

Celibeth House

Blaney Park

In 1985, the entire town of Blaney Park went up on the auction block. It wasn't a big town, but it did have a couple lodges, a few houses and storefronts, some small cabins, and one fine mansion at the top of a hill to the north. Elsa Strom had her eye on the mansion, and the day after the auction, she inquired about its fate, only to find that it had not sold. She made an offer, and by the end of the summer it was hers.

Elsa grew up not far from Blaney Park. Her father and mother settled in Corinne in 1909, enticed by promises of the logging industry. When logging gave out, her father became Corinne's postmaster. Elsa remembers when Blaney Park was a thriving resort town built by the Wisconsin Land and Lumber Company. People came from all over the Midwest to enjoy the clean Upper Peninsula air, golf, tennis, swimming, and bountiful meals served three times daily at a big pine lodge. After it closed in 1970, there were a few efforts to resurrect the resort, but all failed, leaving the owner to auction it piece by piece.

Elsa's beautiful home was built in 1895 as a private residence for

