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Dear Mr Buchan

Patki tells me that you are interested in the history of The Huron River Lodge. I will do my best.

The cabin was built seventy some years ago by a Mr Kuhn. He was the brother-in-law of Governor Osborn of State of Michigan.

He had some sort of steam iron Co. in Detroit and used it as a hunting lodge. I presume they traveled by the train that used to run in the area. They had a horse barn and he had a caretaker that took care of horses, did cooking and looked after the place.

After the death of his first wife he remarried and the new wife would have no part of it. However, he kept the caretaker and he continued to live in.

the lodge until his death.

Mr Kuben sold the property to Oscar and Hermit Elmbled of Skane.

At that time they owned much lumbering equipment and did much work for the Henry Ford Timber lands. Following Henry Ford's death the town of Pigeon and his timber empire diminished and the Elmbleds came into hard times.

Oscar Elmbled died after we purchased the property in 1967. The son Hermit I believe is still alive and lives in a brick house beside the grocery in Skane. Hermit's wife died and he married a local woman that worked in a bar.

He is a pleasant man but he's become an alcoholic. If you can talk with him when he isn't drinking he's quite a bright and informed person.

Several years previous to our purchase of the land my husband and a group of six friends rented the place, each fall for hunting.

My husband Al Ambrosion was owner and Pres. of Michigan State Seed Co in Grand Sedge Mi. We lived just outside Lansing Michigan.

After we purchased the property the same group continued to use the camp for deer hunting each year.

Others in the group were

Dr. Dan Carother - Charlotte Mi Physician
& Surgeon

E. S. Elles - Furniture Manufacturer
Grand Rapids & Charlotte

Frank Elles - Furniture also - younger brother
of Ben.

Franklin Bassaman - Publisher of Charlotte Mi
Republican Tribune paper

Stanley Statter - Bacteriologist

Darrell Johnson - Lumber Co. owner - Charlotte Mi

We used the camp other times of the year with friends and family. We fished, always went up for Trout season, and even in summer quite often.

It was a place to get away from business, noise and the world in general. For that reason we did not put in electric or telephone.

We built the garage + sauna and kept a pick up truck there for wood gathering etc.

We bought new stove + refrig for kitchen and equipped it. The oak in box was part of the Kubor Camp.

We put in septic field and shower + fixtures in bath. Also built in bunks, mattresses etc.

While we owned it and used it we stocked the pond with trout. However, the local residents benefitted more than

we did.

We traveled to the camp by car
of flights to Houghton Hancock.

Following my husband's sudden death
in 1972 I continued to go to the
camp. Took care of timber thinning &
repairs etc. The remaining members of
the hunting group used it during the
season. The group gradually diminished
for most were older than I. As of
this date only the Ellis brothers are alive.

Three years ago I leased it thru
my attorney in Lansing to a supposed
retired military man. He was to do
repairs & maintenance and a small fee
for living there. He did none of
above and eventually vanished from
the area.

I have three married daughters

but none living in Michigan so I
decided it was best to sell the
property so that it could be managed.
We all have fond memories of the
place and hope that you too will
enjoy and profit from it.

Sincerely
Susan W. Johnson