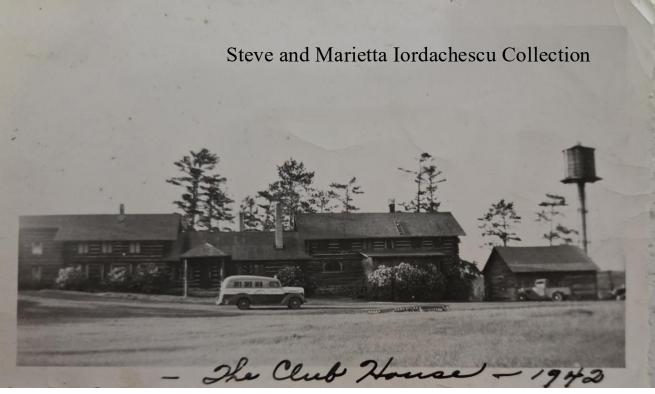
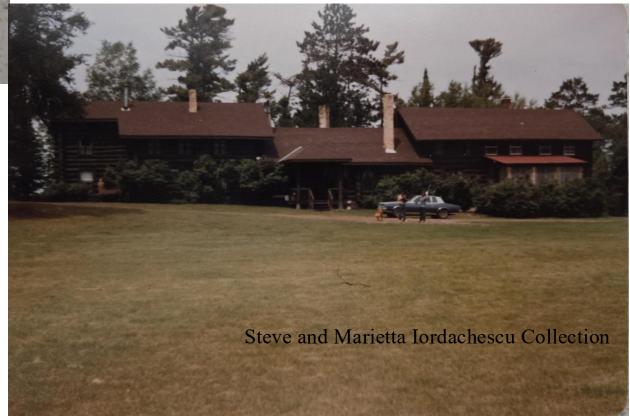
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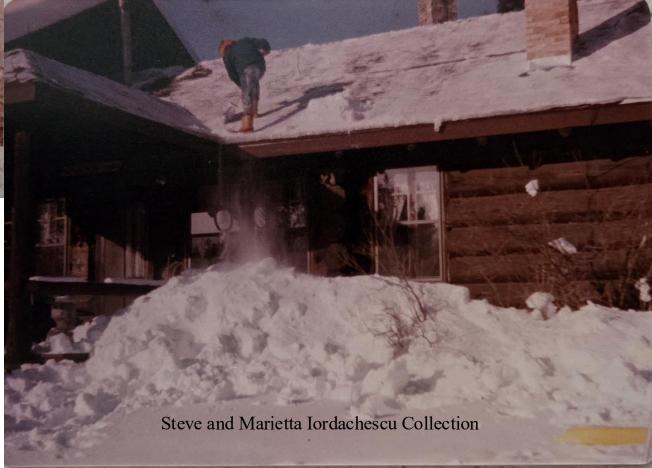


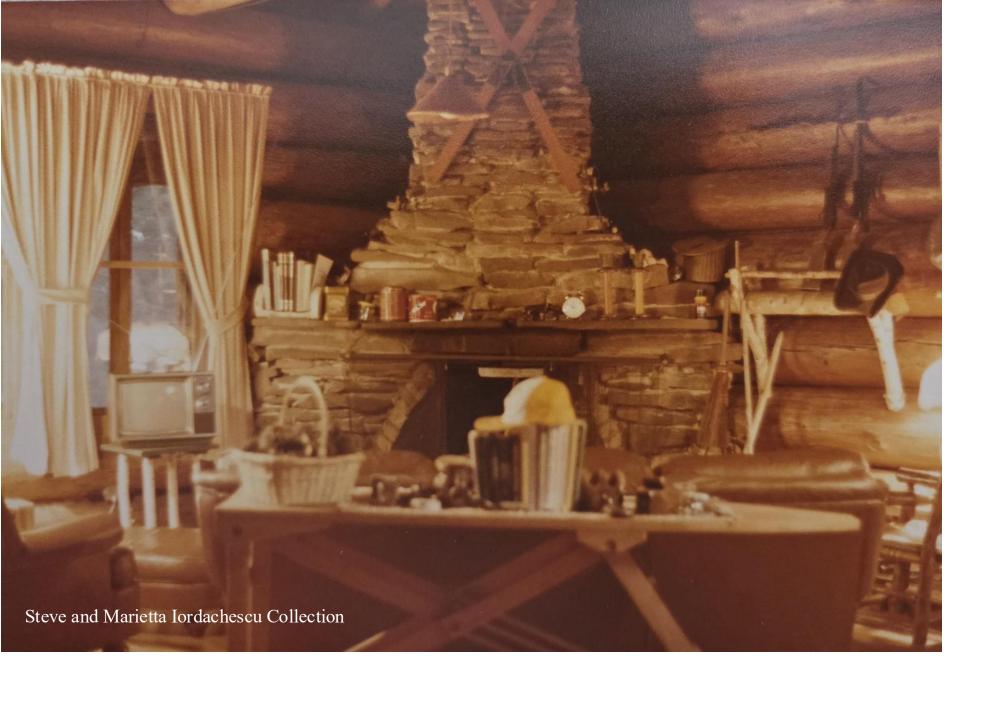
The Velie Lodge, also known as the Mishe Mokwa Club House in 1943 and the 1980s



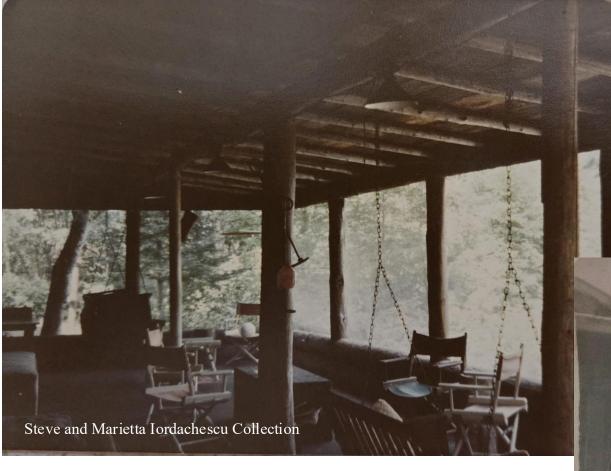


Winter at the lodge, December, 1983





Inside the lodge, 1980s



The back porch of the Mishe Mokwa Club House in the 1980s and in March of 1944

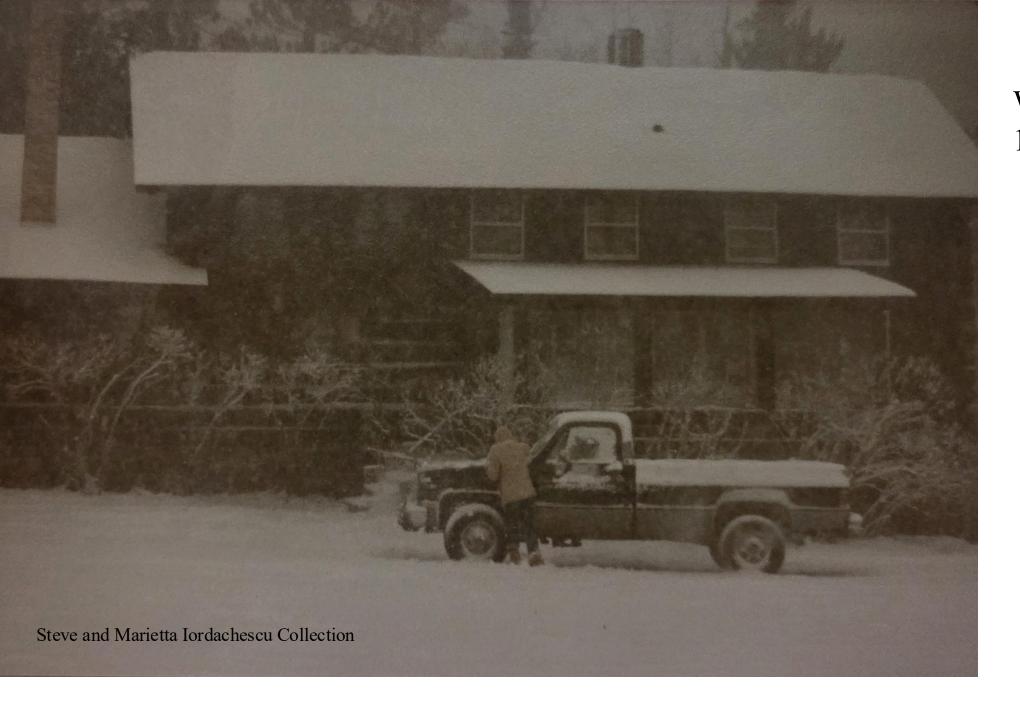
Steve used to sleep on this screen porch in the summer and winter.





The Lamberts with Nat and Marietta.

Tim Lambert, Nat,
Marietta
Iordachescu, Carol
Lambert, Jim
Lambert, and
Spunky at the
boathouse by the
trout pond



Winter at the lodge, 1980s



June of 1983 aerial of the property, which was originally 2,000 acres and owned by the lumber baron, Isaac Staples. Club house in lower right corner. Trout pond and **Buckley Creek** also in lower right corner; creek flows north to the St. Croix River, which bisects the the top third of the nhoto



1983 aerial showing the driveway to the lodge, which overlooks the trout pond in the center right of the photo



1990ish



4th of July at the lodge, 1942



Mishe Mokwa Lake, July, 1942



Back view of Mishe Mokwa Club House, July 1942



Back of photo says Mr. Decker, Velie girl?, Roy, Velie girl?, Velie boy?,? Mr. Velie,?

Out at Velie's 1942



The Velie Family



Velie Children, October, 17, 1942



Back of photo says: Roy and Mr. Decker, August 12, 1942 (day after the ducking)



At Velie's Back Porch September snow September 26, 1942



Our last blizzard—March 21, 1943



Mishe Mokwa Lake, Spring of 1943



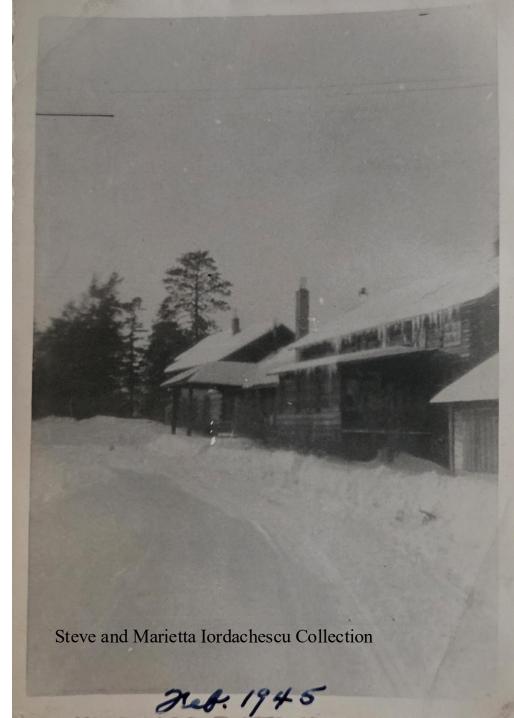
At the Club, March 1944





Winter at the lodge, 1944-1945

Aunt Annie's car on March 1st, 1945





Marietta's visit to the Gibson Cabin on the St. Croix River in September of 1990.

Marietta and Nat's sister, Debora. I believe they are sitting on the front stoop of the Ken Scott Lodge, before it was moved out of the St. Croix Riverway in the early 1980s. Ken Scott's Lodge was a mile west of the Gibson Cabin. The lilac in the foreground is still there today.