



Historical Landmarks of Lake Villa

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Allendale Farm

- **Founder is Edward L Bradley (1861-1935)**
 - Came to Chicago from Philadelphia in 1891.
 - Noticed many destitute boys in Chicago and wanted to help them.
 - Brought the boys to Lake Villa, IL in 1892.
 - Bradley leased 40 acres in 1895 on Cedar Lake with Cicero Allen a farmer in Lake Villa.



Allendale Farm

- Farmer Cicero Allen sold the land to Edward Bradley in 1897.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bradley lived on campus for 30 years.



Allendale Farm Growth

- 1901- 5 Cottages
- 1925- A school, gym, and library
- 1934- Print and Chapel
- 1952- Name was changed from Allendale Farm to Allendale School



Allendale School

- Website: <https://allendale4kids.org/who-we-are/about-us/>



Angola Cemetery

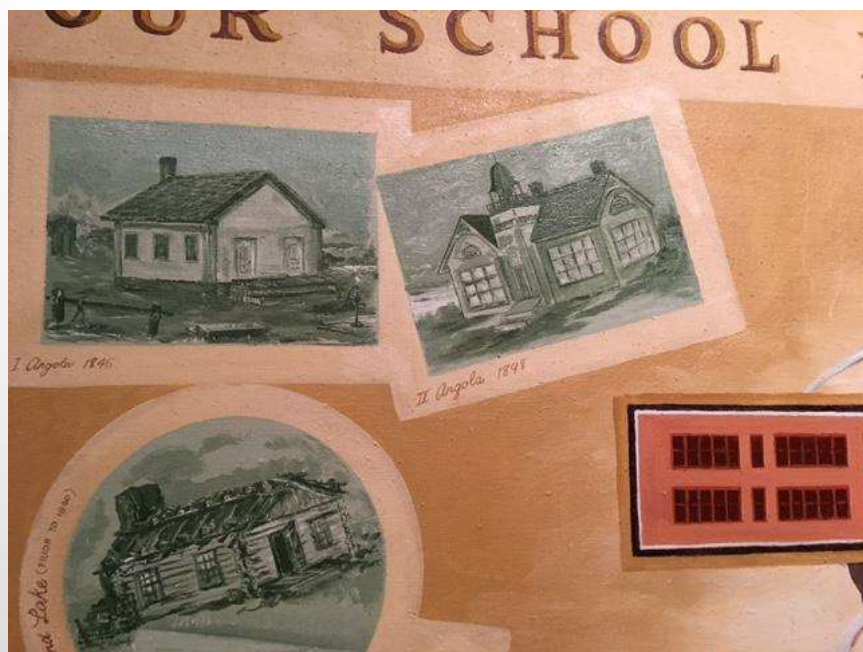
- Only cemetery within the village of Lake Villa.
- 1.5 Acres
- Located on Rt 83



Photo taken by Jeremy Grundberg

Angola School

- 1845- One room framed building across from the Angola Cemetery.
- 1898- School struck lightning
- 1909- Second school burned down



Central School

- January 1910- Renamed Central School.
- 2-story brick building containing a library and 2 classrooms.
- 1951- A second addition was added
- 1954- Became the Lake Villa Community Consolidated School District #41.



First Methodist Episcopal Church of the Town of Avon at Monaville

- 1873- Meeting held to organize the Church
- It was located on “Antioch Road” which is now Rt. 83
- Church was completed in 1876.
- It was named Centennial Church
- In the mid 1880s, due to the growth in town population there was a high demand for a church in town

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- They tore down the old church and saved the materials to use for the new location
- They loaded lumber on wagons to move to the new location
- Property purchased for \$250 from E.J. Lehmann
- Renamed to Church on the Hill



“Church on the Hill”

- Today the church still stands.
- It has been a private residence since 1979
- The new Methodist Church was built on Sherwood Ave in 1957.



Ernst Johann Lehmann

- 1880s- Owner of the Fair Store in Chicago
- Also, purchased and expanded the Stewart Hotel in Lake Villa into a resort complex with 150 rooms which accommodated 400 guests.
- Before Lake Villa became a town, there was a lot of activity on the horizon due to the train connections.

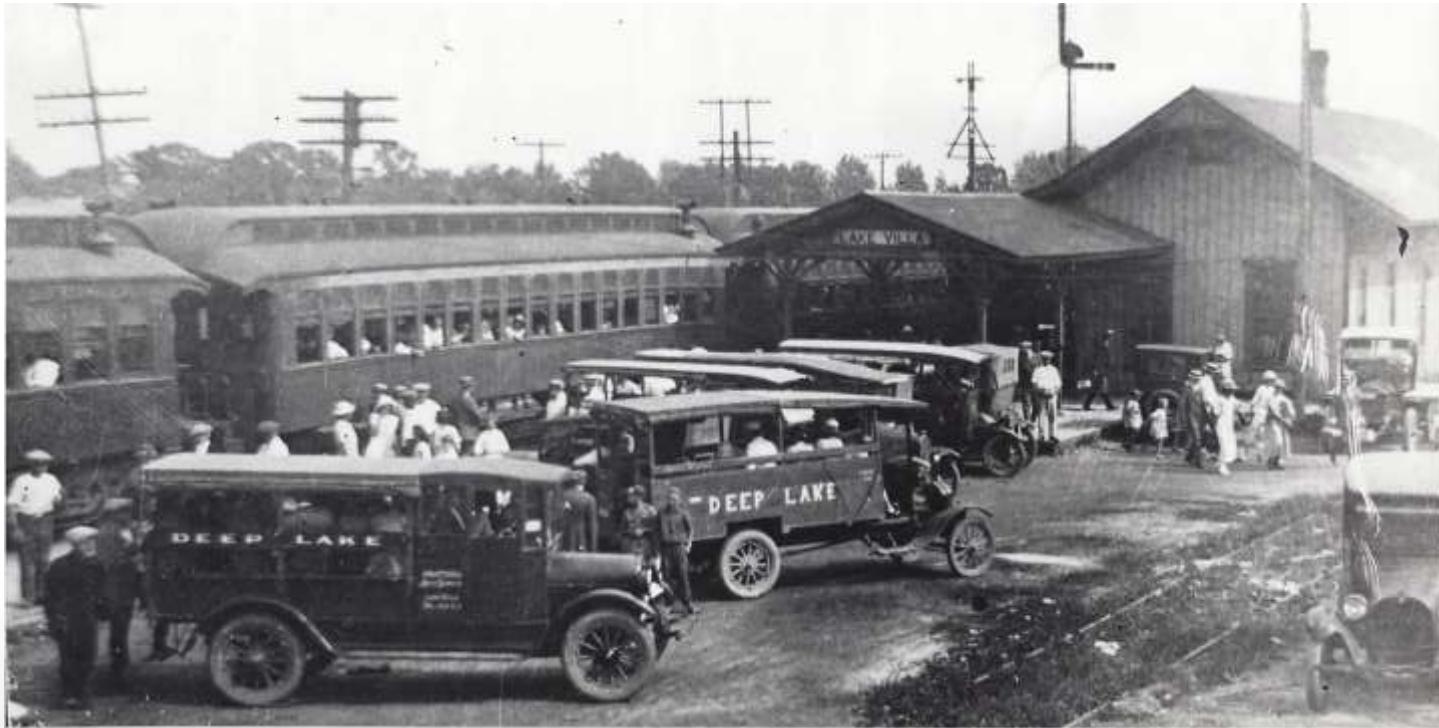


Lake Villa Hotel

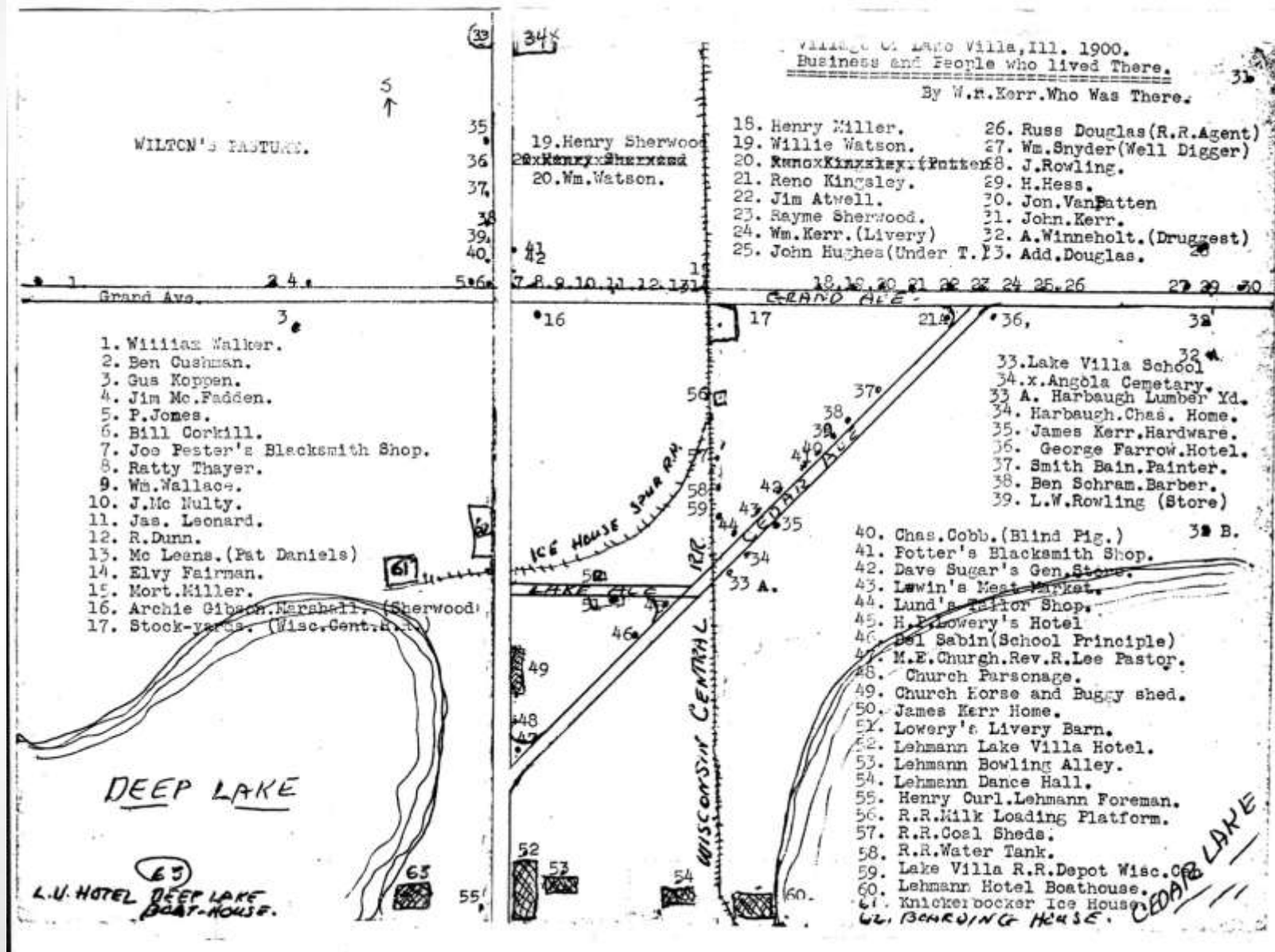


Wisconsin Central Railroad

- 1886- The first passenger train ran from Lake City to Chicago



The Lake Villa "Triangle" 1900



Cedar Avenue, 1910



E.J. Lehmann's Summer Home

- 1888- He had a stucco Italianate mansion built as his summer home with a view of Deep Lake.
- It is located on Cedar Ave and Rt. 83.



Peacock Camp for Crippled Children

- Lehmann's daughter Augusta maintained her parents summer home until her death in 1942.
- Another daughter Emelie used the home as Peacock Camp for Crippled Children



Central Baptist Children's Home

- In 1948, Central Baptist Children's Home purchased the Peacock Camp for Crippled Children and 33 acres.
- It was sold with the express interest it be used for children.



Central Baptist Children's Home

- Today, the summer home is the Grace Hastings Richardson House.
- It is now One Hope United formally known as Kids Hope United.



Lehmann Homes

- Summer home of Edward John Lehmann built in 1912 by the Hamlin Brothers of Lake Villa
- Lehmann Mansion purchased by the Village of Lake Villa in 2001.



- His wife Florence loved flowers.

Lehmann Homes

- Otto Lehmann's home and horse barn on Fox Lake.
- Otto owned 600 acres on Columbia Bay. He called it Chesney Farms
- Ernst, 4TH son of E.J. Lehmann, built a 240 acre Dairy farm called Lindenhurst.



Lehmann Homes

- Otto died in 1953.
- The barn and surrounding property were donated to the Archdiocese of Chicago.
- The farm was divided and became Chesney Shores and Fox Lake Hills
- The Church of the Holy Family occupied the converted stable
- Currently, the Sagrada Family Holy Family Episcopal Church are using it



Now Gone but Not Forgotten

- In 1882, the Sherwood Family built a farmhouse on Grand Ave near Cedar Lake Rd.
- In 1890, house doubled in size and renamed the Grand Hotel in Lake Villa.
- In 1925, the building and 20 acres were sold for a social club.
- The property was operated as a summer resort for its members who lived in the city.
- Today, it is known as the Danube-Swabian Cultural Center of the American Aid Society of German Descendants.

Cedar Lake Park

- Founded in 1948 by C. Donald and Dorothy Sherwood.

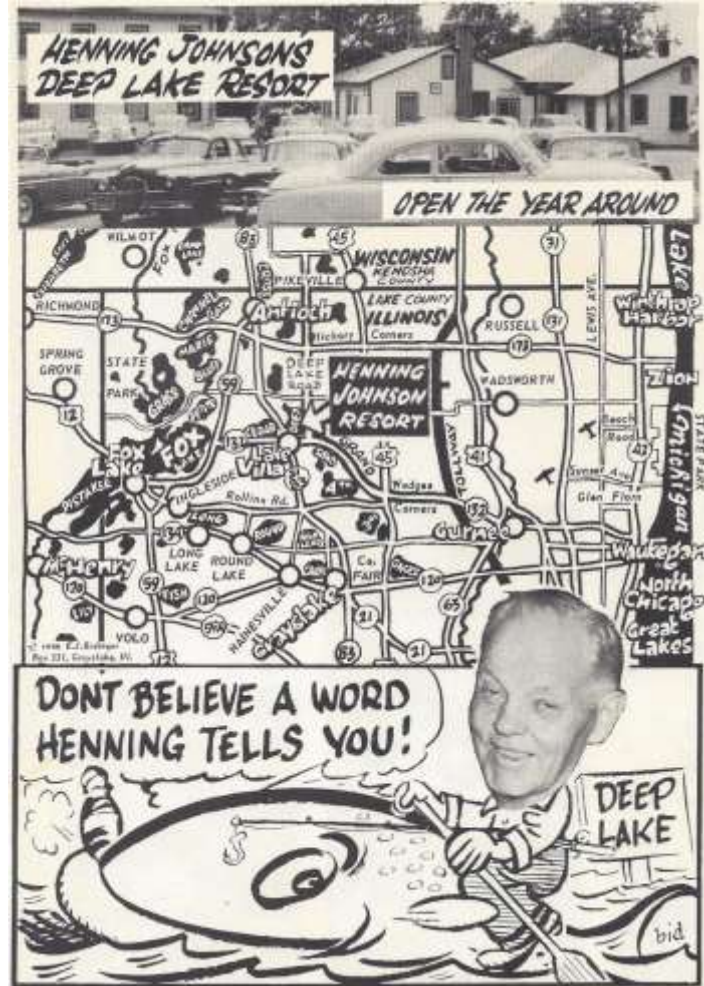


Some Resort Photos

- Henning Johnson's Deep Lake Resort



- Hastings YMCA Camp, Lake Villa, IL

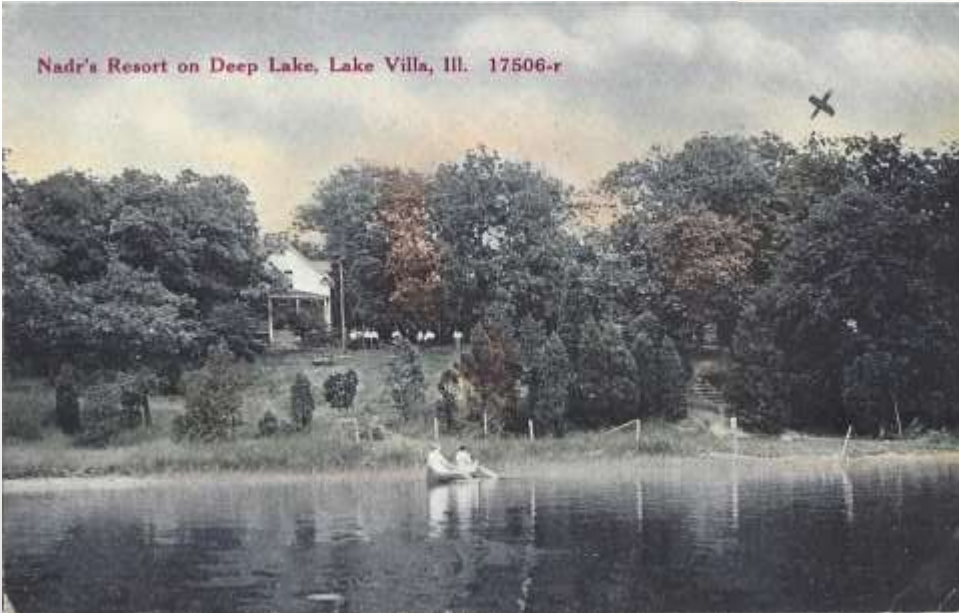


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Nadr's Resort on Deep Lake, Lake Villa, Ill. 17506-r





TRAIN STATION



VILLAGE HALL/POLICE STATION



FIRE STATION

LAKE VILLA ILLINOIS



LEHMANN PARK



METHODIST CHURCH

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LIBRARY



LEHMANN MANSION



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