

Dedication:

To **Archibald Jones**: “the man who (allegedly) pulled the plug at Crystal Lake”, and to his family, and to his contemporaries, the pioneer settlers of Benzie County, without whom there would be no story;

To the **Case’s**: William L., Walter F., Alden B., Leonard L., & their descendants; and to the **Hubbell’s** and the **Bailey’s**, and to the **Rev. Dr. James Barr Walker**, and others, for keeping the story “alive”;

To many **Individuals**: who provided “new” story facts and suggestions to the whole of the story;

To the **Citizens of Benzie County**: who made suggestions and continue to support the story;

To the **Visitors to Crystal Lake**: who appreciate the consequences of the story; and

To my **Friends of Crystal Lake**: who have tolerated the idiosyncrasies of a lakeside curmudgeon.

This is a story of an epochal event that occurred at a lake of crystal waters:

<u>where</u>	its waters commenced;
<u>when</u>	its waters were transported;
<u>how</u>	its waters rose and fell;
<u>whether</u>	its waters are tending; and
<u>what</u>	its waters have effected in myriad quintessential ways,

by affecting myriad individuals, perchance
a few times, with dashing whitecaps;
sometimes, with lapping waves, but
oftentimes, with subtle ripples.

..... and now for more of the rest of the story ...

(A tale within a tale !)

“Go jump in Crystal Lake”!

Dear readers:

There are undoubtedly among you, those,

Who have been told to find a lake,
Go jump into it, and
Then have jumped about in it;
Who, having jumped into a lake,
Became immersed in its waters, and
Imbided by its spirit;

Who, while already in a lake;
Jumped playfully within its waters; and
Perhaps, more than a few;
Who, besides you and me,
Have jumped first into, and then within
Crystal Lake.

I encourage you to jump into and within, this story of Crystal Lake!

Compare and relate the **“Tragedy”** and the **“Comedy”**:

The imitation? Flattery! The repetition? Intentional! The experience? Rewarding!

Read What and Why and When, and How and Where and Who, strikes your fancy, and enjoy.

-- Stacy Leroy Daniels, Crystal Lake, January 28, 2014