

Stratton Notes

Source: Handwritten by Ruby Rowsell; Found in diary of Rev. Reginald Norman Rowsell

[These notes (see photos on following pages) appear to have been made during or after a talk given by someone named D.L. Stratton, at Deer Lake, January 31, 1963. They are written on two pages that were obviously taken from a book. On the back of one of the pages is the Preface to the book by John Dow, 1943. Research reveals that Dow's books are all about faith. This talk must have been very important to my mother because she would not have marred a book, any book, much less one about faith, unless she was desperate.]

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2. The first religious service ever held in Deer Lake - open-air service - by the Salvation Army - a Miss Abbott - held on Goodyear's Lane at the spot where the home of Frank Wellon now stands. Stratton could not tell me the date.
3. Told of group of men clearing stumps of land where the Anglican Church now stands - rested after pulling first stump - several men drank rum - "One old fellow rubbed his hands and said, 'God will never bless a church that starts with drinking rum and goes on playing cards' and," added Stratton, "he hasn't blessed it yet."
4. Stratton told of time here in early days of construction - a boiler in use to keep power for running machinery - they had a hogshead for a bathtub.
5. Capt. Jobie Kane would never eat with passengers - always in room alone. "I was frightened of him," said Stratton. "Once my dad went on board and went on the Captain's bridge. I was expecting him to come down very soon. But instead he was received with open arms. They ate together in the Captain's private room. The mate said to me (the mate was Capt's son), 'What angel came on board today? I see the old man was good to him and talks a lot with him.'" "That is my father," said Stratton. "Boy he must be some angel," said the mate.

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