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Sharps come back for Coming Home 2007

by Mary Glover



The Coming Home 2007 week brought many visitors to Seldovia and many people who had once lived here. Among them were Fred and Mae Annette Fox Sharp from Washington State. Mae Sharp was born in Seldovia while Fred was born in Scotia, California. Pictured below are Mae's grandmother and mother in a picture taken in Seldovia before Mae was born.

The Sharps came back to Seldovia 9 years ago and they said that because the Boardwalk was gone and all the friends they had known were gone that it was "kinda lonely" but this time is "nice because there are quite a few of the children of the people we knew are in town."

Mae Sharp has quite a lengthy history with Seldovia and recently published her new book, *Seldovia- My Life*, which is on sale at the Main Street Market and the Alaska Tribal Cache. Look for it! Within the book are detailed events of Seldovia's history and many very interesting pictures. Read all about her life in

Mae left Seldovia in 1951 and went to live in Anchorage where she met her husband, Fred. Fred was in the US Air Force and continued a career in the US Air Force that enabled them to move from Georgia, to Washington, to Colorado, to California, to Montana and then back to California. Fred, being a electrician and a machinist, also worked on the Alaskan Dew Line in 1963. After retiring in 1968, they started their second careers in Alaska working in a cannery in Kodiak. Fred was a machinist and Mae was the one who trained the girls on the patching line and was the foreman and floor lady for the cannery! (Doesn't sound like much of a retirement to me!) This career took them working throughout Alaska (Bristol Bay, Petersburg, Valdez and other places).

The Sharps had four children (pictured below) and now have six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. May stated,

Seldovia, when she worked in the cannery and knowing various people that many of us have just read about: Frank Raby, Louie Nagy, Axel (Squeeky) Anderson, to mention just a few.

On Wednesday night at the School Reunion, Mae Fox Sharp, took the award for being the oldest graduate attending the reunion. Mae Fox Sharp graduated from Susan B. English school in 1949.

"Sherri has passed on. Thomas is an architect for IBM. Terry is a refrigeration engineer and Carolee works for an environmental agency." Mae brought to Seldovia a three ring binder (three inches thick) full of pictures of her family and family history, which in itself is quite interesting to peruse.

Thank you Mae and Fred for bringing your RV to Alaska and sharing your life with us during Seldovia's Coming Home 2007 week.

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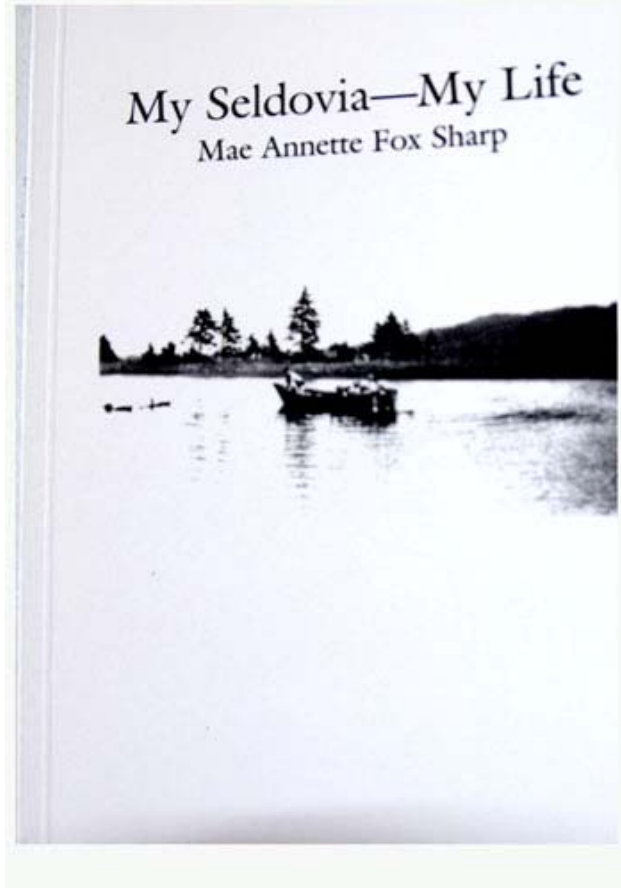
Mae's mother is the one bending over working on the right side of this photo. Her grandmother is the one lady in the center holding up the large salmon. The girl in the dress is Mae's Aunt Elsie and the man with the hat in the background is her grandfather, Andy Johnson.



Fred and Mae's children.

Photo to the far left is their wedding picture in 1950.

Mae also does basket weaving and does some beautiful work!



Mae's new book

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