

Under the Hump

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13th - Meeting at CBMS at 7PM
- Bring your plant sale orders to the May Meeting
- June 21st and 22nd Vermont History Expo Tunbridge Fairgrounds



CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBER?



Last Issue
Don Welch

PLANT SALE

It is time for the Historical Society second annual plant sale. For some time it felt like spring might never arrive but this week has brought warmer temperatures and hopefully people will give some thought to spring plants.

Everyone that ordered last year was extremely pleased with the quality of the plants they received and the unplanned home delivery. This year we will again be using Claussens as our supplier and will deliver the plant orders to the purchasers homes.

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success. Most people are not anxious to take on the role of salesman, but you must know

people that purchase spring plants. If you would offer them order forms and let them know that they can save a trip to the busy garden centers, they might be very appreciative. The plants will be delivered to us on May 21st and delivered to our customers by May 23rd so that they will have them for the Memorial Day weekend.

In order to fund any future activities we need to raise money for our bank account, so your efforts will make a huge difference. Please consider trying to generate a couple orders for the cause and bring them to the May 13th meeting. If you are willing to help deliver plants please contact Don Welch or Maureen Harvey.

ALICE DELONG ARCHIVES

Duxbury lost one of its foremost historians with the recent passing of Alice DeLong. She spent countless hours in pursuits on Duxbury's behalf and many more collecting and researching its history. Over the years she accumulated volumes of newspaper clippings, family histories, state reports concerning Duxbury and much more. The Historical Society has been fortunate to receive this archive and has undertaken the task of making sure that it is stored properly. The volume of papers in this collection will require numerous work sessions for the Preservation Committee and an enormous amount of archival storage materials to prevent them from deterioration. The cost of archiving this collection can very easily reach \$1,000. We are very thankful to Alice and her family for this priceless gift.

CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE DELONG
ARCHIVE FUND
CAN BE SENT TO
MARK MORSE.

PLEASE HELP
WITH OUR FUND-
RAISING EFFORTS



Above - Don Welch and Betsy Allan attending a trustee meeting.



Left - Lori Morse, Mark Morse & Eulie Costello arranging DeLong documents for storage.

Photos by Mac Wilder

ALICE ISABELLE BACKUS DELONG

ALICE I. DELONG SOUTH DUXBURY — Alice Isabelle DeLong, 96, of DeLong Road passed away in Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008. Born in



Duxbury on Nov. 3, 1911, she was the daughter of the late Harrison Clay and Elisabeth Josette (Bisbee) Backus. On March 5, 1938, she married Eldon Foster DeLong in South Duxbury. Alice was predeceased by Eldon on Dec. 14, 1990. Alice was a graduate of Waitsfield High School and continued her education at the University of Ver-

mont, graduating with a B.A. in education. She taught in local elementary schools for over 22 years. Active in the town of Duxbury for many years, Alice served as a school director, auditor, was Duxbury's first woman selectman, was a member of the town Planning Commission and was a Justice of the Peace. Politically, she served as a member and chairman of the Duxbury Republican Committee as well as a member and secretary of the Washington County Republican Committee. A long-time parishioner of the South Duxbury Church, she also held membership in the Waterbury Congregational Church and was an officer in the Washington Association of the Vermont Conference of the United Church of Christ. Alice's other memberships included the Washington County Extension Service Advisory Board where she served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman; executive secretary for the Mad River Regional Planning Commission. She then continued as a researcher for eight years when the organization merged with the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission, retiring in 1980; served in 1973 as the Winooski Natural Resources District Supervisor, was the Associate Supervisor from 1976-78 and then was the chair-

man of the Vermont Association of Conservation District's Information and Education Committee from 1978-94 and its Auxiliary from 1979-90. Alice was an integral member of the South Duxbury Cemetery Association from 1947-2005, where she served as secretary, treasurer and chairman of the executive committee. She was appointed by the governor to serve as Duxbury's representative to the Camels Hump Forest Reserve Commission from 1969-91. Alice was also a member of the Mad River Valley Unit 75 American Legion Auxiliary and the Vermont "251" Club. In her leisure time, she enjoyed stamp collecting, crocheting, embroidery, refinishing antique furniture, poetry writing, researching her family's genealogy and Duxbury history. Alice is survived by her daughter, Jadie (Jeanette) Stoddard and her husband, Mel of Wolcott; three grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Rett Wimble of Waitsfield; her longtime close friend, Dwight Palmer of Randolph; as well as nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by three sisters, Lu Griffith, Esther Blanchard and Ruth Andrews; and a brother, Kenneth Backus. Graveside services will be held this spring in the South Duxbury Cemetery at a date and a time to be announced. Memorial gifts to the Waterbury Congregational Church would be appreciated, (8 N. Main St., Waterbury VT 05676). To send on-line condolences, please visit www.perkinsparker.com. Assisting the family is the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Waterbury.



ALICE ON THE LEFT WITH HER SISTER RUTH
TAKEN AT THE WEBSTER PLACE FARM

A TRIBUTE TO ALICE

On February 12, 2008, Alice DeLong died at the ripe old age of 96. A well-written, detailed obituary listing Alice's various interests and the organizations to which she belonged appeared in the local papers. I read the obituary and marveled at the old gal's role in Duxbury history during her lifetime. She served her community with distinction through the years. But even this laudatory obituary does not really do justice to her role in

Alice was a unique lady. Like many of the old Vermont families, my own personal history intertwines with Alice's journey through the twentieth century. It's the way of these old towns and old families in Vermont - somewhere along the way we seem to touch base. Alice Backus was born at what the people of my generation refer to as the Webster Place, a farm on a short dirt road which branches off Turner Hill Road. I now

live on Turner Road on a section of land once owned by the Backus family. Her first teaching job was at the Crossett Hill one-room school, the school I attended in the late 1940's. Later on in my education years, I attended school at Duxbury Corner and Waterbury High School with Jeanette, her daughter.

Alice lived most of her life - maybe all of her life - in the South Duxbury area. She was living at her parents' home when she started her first teaching job at the Crossett Hill School. Not many young folks from poor families had cars in those days, and Alice was no exception. Alice hired a ride from her parents' home to the Crossett Hill Road intersection across from the Red School House with Harold Lamson, a local fellow who worked at the talc mine in the Rock Bridge section of Moretown. From that fork in the road, she walked up the hill to the Crossett Hill School, a mighty tough climb I might add. I've climbed it myself untold



**HARRISON AND ELISABETH BACKUS WITH
THEIR CHILDREN -
L TO R ALICE, RUTH KENNETH LUCIA
TAKEN IN 1922 IN SOUTH DUXBURY
FIRST HOUSE ON RIGHT AFTER CROSSING THE
BRIDGE JUST SOUTH OF THE HIGH SCHOOL**

recording and preserving the history of Duxbury and its residents in the twentieth century.

Alice spent a lifetime collecting information on current local events, local families' births and deaths, local news/gossip, politics, and other local happenings. I recall being part of or overhearing many a conversation about some past local event or local family, and someone would comment, "If you want to check out the details on that, go see Alice." Through the years, she became a local legend in terms of her vast knowledge of Duxbury history. As a final gift to our community, she left her personal papers and memorabilia to the Duxbury Historical Society. I believe that Alice was comforted in her last days by the knowledge that her lifetime of interest in and recording of Duxbury history would not go to the grave with her, but be enjoyed by future generations who cherish the history of our small town. As a historical group, we are fortunate, indeed, to receive these memorabilia from Alice and her family. Those of us who pore through her documents, photographs and other memorabilia should give thanks to the old gal and her family, especially daughter Jeanette, for these wonderful gifts.



**BACK ROW- KENNETH RUTH ALICE
LUCIA (LU) & HARRY (FATHER)
FRONT ESTHER - LORETTA (RETT) &
ELISABETH (MOTHER)**

A TRIBUTE TO ALICE

numbers of times in my youth. She walked back down the hill when school hours were over, catching a ride back home with Harold. Alice tells of having to use snowshoes after a heavy winter storm, since in those days the road was seldom plowed

"Steve, if you've got time to listen, Alice has time to talk." And talk she did. But her recall of history was incredible and I enjoyed her tales, told in a few thousand well-chosen words, as the old saying goes.



L TO R- RUTH, KENNETH (BACK), RETT, HARRY, ALICE (BACK), ESTHER (FRONT), LU (BACK) - TAKEN IN THE MID 60'S

Don Welch, our society's president, was a faithful visitor to Alice in the last few years of her life when she was in declining health. Aside from her own family, Alice probably shared more memories with Donny than she did with any other person during these years. Shortly before her death, she donated her papers to Donny, with the stipulation that they would become the property of the Duxbury Historical Society. It says much about her trust in Donny and her appreciation of the many visits Donny made to her during her last years. We are fortunate to be the recipients of this historical gift, and we should all appreciate the role Donny played in our good fortune. We collectively thank Jeanette, her daughter, and other descendants for their kindness and generosity to the Duxbury Historical Society. Alice is gone now, but through her donation of her historical documents, future generations will be able to see a bit of Duxbury's past through Alice's eyes.

Steve Grace

until well after the start of the school day. Alice obviously was not only a tough old girl, she was a tough young one as well.

In my eyes, she was one of those unforgettable characters you encounter in life. She was a stern looking lady - it always seemed to me that she wore a scowl a lot more comfortably than she did a smile. Maybe it was the schoolmarm in her. When she spoke it was impossible not to hear her. I got a chuckle out of the way Donny Welch described Alice's oratorical style in some notes he gave me for my review in writing a tribute to Alice. I quote: "Alice possessed an opinionated personality that was accentuated by a bellowing and intimidating voice." There's no way I could improve on that description. It seemed as if Alice learned to whisper in a sawmill.

Alice did not really care much about small talk with people like me, folks who were not close personal friends. But once you planted the seed of a mutual interest in Duxbury history or old Duxbury families, Alice was quite willing to talk. At length, I might add. I visited her at the convalescence place in Berlin this past year, quite by accident, really. I went up to the place to visit Katherine Sherman, a good friend of mine, and Katherine remarked as I was leaving that Alice DeLong was in a room across the hall. I asked Katherine if she thought Alice was up to seeing/talking to visitors, and Katherine replied with a smile,



BACK - ESTHER - LU - KEN'S WIFE
MARIE - RETT
FRONT RUTH - KEN - ALICE
KEN & MARIE'S 50TH WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY JUNE 1, 1997

PROFESSOR WILL S. MONROE

Alice had files on Duxbury families and events that might rival J. Edgar Hoover. The happenings of Duxbury citizens and events were clipped from the newspapers and stored away for the historical rainy day chronicling hundreds of events. One file that caught my eye was the Monroe file. It has dozens of newspaper clippings and remembrances of Professor Will S. Monroe.

One of the items in the file which is reprinted below was a presentation that Alice prepared for the Waterbury Historical Society and delivered it to them on July 26, 1967.

Monroe, Will Seymour (Professor)

I started my notes on Prof. Monroe and when I came to write this up, discovered that I had the makings of an acrostic. I decided to go along with it and see where it led me. And this is what I came up with:

M - Mountain Lover

He called it "Couching Lion", feeling that the name Camel's Hump as out of place and beneath the dignity of such a mountain. Signs that led to its top bore the legend, "Couching Lion."

He had tramped the trails of many countries. His Vermont trails emphasized every asset; the superior trail outlooks along its route bears evidence to this.

O - Organizer

He organized and led the work of building a trail from the Winoo-ski Valley to the Middlebury Gap, starting it in 1916. At this time he was Professor of Psychology at the State Normal School in Montclair, NJ and on the UVM summer school faculty. He was 53 years old. He spent every minute he could camping in the nearby mountains.

He got together seven industrial and legal executives of Manhattan and Burlington to aid him in his program. With an oxcart with enormous wheels he set out with equipment and supplies. It took him three seasons and cost him personally \$2,000. This nearly 50 mile trail was part of the Long Trail and named in his honor - Monroe Skyline Trail. (A shelter along a side trail was named Montclair Glen in honor of him.)

The result of his efforts was the tidiest section of the whole Long Trail.

Said Chas. R. Cummings in The Vermonter: "I can't reconcile thoughts of this suave gentleman, a bit brusque, informed, of the kid gloves and blue stockings, unfamiliar with tools, as he appeared in Burlington — adopting the woodsman's garb, shouldering the pack, the mattock, the axe and saw, or the long-handled sickle, forcing a way, with associates, through defiant undergrowth and windfalls of an age, many miles from conveniences, in all weathers, and carrying every tool back to the tent each night.

Think of the trips down the slopes for supplies and sometimes water, which this self-imposed task entailed."

N - Naturalist

As a naturalist he experimented to see what plants and shrubs would grow at 1,500 feet, the elevation of his farm. As he toured Europe, he took seeds from Vermont and scattered them in likely places, sometimes from the train windows as he rode along through the countryside,

He was especially interested in the Oregon pine and many other American trees. He had them set out in his garden; he planted about 1926, 5,000 evergreens in his pasture and meadow: Scotch pine, red pine, Norway spruce, white spruce, European larch (of which he planted 1,000 in 1926). In 1930, he made more tree plantings,

Wild flowers were one of his hobbies and a half dozen varieties of trilliums were among those he planted.

As a relaxation, he cared for roses, pansies, petunias, pinks, verbenas; giant sunflowers grew near his porch; ferns, too; and vines grew over his porch.

He deplored the passing of the American chestnut tree. One July he discovered small maple trees growing in the tall meadow grass, and refused to have any mowing done.

R — Reader

As has been stated, he experimented with plant-growing, trying things for himself despite what he read or heard. Some 2,000 books lined his North Duxbury home walls, some of which bore the autographs of author friends or just friends. This was but a part of his large library.

In his will his collection of Walt Whitman went to Leland Stanford Junior College. His books concerning dogs were bequeathed to the American Kennel Club, New York City.

It was a well-known fact that he would trot out a book in short order to back up his contention or to back up his memory.

He raised the "tiny, creamy, ring-necked doves"; never fired a gun, even at the hawk that came swooping down and carried off a dove. The extermination of America's wild passenger pigeons, was a topic he would discuss at length with the visitor, and he would describe the huge flocks that once shaded the sun in their flight.

He made nine bird surveys from Duxbury for the U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D.C. Some of those started at 4:05 A.M. An equal number of surveys were made by him and his friends in NJ.

His will stated that his farm was to be set aside for a bird sanctuary, game refuge, wild flower, fern, shrub and tree preserve and public park.

PROFESSOR WILL S. MONROE

E - Educator

A teacher, then principal of schools in Pa., his native state, 1881—1887(in Luzerne County)

Superintendent of School in Pa., then in Calif.

Professor of Psychology in the Mass, State Normal School in Westfield, 1896...1908

Professor of Psychology , NJ. State Normal School, Montclair, 1909— 1925

UVM summer school faculty (1914.—1920) With time out to be on President Wilson's U.S. Peace mission 1918 & 1919.

He retired in 1925, and that winter stayed at his Couching Lion Farm in North Duxbury.

He became interested in the local youth who had to give up, high school when the 1927 flood disrupted train service from No. Duxbury to the Waterbury High School. He made it possible for them to finish.

W - Writer

His writings were voluminous:

- Psychology
- Travel books, beautifully illustrated
- Biography
- Bibliography
- 600 articles

I — "Inspirer"

Checking in two dictionaries, I could not find the word "inspirer", but am using it just the same.

Prof. Monroe inspired others to work with and try to understand nature. His will stated that it was his desire that all lovers of nature enjoy his farm, more especially the needy, active or retired, be they teachers, librarians, or nature lovers.

He inspired the young people to gain an education.

He inspired others to aid in his trail building.

L - Lecturer

As such he gave courses at:

- University of Ill. (1903)
- Columbia University (1904)
- University of Chicago (1908)

- University of Vermont (1914—1920)
- University of Sofia (Bulgaria) (1926)
- American University (Syria)
- University of Prague (Bohemia)

L - Lover of dogs

As he grew older, he turned to this hobby more and more. He was the owner of four or five of the larger breeds such as: Collies, Shetlands, St. Bernards, Newfoundland, and Great Pyrenees. He owned the first one of the latter breed to be born in America.

Each of his dogs has a granite stone with its own epitaph and is buried in the private cemetery, once part of the Monroe farm. Alongside the animals lie Professor Monroe and his sister, Katherine, whose desire it was to be buried by Scottie, the Professor's beloved dog.

In his will were provisions for his four remaining dogs. They were to be buried in separate caskets and put in the private cemetery.

S - Scholar

This has been covered to some extent under my comments on Educator, Writer, Lecturer, and Reader.

He received his education in the rural schools of PA in which state he was born on March 22, 1863. Then entering Huntington Mills Academy, then Stanford University of California, he continued on in the Universities of Paris and Grenoble in France and Jena and Leipzig in Germany.

E - Epicurean

Said Chas. Cummings "... his cooking is a revelation in variety and excellence..." Monroe was a vegetarian.

Y - ?????????

Every good "story" should have its mystery element. Here is mine!

M - Medalist

As such he received: The silver medal of Merit from the city of Prague, Bohemia, and the order of Commander's Cross from King Boris III, Bulgaria, for the book Bulgaria and Her People, and long with the medal the everlasting gratitude of the Bulgarian people.

O - Ocean Crosser

His trips across to Europe numbered fourteen. Besides being a resident of that continent for six years, he visited every country therein.

P R O F E S S O R W I L L S . M O N R O E

His travels included parts of Asia Minor and North Africa. He took a thousand-mile trip up the Nile River.

U - Unmarried

That speaks for itself; what else can one say?

R- Recruiter

An organizer is somewhat of a recruiter, and we have seen his ability as the former. Besides this, he recruited his friends and neighbors to aid in the bird census activities; he recruited nature lovers; he recruited mountain lovers; he recruited hikers.

P - Promoter

To be an organizer, a recruiter, an educator, a mountain lover, he must be a promoter. If one is to promote, one must foster, must encourage, must contribute, and he did all these.

R - Representative

He was a delegate to several foreign congresses and expositions. President Wilson appointed him to the U.S. Peace Inquiry Commission - 1918-1919. Professor Monroe was made head of the sub-committee on the Balkans, because it was felt that he had such a vast knowledge of these countries,

O - Observer

This is an essential trait of the naturalist, the psychologist, the traveler (especially if he intends to write a book of his travels), and of the ornithologist.

F - Friend

It is well-known how he befriended the youth of the neighborhood. He was a friend to ones at home and abroad, and he was widely befriended: Friends who buried Scotty, friends who toiled at clearing the trails, friends who counted and observed birds, friends who ranged from students to bank presidents.

E - Entertainer

"...and he has that graciousness — that instant discernment — that marks the perfect host. Do you wonder that an entry in the 'remarks' column of his guest book reads: 'We remained until kicked out.'" Again Chas. Cummings' quote from The Vermonter.

Many were the discussions that took place of an evening at which time his scientific mind and his knowledge of many things was both entertaining and astonishing.

Local youth was invited in at the Easter vacation time. A reading session was part of every afternoon's entertainment, a visitor usually the reader, then a hike was in order... or AN order.

S - Saver

The name conservationist, has, somewhere to be used in reference to Prof. Monroe. Going back to my dictionaries I found in

one that saver meant preserver. In a second dictionary was the synonym conservationist for preserver, and so I had it.

S - Scientist

He was a many-sided scientist: A naturalist, ornithologist, a psychologist.

O — Office holder

His membership in clubs is worthy of mention, for he belonged to:

- Authors' Club of New York
- Authors' Club of London
- English Club of Prague
- English Club of Sofia.

Among his office-holding honors were:

- Honorary member of the Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiotic and Feeble Minded Persons
- Licensed Judge of American Kennel Club
- Honorary President of the Green Mountain Club and member of the Appalachian Mountain Club

R — Recluse

"Old timers on the mountain will tell you that Mr. Monroe kept pretty much to himself." (Barre Times-Argus, Oct. 2, 1965)

Now back to the Y in Seymour. Now it's up to you — Y O U!

What picture of Monroe, Will Seymour (Professor) do YOU wish to paint on your mind's canvas?

On the one hand he was brusque at times and he was eccentric. On the other hand his manner was polished, his speech perfect. He lived simply and carried out a rugged regimen. He was intolerant at times: loud noises and litter, they both annoyed him. His beloved farm and mountain were as holy to him as any cathedral ever built. He was benevolent, as witness his will; he was kind, as will ones who knew him as youths bear witness.

Though I, personally, never had him speak to me in a kind or gentle manner, I prefer my mind's canvas to portray him as is here painted in the acrostic, thereby erasing Shakespeare's thought on the subject which runs something like this:

"The good that men do are oft interr'd with their bones
The bad that they do lives after them."



THE ACROSTIC

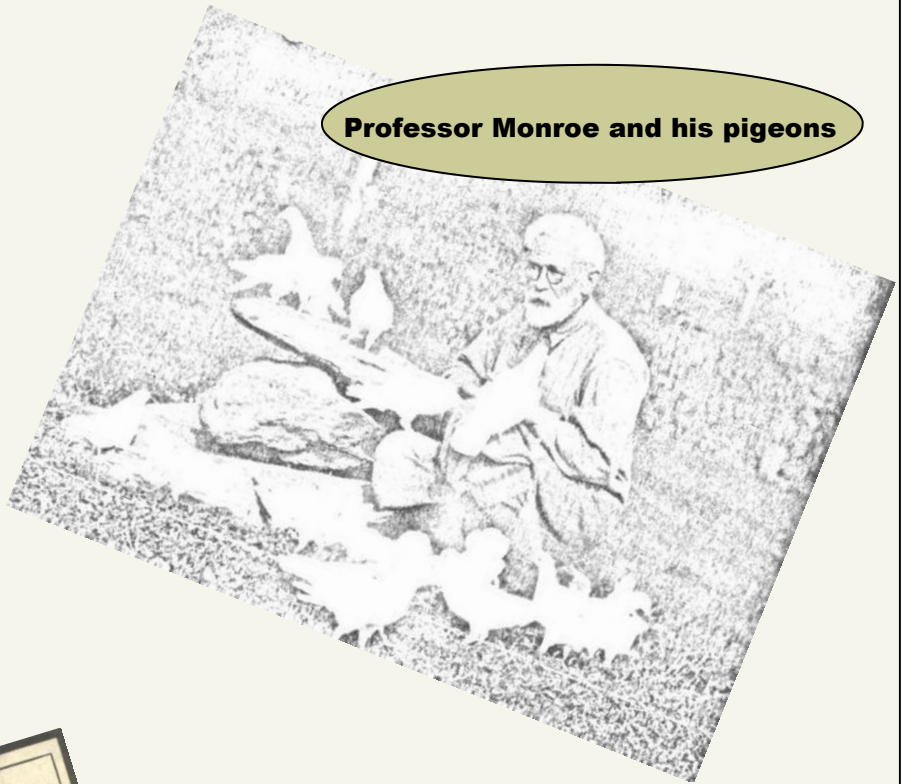
M - MOUNTAIN LOVER
 O - ORGANIZER
 N - NATURALIST
 R - READER
 O - ORNITHOLOGIST
 E - EDUCATOR

W - WRITER
 I - "INSPIRER"
 L - LECTURER
 L - LOVER OF DOGS

S - SCHOLAR
 E - EPICUREAN
 Y - ?????? YOU
 M - MEDALIST
 O - OCEAN- CROSSER
 U - UNMARRIED
 R - RECRUITER

P - PROMOTER
 R - REPRESENTATIVE
 O - OBSERVER
 F - FRIEND
 E - ENTERTAINER
 S - SAVER
 S - SCIENTIST
 O - OFFICE HOLDER
 R - RECLUSE

Professor Monroe and his pigeons



Mr. Pyres stated that Professor Monroe always wore a red article; Red sleeve band, a red tie, red socks and the like: That he'd never seen him without a "patch" of that color somewhere about his apparel.



Professor, Naturalist, He Lived for 14 Years At Foot of Camel's Hump

By JAN MORSE
WATERBURY CENTER —
His gravestone reads "Will S. Monroe, teacher, author, trail builder, companion and lover of dogs," and for 14 years he lived at the foot of Camel's Hump.

A few glimpses into this man's many faceted life were provided at the Historical Society summer picnic here.

Following the supper and brief business meeting, Mrs. Eldon DeLong of South Duxbury spoke of Professor Monroe, drawing upon newspaper clippings, conversations with those who remembered him, her own recollections and those of Mrs. Mary Callahan Reagan of Moretown, daughter of Frank Callahan from whom Prof. Monroe bought the farm at the foot of Camel's Hump.

Born March 22, 1863, Will Monroe became a teacher and for 40 years taught and was principal in Montclair, N. J. and in schools in Pennsylvania and California.

In 1925 he retired and brought the Callahan farm where he could pursue his lifelong interest in nature and mountain climbing. He resented the name Camel's Hump as unworthy of his beloved mountain, and rechristened it "Couching Lion" and his farm was known as the Couching Lion Farm.

He planted thousands of trees on the property, all listed with the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks. His garden flowers were many and varied, although he was especially interested in the cultivation of sunflowers and their medicinal uses.

He was an ornithologist, making bird surveys in Vermont and New Jersey, and raising creamy ring-necked doves.

A dog lover, he raised the first Great Pyrenees dog to be born in America and had several other breeds. Nine of his dogs are buried in the little cemetery where he and his sister, Katherine, rest, similar gravestones marking each burial spot. The inscription on his own stone reads

"Will S. Monroe, 22 Mar. 1863 - 29 Jan. 1936. Teacher, author, trail builder, companion and lover of dogs."

Near him rests Scottie, "the beloved collie of Couching Lion Farm 30 April 1925 - 29 Oct. 1930. Among the stars a star." His will provided for the care of the four dogs who outlived him and for their burial.

An omniverous reader, he had 2,000 books in his home. His collection of Walt Whitman books was willed to Leland Stanford University and his books on dogs to the American Kennel Club.

Monroe built the Monclair Glen Trail and shelter and numbered among his close friends, hikers and mountain lovers, including Judge Clarence Cowles, Theron Dean and J. Ashton Allis who were named in his will as trustees of his estate.

He recruited nature lovers and hikers, many of whom he entertained at the farm. His friends included students, doctors, lawyers and bank presidents. Charles Cummings once spoke of his "graciousness — that instant discernment which marks the perfect host."

He belonged to many clubs and held office in many of them, yet he was something of a recluse and could be on occasion quite brusque in manner. He hated loud noise and litter, and did not suffer trespassers silently.

However, the children of his neighbors remember many kindnesses and how he entertained groups of them, reading as well as taking them on hikes on the mountain. After the flood of 1927, finding that the North Duxbury children were unable to go back and forth to school in Waterbury because of road conditions, he arranged for money for their room and board with Waterbury families during the school week.

He was a prolific writer on almost any subject. He wrote 600 articles, mostly about ferns on which he was an authority. His writings include several books, notably "The Spell of Bohemia" and "Bulgaria and her People."

He lectured in California.

New York, Vermont and various European cities. He made 14 trips to Europe and lived there six years. President Woodrow Wilson appointed him to the U.S. Peace Inquiry Commission and was head of a subcommittee on the Balkans.

In his will, he left the farm and public approach as a bird sanctuary, game refuge, wild flower, fern, shrub and tree preserve and public park. "All lovers of nature to be welcome to enjoy same but more specially needy teachers and librarians and students of nature, be given first opportunity to occupy the house and summer annex."

The trustees finally turned the property over to the State of Vermont, and for lack of funds, it has been allowed to fall into such disrepair that the buildings have all been taken down and the surroundings not kept up.

The Department of Forests and Parks has tried repeatedly to get action from the Legislature, without success, although it is still hoped it may one day become a bird and flower sanctuary.

A trust fund administered by the Bank of Waterbury keeps the little cemetery in shape and the spot is often visited by tourists who expect to find a State Park there.

Mrs. DeLong had newspaper clippings for display, as well as pictures arranged by Mrs. Reagan. Also displayed were pictures and posters recently given the society by Mrs. Marion Scott Anderson, whose grandfather and father were longtime jewelers in Waterbury.

ONE OF THE
MANY CLIPPINGS
AND NOTES THAT
WERE IN THE
MONROE FILE.

PROFESSOR MONROE - DOG LOVER

Licensed Dog Judge

A great lover of dogs. he turned to this hobby more and more during he last years of his life. He was accustomed to keep from four to five dogs of the larger breeds, such as Collies. Shetlands. St. Bernards, Newfoundland and Great Pyrenees. He owned "Basque of Basquaerie, the first Great Pyrenees born in America and at the time of his death was president of the Great. Pyrenees Club of America and honorary president of the Pyrenees Mountain Club of Great Britain. He was licensed to judge eight breeds of dogs and served as judge in many shows throughout the United States.

He came to live in Vermont on his retirement in 1925, and bought a home, Couching Lion Farm, on the side of Camel's Hump, where he had since lived.

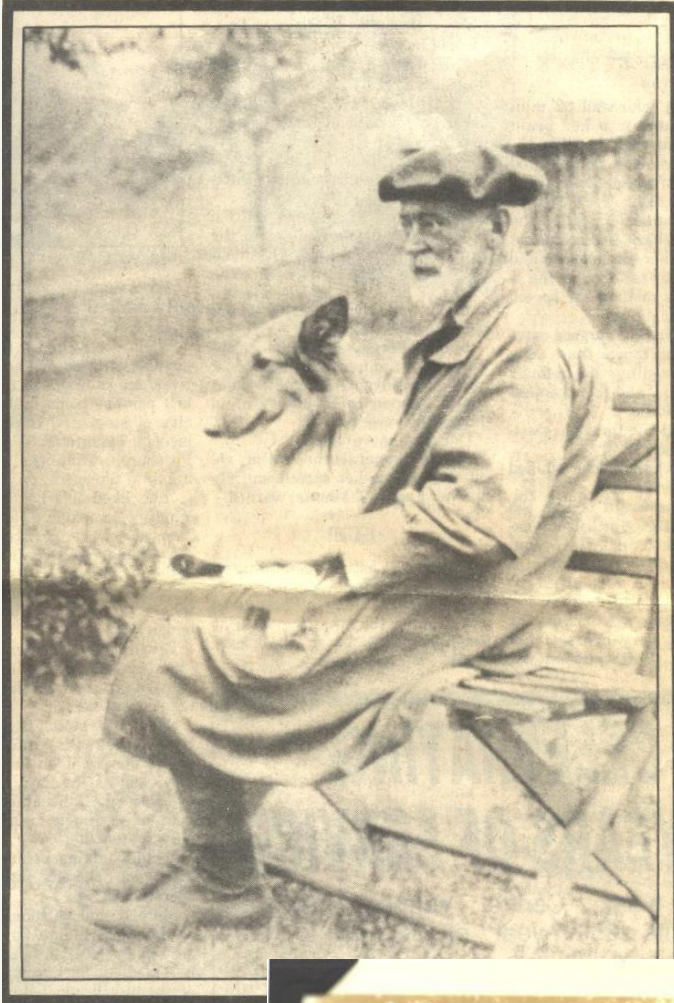
Because of deep snow conditions in the vicinity of his home, at the time of his death he was placed in a vault and committal services were held later in the spring when he was buried along side his dogs.



PROFESSOR MONROE WITH TWO DOGS OF THE BREEDS TO WHICH HE DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION DURING THE LATTER PART OF HIS LIFE. AT LEFT IS "BASQUE OF BASQUAERIE," THE FIRST GREAT PYRENEES DOG BORN IN THIS COUNTRY. THE ONE AT THE RIGHT IS A ST. BERNARD PUP - ALPINE III. PROFESSOR MONROE WAS LICENSED TO JUDGE EIGHT BREEDS OF DOGS AND WAS WIDELY KNOWN AS AN AUTHORITY ON SHOW TYPES.



PROFESSOR MONROE - DOG LOVER



PROFESSOR MONROE WAS LAID TO REST IN A CEMETERY ON THE COUCHING LION FARM AT THE BASE OF CAMEL'S HUMP ALONG SIDE HIS SISTER AND HIS DOGS. PROVISIONS IN HIS WILL PROVIDED FOR THE CARE OF THE DOGS THAT SURVIVED HIM. UPON THEIR DEATH, THEY WERE ALSO BURIED IN THE CEMETERY.



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