

Star-Gazette, September 7, 1912 SAY THEY SAW SENECA LAKE SEA MONSTER

New Evidence Secured Reviving Story That Lake Contains Abnormal Creature — Boating Party Beholds the Creature Near Long Point.

New evidence has recently been secured to revive and add new credence to the story that Seneca Lake contains an abnormal monster having the characteristics of the prehistoric time. This evidence was secured by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Graves of 54 Cherry street, and Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Randolph of 100 East North street, together with Master Herbert Graves, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Graves.

These people made a trip up the lake in Mr. Graves' auxiliary cruiser last week and the entire party testify that when they were about a mile and a half north of Long Point, they noticed a black object coming down through the center of the lake. They declare that it was very large and cut the water as neatly as any gasoline launch, and could be seen at a long distance. Since the water was calm they all declare that they had a fine opportunity to observe the creature, although at some distance.

TEN FEET LONG.

It had a head at least ten inches across and its body was from eight to ten feet long. Mr. Graves, who is a courageous mariner, desired to shift the course of the boat so that the party could overhaul the monster and secure a closer view of it, but Mrs. Graves, who is naturally timid on the water, protested vigorously that no chances be taken with such a forbidding creature and Mr. Graves was prevailed upon not to approach too near the dragon-like animal. As the creature held a direct course down the center of the lake and the boat continued its course up the lake, the occupants of the boat passed within 150 yards of the sea serpent.

DEEPLY CONCERNED.

Mrs. Graves is deeply concerned over her unusual experience and says that full publicity should be given to the presence of such a monster in the lake so that summer and permanent residents along the shore of the lake can take proper care of their children as they play along the beach. She said that she had heard the time-honored sea serpent story among the legends of Seneca Lake, but since her experience of a week ago she believes that the curious creature is not a fable but a fact.

As to its particular abode Mrs. Graves said that as it was seen in the vicinity of Long Point, which is the deepest part of the lake, it is quite probable that these deep holes in the lake are the rendezvous of the serpent. She also suggested that possibly the creature has land as well as water habits and that its haunt may be in and around the wilds of Long Point, which is now only an occasionally frequented place. Regardless of the speculations concerning their unusual experience, they all declare that Seneca Lake contains something besides fish and that the ancient sea serpent story has a more substantial foundation in fact than is usually believed and generally admitted.

