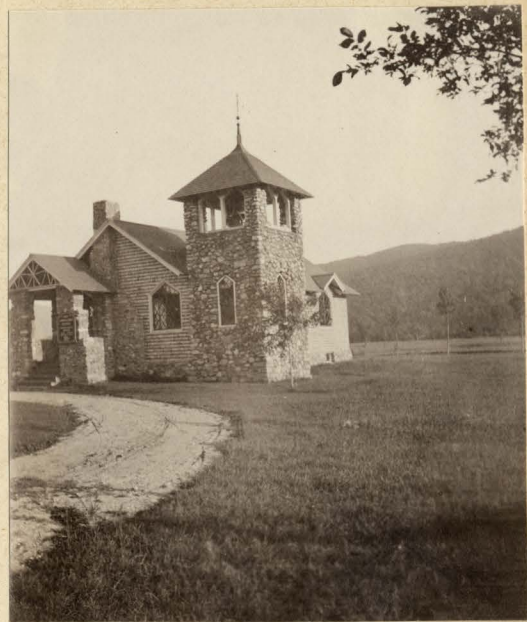
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Photographs were  
taken by  
Miss Shipman



















- 1 George Parker, Boston
- 2 Levi Willcutt, Brookline
- 3 Mrs. Moore, Lisbon, N. H.
- 4 Judge Zwing, Chicago
- 5 Ellen Cross, Baltimore
- 6 Miss Susan Sears, East Dennis, Mass.
- 7 Miss Zadie Willcutt, Brookline





George Parker

Judge Twining

Mrs. Roosevelt - First Reader  
Miss Shipman - Second Reader



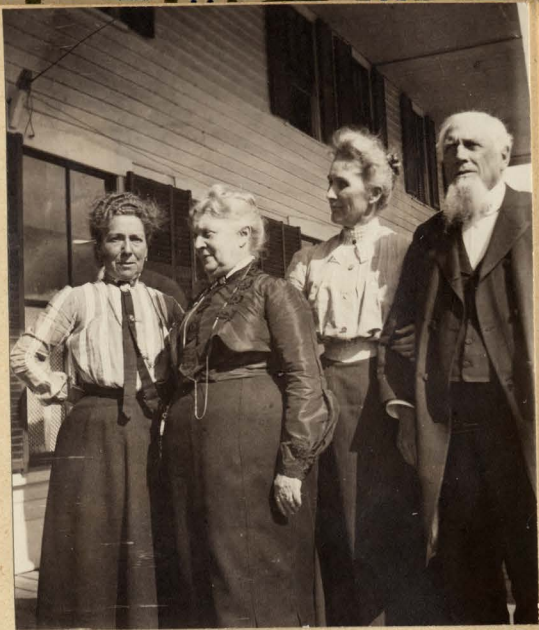


White Mountain House  
from the church

Mrs. Whitcomb  
George Parker  
at White Mountain House







Two Christian Scientists

Mrs. & Mrs. Rousseau

Miss Shipman





Miss Lucia C. Shigman

# Granite Marker Put on Site Of Church in New Hampshire

Christian Science Monitor, Aug. 23, 1939

To counteract false rumors concerning the original site of the first Christian Science church to be dedicated in New Hampshire, The Christian Science Board of Directors has announced the placing of a permanent marker upon the location of what was originally known as the White Mountain Church, at Fabyan, where services were held from 1898 to 1913.

Hence, its doors were closed during the winter months.

Invitations to attend the dedication of the church were sent to Mrs. Eddy on smooth sheets of birch bark tied with native sweet grass in keeping with the rustic surroundings and the log-cabin effect of the exterior of the edifice. Mrs. Eddy did not attend the dedication but she contributed a dedicatory address which was read

Inscription on the marker states: "Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, visited in this vicinity in the summer of 1888. She addressed an audience in a nearby hotel and foretold the 'little church to be in the midst of the mountains' for which she furnished a message when it was dedicated in 1898. (See Miscellany, Page 184)."

In front of the granite marker there has been placed the cornerstone of the church which was originally laid on May 23, 1898, close to the White Mountain House to which many Christian Scientists went in those days to spend weeks during the summer seasons. The church was unique in that it was built only to serve the devotional requirements of summer visitors.

before a gathering that filled the church to overflowing.

The real beginnings of the church came when Mrs. Eddy spent a few days at the White Mountain House and spoke for an hour before a hotel gathering. From that meeting came the inspiration to build a chapel on land originally owned by the hotel along the Ammonoosuc River just far enough from the hotel to insure quiet.

Changing times found the church somewhat isolated from the main avenues of travel, so in 1913 the services were discontinued with the approval of The Christian Science Board of Directors. Some of the fittings of the Fabyan church were taken to the Society in Littleton, while the bell went to the Cotuit Society in Massachusetts.