



WEBBER-ROGERS FARMSTEAD CONSERVATION AREA

Litchfield, Maine

117 acre Conservation Easement ~

Donated to the Kennebec Land Trust December, 2005 by George and Judy Rogers

The Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area, a 117-acre parcel consisting of hayfields, a vineyard, and woodlands, is the first land in Litchfield to be protected by the Kennebec Land Trust (KLT). Landowners George M. Rogers, Jr., and Judy Rogers donated the easement to preserve the property as undeveloped open space that is available to the public for low-impact recreational use. The easement includes more than 2,200 feet of wooded shoreline along Upper Pleasant Pond, as well as remnants of a turn-of-the-century apple orchard. The property is divided into three areas: the 9.8-acre farmstead area, the 15.2-acre agricultural area, and 92 acres of fields and woodlands. The agricultural area includes working hayfields and a vineyard. The Rogers family retained agricultural and forest management rights.

Access to and protection of this beautiful area graciously granted by the Rogers Family is a wonderful gift to everyone, those of us here now, and those to come when we are gone, said KLT board member Robert Mohlar, who worked with George and Judy to draft the conservation easement. The undeveloped shoreline, the maturing woods which will only grow more beautiful, the remarkable bird and wildlife habitat, and the sledding hill are priceless.

George Rogers is a retired history teacher whose family's presence in Maine dates back to the Revolution. The southern portion of the Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area was first settled in the 1790's by

John Brown, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. The Webber family, for whom the conservation area is named-, first settled on the eastern shore of Upper Pleasant Pond in the 1790's. George Webber, the first settler, had served on General Washington's barge crew during the Revolution. The land was passed down through the family, and, in the early 1900's, Dr. Wallace E. Webber, the grandson of George Webber, Jr., bought both the Brown and the W.G. Webber farms. The Brown farm became a "summer place" for the Wallace Webber family, and the W.G. Webber farm remained a working farm. Wallace Webber employed G. Millard Rogers to farm the land. Thus, Wallace's daughter, Lydia Webber, and Millard's son, G. Marshall Rogers, met as children, and later married and became the parents of George M. Rogers, Jr., one of the donors of the easement. In the 1990's, George M. Rogers, Jr., inherited his parents' home and subsequently purchased additional land in the conservation area.

I have fulfilled a lifelong dream, said George M. Rogers, Jr. Through a conservation easement,

I have preserved from development the land that I have loved since childhood.

Access and public use: The conservation area has been, and will continue to be, used for skiing, sledding, snowmobiling and hunting by members of the surrounding community. No ATV's are permitted. A KLT sign on the Plains Road marks the trailhead for a 1.5 mile hiking trail. Access is not permitted to the farmstead area and access to the agricultural area is limited to the snowmobile trail and the sliding hill during the winter season.

KLT Steward: Steve Musica

Dog Policy: Due to nesting birds and for the protection of important wildlife and plant habitat, no dogs are allowed on the easement property unless permission is granted by the landowners. **Directions from Gardiner area:** Take Rt. 201 south from Gardiner. Just over 3 mi. south of the Rt. 295 interchange, turn right onto Thorofare Road. Turn left on the Plains Road. The trailhead will be on your left just across the stream. **From Lewiston area:** Take Rt. 126 toward Gardiner. Just past Waterman Farm Machinery, turn right onto Rt. 197. At Litchfield Corner (watch for the Brick School on the right), turn left onto the Hallowell Road. Turn right onto the Plains Road, passing the Fair Grounds on the left. Pass over the Turnpike. The trailhead is on the right at the bottom of a hill before the Thorofare Road.

The **Kennebec Land Trust** was formed in 1988 by local citizens who wanted to work cooperatively with landowners and communities to protect our regions natural features and working landscapes. For more information about KLT, call the office at 377-2848 or visit www.tkl.org.

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Kennebec Land Trust Webber-Rogers Farmstead Conservation Area Litchfield, ME



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117 Acre Conservation Easement donated to KLT, December, 2005



1. Parking Area and Public Access Point
2. Trail Head
3. Bridge
4. Potters Brook
5. Stream Bed
6. Snowmobile Trail
7. Stone Wall
8. Big Granite Rock
9. Stream Bed
10. Twin Oaks
11. Southern Loop Point
12. X-Country Trail Crossing
13. X-Country Trail Crossing 2
14. Nose Rock/Stone Wall

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| | Points of Interest | | Easement Boundary | | Vineyard |
| | Loop Trail | | Hayfields | | Farmstead |

