

TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD, CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1864 to 1956

- 1864 Noah Gale purchased a tract of land from Preston King, located then in the Town of Hopkinton, New York. He moved his family onto a portion of this land, which has since been known as Gale.
- 1878 Mr. Child of Boston purchased land which is present location of Childwold, New York.
- 1878 First log house was built by Mr. Child.
- 1879 First sawmill was built on Jock Pond.
- 1880 Addison Marden was first child born in Childwold on May 9. He now resides in Colton, New York.
- 1881 First School House was built; the teacher was Lydia Clifford.
- 1884 First Post Office was established on April 1 as Childwood; on April 22 reestablished as Childwold; Mr. Guild was postmaster.
- 1887 First Post Office was established at Gale. Emery P. Gale was postmaster.
- 1889 First store and halfway house for lumbermen at Gale.
- 1889 First Hotel was erected on Massawepie Lake, named Childwold Park Hotel.
- 1890 Gale House and summer resort built on the shores of Catamount Pond at Gale.
- 1890 Site purchased for new school building; from Mary Dorothy for \$40.00.-- September 5.
- 1890 Childwold Station was established on the shores of Pitchfork Pond as a result of John Hurd's Northern Adirondack Railroad going through to Tupper Lake that same year.
- 1892 The first church was built, then known as the Community Church; Robert McCuen one of the first Elders and Herbert Maynard conducted the first services.
- 1891 The first road was cut through the virgin wilderness along the shores of many small lakes from Childwold Park Hotel to Childwold Station -- a distance of 8 miles.
- 1892 Luke Lasher, president of First National Bank of Eatsdam, and D. J. Cahoon, started a paper mill at the present site of Piercefield Village.
- 1895 First Post Office at Piercefield Village; Clara E. Adams postmaster, November 8.
- 1895 First Post Office at Massawepie established May 1, William F. Ingold, postmaster.
- 1897 International Paper Company acquired the paper mill.
- 1900 The act to divide the Town of Hopkinton was passed on the 11th day of December and the townships of Piercefield and Atherton. were formed.

- 1901 First Town Board meeting was held on February 12, in Piercefield Village; J. C. Hoole was elected first Supervisor.
- 1909 First Circular saw mill was built at the present site of Conifer Village
- 1909 First automobile passed through Childwold.
- 1909 First telephone at Jock Pond House.
- 1910 First stone road built through Childwold.
- 1911 Grasse River Railroad was built by Emporium Lumber Co.
- 1912 First Post Office in Village of Conifer, February 21; William J. Snyder, postmaster
- 1912 First school was erected in Conifer Village.
- 1914 Conifer Inn was erected.
- 1918 Flu epidemic swept the Town of Piercefield.
- 1918 First soldier in World War I.
- 1918 First to lose life; Sgt. Harold Gale.
- 1920 Typhoid epidemic swept Conifer Village.
- 1922 First radio installed.
- 1927 Concrete road was finished from Sevey's Corners to Tupper Lake, Route #3
- 1937 Electricity comes to Childwold Village.
- 1933 First school bus made its appearance.
- 1941 First person called to active duty for world war II.
- 1943 First person to lose his life in World war II -- Ronald Jones.
- 1950 First television appeared.
- 1956 Centralization of our schools became effective.

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