

1935



Agassiz Village is founded by Harry E. Burroughs, a Boston attorney who also founded the Burroughs Newsboys Foundation. The camp is named for the father of Maximilian Agassiz, who donated the last \$10,000 to buy the property.

1936

Burroughs purchases a merry-go-round with Wurlitzer organ from the Barnum & Bailey Circus for the boys of Agassiz Village.



1939



The dining hall is built and named for Elizabeth Cady Agassiz, an educator and honorary president of Radcliffe College, it is the largest free-standing log cabin in the Northeast. Logs taken from trees at Agassiz Village were used in its construction.

1944

Harry Burroughs publishes *Boys in Men's shoes: A World of Working Children*. The book describes his life as a newsboy and why he founded Agassiz Village.



1951



The Burroughs Newsboys Foundation, located at 10 Somerset Street in Boston, closes after 27 years—and five years after Harry's passing in 1946. Agassiz Village continues Harry's dream of helping underserved children.

1953

A major building program is started under the direction of new Agassiz Village Director Dr. Arthur G. Miller to replace or remodel old and outmoded buildings inherited from early campsites in the area.



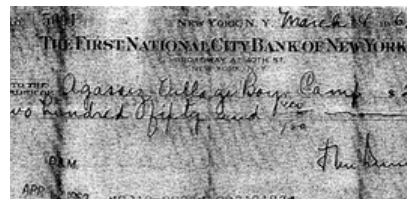
1957



A program for boys with physical disabilities is initiated with the first group of campers coming from the Cotting School for Handicapped Children in Boston.

1962

Agassiz Village receives a donation from long-time supporter and then-President of the United States John F. Kennedy.



1964



From 1964 to 1967, a Remedial Reading Program is conducted in cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity and sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

1972

Donald Welch succeeds Robert Hatch as Camp Director. He serves in the position for 25 years.



1973



Agassiz Village welcomes girls to camp for the first time.

1984

First Lady Nancy Reagan is given a rousing welcome by campers when she visits Agassiz Village.



2020



Agassiz Village is featured on the DIY Network TV show *Maine Cabin Masters*. Chase and his crew repair the gazebo and a camper cabin and replace the old totem pole.

2021

New Executive Director Lisa Carter initiates a five-year plan that ensures Agassiz Village is providing the greatest impacts and outcomes for campers.

