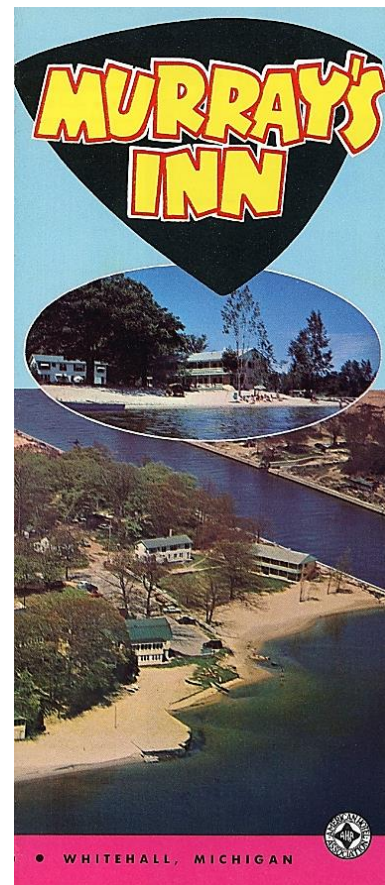
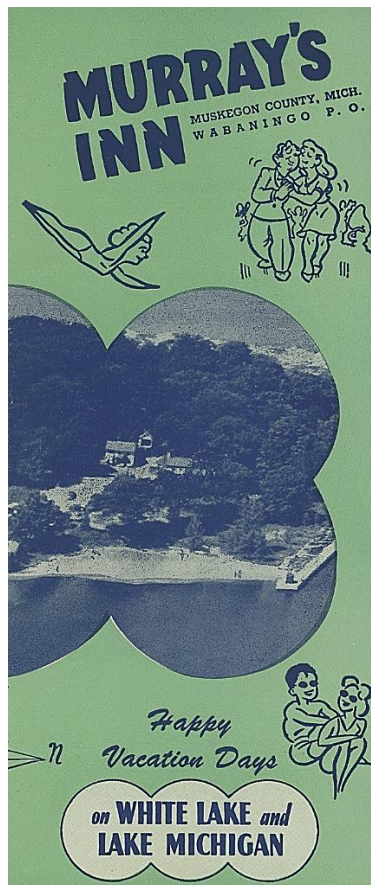
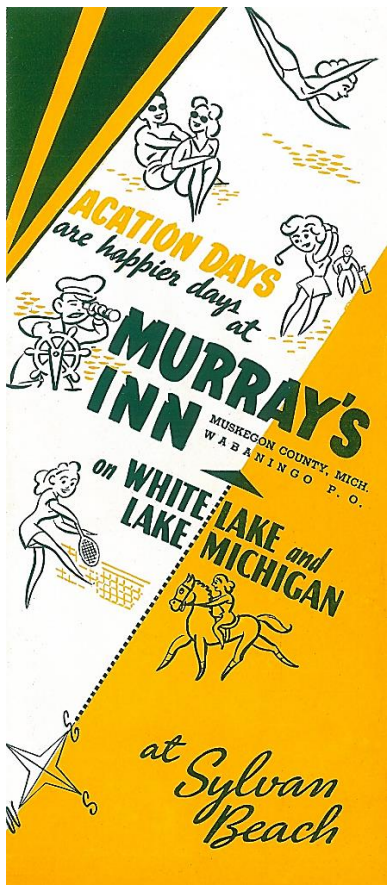


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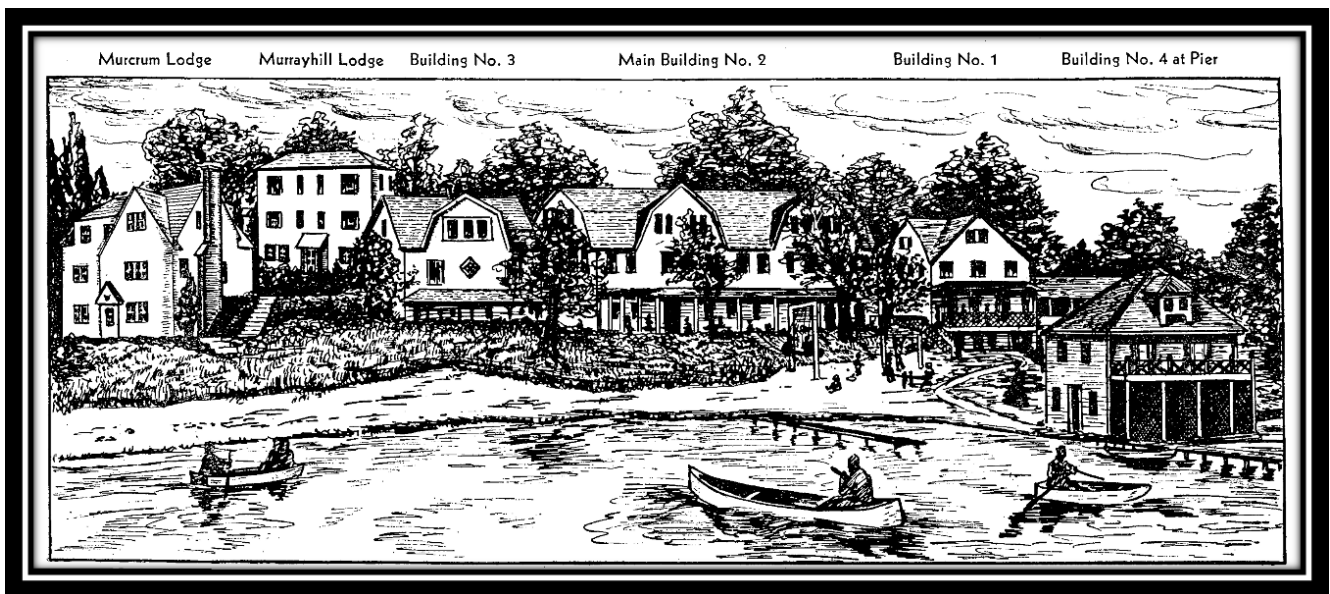
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## Remembering Murray's Inn





Murray's Inn postcard, circa 1909

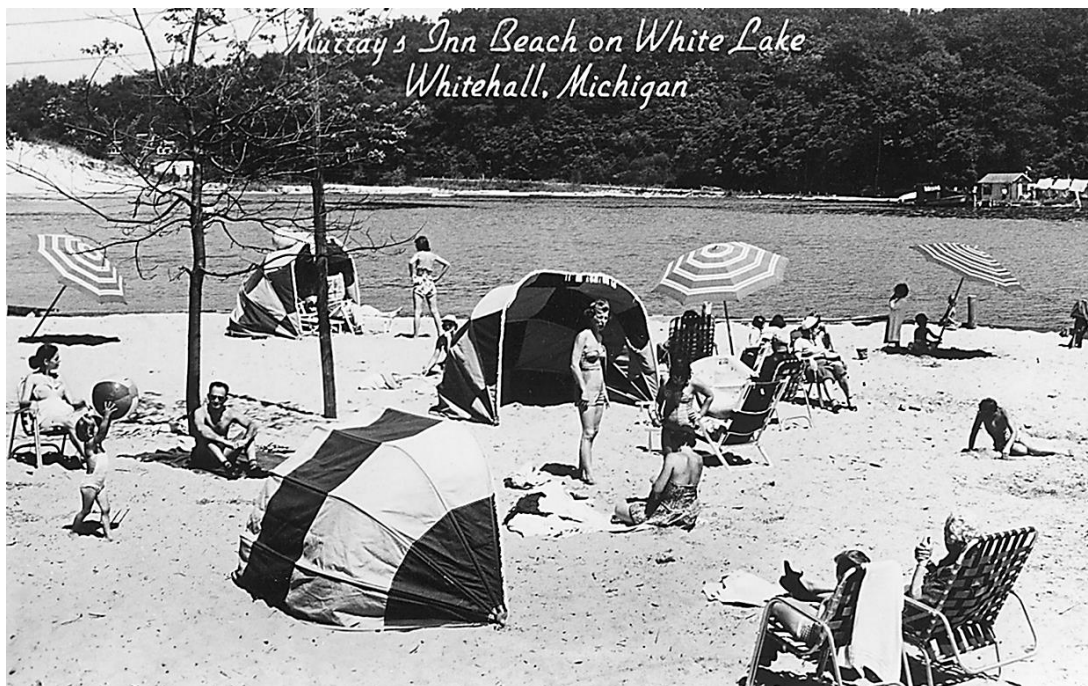


Murray's Inn sketch, circa 1940





Murray's Inn staff photo 1940



Murray's Inn Beach on White Lake postcard, circa 1954

# Timeline for the Murray Family and Murray's Inn:

- 1870 William Murray is born to John and Hannah Sullivan Murray
- 1875 The White River Light Station is built, and Annabel Margaret Robinson is born to Captain William Robinson and his wife Sarah Cooper Robinson
- 1892-1897 William Murray is a member of the United States Life-Saving Service (U.S.L.S.S.) Beacon article "Lysaght" September 15, 2024 by Barbara Bedau Brow states that William Murray joined the Life Saving crew at the White River Station in March of 1892, and the same article lists William a second time as a member of the crew on April 1, 1895
- 1896 William Murray and Annabel Margaret Robinson are married on November 25th, 1896
- 1898-1907 William Murray is working as an assistant keeper at the White River Light Station for his father-in-law Captain William Robinson (Reference: J. Candace Clifford Lighthouse Research Catalog)
- 1900-1907 William Murray is working as an assistant keeper at the White River Light Station for Captain Robinson from April 1900 to December 1907 (Reference: White River Light Station by Thomas A. Tag)
- 1898 William and Annabel's 1st child William "Leo" Murray is born
- 1899 William and Annabel's 2nd child Susie Murray is born
- 1900 At the turn of the 20th century, William, Annabel, Leo and Susie are living and/or working at the White River Light Station with Captain Robinson
- 1904 William Murray starts a boat livery business
- 1908 William and Annabel open the original Murray's Inn (building #1)
- 1910 William and Annabel's 3rd child Mary Murray is born
- 1914 William and Annabel's 4th child James Murray is born

- 1915 The KUM-ON-IN is built (also known as building #4 at the pier)
- 1920 William and Annabel's 5th and youngest child Helen Murray is born
- 1922 The Main Building is built (also known as building #2)
- 1930 Leo Murray marries Veronica (Vee) Dennis on December 27th
- 1936 Mary Ellen Murray marries J. R. "Doc" Janney
- 1939 Murcrum Lodge is built and Mary Lee Murray, Leo and Veronica's second daughter is born on September 20th
- 1944 William retires and his son Leo takes over the management of Murray's Inn
- 1947 The Glo-Mar Lodge building (from the Sylvan Beach Hotel) is purchased by Leo for \$1,000 and moved over the road and down the hill to Murray's Inn
- 1950 Annabel Murray passes away on July 13th
- 1953 Building #4 is removed, and the White Lake beach is expanded for the 1954 summer season. The top floor is spared, moved to the Glo-Mar section, and called the Glo-Mar Cottage
- 1957 The "New Deluxe Brick" Glo-Mar Hotel is built
- 1960s Leo's cousin Budd Murray and his wife Amy join the resort operation
- 1961 William Murray passes away
- 1969 James Murray passes away
- 1972 Murray's Inn is divided and sold, with Leo Murray and his family retaining certain cottages and the Lake Michigan beach property









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