Lower Lamoille River History

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River History

Lower Lamoille
Health

Understanding the importance of the river's ecological
surroundings and at the same time gain a better
appreciation of the river's history, the
Million Villas site in Chatham County, Vermont, is
where the village of River Street and Kenton
meet. The lower Lamomille River flows
approximately 20 miles between the towns of
Springfield and New Preston, where the
Lamomille River was washed out by the Flood of 1962.

PREFACE

Lamomille River: To all who were willing to share their memories about the
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INTRODUCTION
The River

Let them make my pleasant grave,
Of my dear heaven, hallowed by love,
And by the crystal wave,
I would dwell beside thee ever.

O, Lamolle, Lamolle!
Have a home beside thy waters,
And happy sons of till
But sweet and beautiful daughters.

Be beautiful like thee.
Not one to thee shall ever
Thee raise to meet the sea,
But all the mighty rivers.

We mingle with thy name;
No deeds of war or glory
A stranger art to me,
Thou art not named in story.

I bring my praise to thee,
And their praise is a theme forever.
The mighty, grand and free
The world is proud of its rivers.

- Circa 1865 -
Frank Plummer

A beautiful, sketched image of a bridge over Lamolle.

Countless of Lamolle.
Floating bridge over Lamolle - post 1902.

Countless of Lamolle.
Around the bend in West Yellow, circa 1915.

The River
A large spine of ledges sticks out of the middle of the area, with a smaller one at the eastern side. The western bank and a lesser ledge on the eastern side are waterfalls, with a chute formed by a higher ledge on the head of the falls and the beginning of a zone. The head of the falls is near the southwestern end of the reservoir, and the reservoir extends to the north. The river runs roughly to the north.

First, the Hogback Falls have several short sections of waterfalls. The river flows to the north at this point. The rocks are on the left-hand side of the river, forming a slow bend in the southernmost section. The river then becomes a narrower section before reaching the Hogback Falls, where it is a section known as the "Bald River" before reaching the Hogback Falls. Here, the river is a section known as the "Bald River" before reaching the Hogback Falls. Here, the river flows to the north, and the floodplain is also present near these falls.

The Flooded Falls

Map 2: Survey of the Lundale Reservoir, 1866.
West side of Middle Rock, circa 1946

Middle Rock and Wood's Falls, showing early construction of Pearson Dam, circa 1946

Wood's Falls, 1946

The first Pearson Dam view looking upstream from Westchester Village (Raven 1886)

Keepers in Cheekermerry Village (Raven 1886)

Hipsey named after Mr. Hipsey, one of the first tenants.

These rapids were most

channel and the water flowed quickly around it before
on the lower Lamouille over time.

HUMAN INTERACTIONS WITH THE RIVER

many aquatic organisms, especially fish. It's clear these interactions also provide an essential food source for many terrestrial insects. The distribution of dragonflies, which directly impact human by consuming many of the insects and larvae that occur in the water, are prominent forms of these insects occur in the area. Although the insects are part of the ecosystem, they play a major role in the ecology of a river.

In the absence of breaching and shelter, these insects, especially, and terrestrial insects such as plant bugs are provided in essential sources of protein. The process of photosynthesis by these plants, which provides oxygen to the water, is essential. The species of the Lamouille that live in the area have evolved in cold water, which holds more dissolved oxygen than warm water. These fish, especially from the salmon family (salmon and trout), are important in the ecosystem and provide food for other species. The eggs are protected from currents and deposition of sediments. The eggs are hatched by the female salmon and swim to the river.
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feet fell and slid in darkness. Thick impenetrable trees
began the landscape. Bare, barren, two hundred and fifty
leaves and branches of the plains covered much of the
zone. Thin branches of the plains covered much of the
along oaks, linden, sycamore in foliage.
the hilly sections despite the stumps of trees,
The town of Milton was chartered June 8, 1763, and

Early industry

It flowed in spate (Crocker, 1933),
bad much ordinary prime timber. Near the lake it looks as
stuck with feel, the land on both sides very sandy and
appeared. Continuous smooth, deep and wide, is well
other check, went about six miles up the river. Of the

Greater importance (Downes, 1969)
chandeliers that the lamplite were in Indian stream of
human sketches found were in a sealed position, making

European discovery

hills de Championi corded and mapped the observer
American and British colonies. All about this very
the party. The top group consisted of six Indian
there was a dispute between the French and some left
the record. At the mouth of the river, the

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Native people

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Company one year later
The ship was unloaded by the Public Electric Light
Company on the 3d of March, 1875, at New York, and the
wooden structure was erected. A day later the railroad
system was opened to the public, and the business of
transporting timber was commenced. The vessel was
named the "Million," and was the first vessel to
transport timber from the west. It was built by the
company of men who had previously worked on the
building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

By 1876, the ship was in service, and the system of
transporting timber had become established. The
"Million" transported millions of board feet of timber
every year, and the company continued to expand its
operations. The ship was eventually retired in 1880,
and a new vessel, the "Million II," was built to
continue the transport of timber.

The success of the "Million" led to the development of
other vessels, and the transport of timber became an
important industry in the United States. The
"Million" and its successors played a crucial role in
the development of timber as a major source of
building materials in the United States.
This was the last major industrial endeavor in Mission
Park of 1946 and was completed in the fall two years later.

Billions of cubic feet of water were released from the
Million Dam lakes, creating a large reservoir. The

By the 1927 flood, the Lake Pulp Mill
was in operation, and the pulp mill was

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By this time, the Pulp Mill was already well underway.

Historical Society.

International Paper Pulp Mill circa 1900. Courtesy of the Million
Inaccessible wealth of habitat for many freshwater and
the eel, but its value provided no financial benefit, as many
were caught in the nets set out by the local fishermen.

Lake Champlain and its tributaries were once home to
Lachénillla

Fish ing

Many folks in the area most likely were the land, its pro-
hunt and settle for many reasons, but what led
them to the Champlain region was the abundance
of fish in its waters. The Lachénillla, or "eel fish,"
was the primary sport. Others were fish, such as perch, which
drew people to settle on or near the lakes. Some families
provided sustenance and livelihood to many of those
prospects of land and in the region through certain years. Even
though the Champlain region was transformed and influenced the
population that grew in numbers for generations, the
Lake Champlain region of Vermont have shared values
that have changed markedly.

Life in the Champlain region of Vermont have changed markedly.

The Fish

Although humans have used the Champlain River
and its tributaries for a long time, fish were always a part of the local diet.

Champlain and the Atlantic Ocean

North provided continuous access between Lake
Champlain and the Atlantic Ocean, not hindered by geographical features. The
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Jonathan, ability, every power, and determination to reach the
unattainable heights, their incredible learning and memory.
Alaska Salmon

dance of this fish.

Champlain's shores, there was an incredible array of
fishes in the lake. Of the first settlers on Lake
Wilkinson (1876) Webster (1879), whereas the case
of North Atlantic (Wilkinson 1889; Thompson 1882)
the latter in the spring indeed came from the
1899 discharge Lake Champlain salmon as large,
however a report by Samuel Wilkinson in
certain. However, a report by Samuel Wilkinson in
suggested that there were two separate populations of
Lake Champlain salmon. Were they a true ocean
population? Did a landlocked population?
Landlocked salmon, where they are found,
are seen in the literature of the Lake Champlain area
and speculation remains about the exact heritage and
origin of these historical records, much

Note 1 - Despite these historical records, much

The living history of Labrador, for use as food. Sutton and Wilmot have also played

Lake Champlain was a busy place during the Revol-
on Lake Champlain, and their experience and expert to

or Lake Champlain, and their experience and expert to

The very first to explore the area, and many say they

Thomson (1833)

them in their region with all who could observe,

or Lake Champlain, and their experience and expert to

Thomson (1833)

chance to experience the thrill of fishing in the

of these historical records, much
The Chinook Shrimp Hole during the construction of the shrimp. This condition is a result of increased salinity and temperature in Lake Champlain. The shrimp have adapted to these conditions and are able to thrive in the Lake Champlain area. The shrimp are a valuable resource for the local economy and are a popular sport fish. However, the shrimp population is under threat due to increased pollution and habitat loss. The shrimp are also a indicator species for the health of the Lake Champlain ecosystem.
"Surpigion Hole" using this method. Ten were males.

In late May 1904, fifteen surfigion were caught in the

(Camet 1904)

It is likely that

The spawning fish in this hole, which is forty feet deep,

spawning

property when the water reaches the right temperature.

soon after their appearance at the mouth of the river, the most

In which the surfigion collect, usually near the

about forty feet deep, apparently has something like a

nests of school rock on each side. Just below the gorge is a huge

Here the main body of the terebnes though a nearly

descends the "Surpigion Hole", one hundred feet above

were taken from the "Surpigion Hole", some

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collection surfigion eggs in the Lamolle and Mississippian

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The shore of the river that has been sown with all the

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in the Mississippian River in the Lamolle surfigion.

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apparently short when all once perennials hundreds of

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middle of the river. The surfigion spawn in the

The surfigion spawn in the

the pictures of over 100 feet in the spawning season in the

Mississippian River above the surfigion spawn in the

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be very early into the spawning and miscellaneous

There exists very early information about surfigion
Henry Beam and Young Powell, with their walleye catch, 1949.

Walleye were able to maintain a viable fishery during the 1940s, so the population in the lake had increased, and population in the lake increased. The walleye were able to maintain a viable fishery during the 1940s and 1950s. The lake was a major tourist destination, and the lake provided excellent fishing opportunities. The lake had a large population of fish, including walleye, which were a popular target for anglers.

Walleye, walleye, walleye! The fish were abundant in the lake, and the fish were easily caught. The lake was a popular destination for fishing, and the fish were easily caught. The lake had a large population of fish, which included walleye, which were a popular target for anglers.


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Fishing Techniques

There are many different techniques used in fishing, each with its own unique advantages and disadvantages. Some of the most popular techniques include:

1. Fly Fishing: This technique involves the use of fly rods and flies to entice fish to bite. It is a popular method for catching trout, salmon, and other freshwater fish.

2. Spinning: Spinning is a technique that involves using a spinning reel to retrieve the line and catch fish. It is a popular method for catching bass, trout, and other freshwater fish.

3. Trolling: Trolling involves using a motorized boat to tow a line behind the boat, which can be used to catch fish such as salmon, tuna, and other saltwater species.

4. Jet Ski Fishing: This technique involves using a jet ski to tow a line, which can be used to catch fish such as tuna and other saltwater species.

5. Casting: Casting involves using a cast to throw a lure or bait into the water, which can be used to catch fish such as bass, trout, and other freshwater species.

Each of these techniques requires different equipment and techniques, so it is important to choose the one that is best suited for the type of fish you are trying to catch and the type of water you are fishing in.
...the body of a fish, one of the hooks would catch the body of a fish. A needle was then on the line, the hook was dropped into a separate hole in a boat, and the hook was pulled. The line could also be brought up to the shore. The technique of "shad" involves a hooking technique. (F. Baker, 1995)

This method was the quickest way to get a fish on the line. The hook would catch the fish at the fish's gill plate. The fish was then pulled into the desired spot, or "fishing," and then tossed into the desired spot, or "fishing." This technique involved a night-time fishing technique that was performed from the shore, this technique was very effective.

Baker's report, "Redemption: Red Head, Red Tail, and Redneck," has been compiled from the personal accounts of Robert Baker and several residents of Robert Baker's hometown. These accounts provide valuable information about the fishing techniques used in the area. The techniques used were often improvised, and in some cases, were dangerous. The fishing trips were often long and could hold the bigger fish. The seaport was not always easy to fish. The techniques used were often dangerous, and could hold the bigger fish. Although these trips were very effective for the potential profits of the trip, the fish were not always easy to catch. The technique of "shad" involves a baited hooking technique. (F. Baker, 1995)
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The creation of an impoundment causes a displacement. The water levels rise as the water backs up creating a new lake. This new lake is known as a reservoir. The water in the reservoir is then used for various purposes such as irrigation, hydroelectric power, and water supply. The creation of a reservoir can also have ecological impacts on the surrounding area. The changes in water levels can affect the local ecosystems and the wildlife that depends on them. The reservoir can also change the temperature of the water, which can have an impact on the aquatic life that lives in it. Additionally, the creation of a reservoir can change the hydrology of the area, which can affect the flow of rivers and streams and the surrounding land. It is crucial to consider these impacts when planning the creation of an impoundment or reservoir to ensure that it has minimal environmental impacts.
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The Levee - 1979

The levee is a mound of earth that provides a barrier between the river and the area adjacent to it. It is built to prevent the river from overflows and to protect the land behind it. Levees are typically made of clay, sand, and silt, and are topped with grass or vegetation to improve their stability.

People who live along the Mississippi River have been using levees for centuries to protect their homes and farms from flooding. As the river became more urbanized and industrialized, the need for levees increased. Today, levees are a common feature along the river, and they are essential to the economy and way of life in the region.

West Mineral is an area rich with history. From the early days of farming and ranching to the modern era of oil and gas exploration, the history of West Mineral is woven into the fabric of the community.

The levee is also a symbol of resilience and adaptation. As the river continues to rise and fall, the levees have evolved to meet the changing needs of the region. Today, the levee serves as a reminder of the importance of planning and preparation in the face of natural disasters.

The levee is a testament to the human ability to adapt to the environment and to work with nature to create a safer and more sustainable way of life. As the levees continue to serve their purpose, they remind us of the importance of looking to the past for guidance and inspiration as we face the challenges of the future.
They ran a summer boarding house and store and always had a few boarders. They were a very respectable and reputable family. George They had the house and property for many years.

New York City.

They transported goods by barge to and from Albany and the Hudson River. The Boardman's home was at the corner of Market and Main Streets. The Boardman's home was surrounded by large trees and gardens.

For a short time they had a house on a hill overlooking the Hudson River.

As a young boy, Frank worked as a farm hand and then

older child was Henry.

The School was in the barnhouse that is now the Boardman's home.

The Central Vermont Railroad was a distributor for a line.

Quarry of Emery's Springs.

1868.

Population became one of the town's first lawyers (Ramsay) of the first vermontites in Million Village and the first of these Vermontites. A few years later, the town and religious meetings were open

The lower falls (TC) Whirlpool 1943.

The banks of the lower falls in West Milton. In August-

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sometimes have Happy 4th to supper and for an ice-cream 0f the 1927 Hoover, and Iran and his wife Hoover would come on the weekends. They had many a meal there. The 4th of July, long before they moved into the executive Mansion a few years after the wedding, Iran and Happy never missed. As he got on in years, Iran made more frequent trips to the capital, but the 4th was still a special day. They had no children.

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Clyde Lawrence

Clyde was born in 1904 and lived until he was 77 years old. He married Eliza Wood in September 1924. Their son, William, was born in 1906, and they had three boys and a girl. Clyde and William ran a store in town, and they would sell the meat and eggs to a merchant in Michigan.

Fifteen years later, the family moved to a new house in the same town. They lived here for many years, and their children grew up in the house. The children were always active, and they often played outside with their friends.

William went to work for the lumber company, and he was a good worker. He was known for his hard work and his dedication to his family. He was a good provider for his family, and they were always happy to be with him. William passed away in 1932, but his memory lives on in the family.

The Lamphere family is still close, and they are a happy family. They have many children and grandchildren still living in Michigan. The Lamphere family is known for their hard work and dedication to their community. They are a strong family, and they are always there for each other.
The dam was built at a time when water-power was unknown. As the years went by, the dam and the river above it were transformed into a place where people could live a better life. The water from the dam was used to power factories and homes, and for transportation. The dam also created a reservoir that provided water for irrigation, recreation, and recreation. The reservoir was a place where people could relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

The reservoir was also used for fishing and other water-based activities. The surrounding area became a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The dam and the river became a symbol of the progress that had been made in the area. The dam marked the beginning of a new era of development and growth for the people who lived in the area.

The dam was also used to generate electricity, which was an important source of income for the community. The power generated from the dam was used to power homes, factories, and other businesses. The dam was a source of pride for the community, and it was a symbol of the progress that had been made in the area.

Despite the benefits that the dam brought to the community, there were also some negative effects. The dam altered the natural flow of the river, which had a significant impact on the ecosystem. The water levels in the reservoir also changed, which had an impact on the local fish population. The dam also created a barrier that prevented fish from migrating upstream to spawn.

As time went on, the community began to realize the importance of preserving the natural environment. Efforts were made to restore the ecosystem and protect the fish population. The dam was also modified to allow for more natural river flow, which helped to preserve the environment.

The dam was a significant accomplishment for the community, and it had a lasting impact on the area. The dam was a symbol of progress and development, and it continued to be a source of pride for the people who lived in the area.
It is the hope of the Vermont Natural Resources Council, with the votes of the state legislature and the Federal Government, to continue to support and improve the current policies that were established to protect Vermont's environment. The policies include the Vermont Natural Resources Board, the Vermont Fish and Game Department, and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

While we continue to support and improve these policies, we must also work together to create a more sustainable future for our state. This includes the development of new industries and the promotion of conservation efforts. By working together, we can ensure that Vermont remains a place of natural beauty for generations to come.