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Retelling History

The Summer/Fall issue of *Appalachia* will revisit history and attitudes we thought we already knew. We will not revise history in the sense of arguing anew the causes of great wars and Civil War reconstruction. We will retell angles of history previously hidden.

In “The Rusty Pitons: A History of New Jersey Climbing,” John Anderson will tell what happened in recent years, after the Garden State expanded access to its northwest cliffs. Explorers are finding much evidence that climbers 75 years ago had already explored those rocks.

Ralph Waldo Emerson’s fame might be for his essay on self-reliance, but Michael Popejoy will show why he cared more about nature.

Thousands of boots tread the Gulfside Trail and Edmands Path and several others in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. I will write the story of trailmaker J. Rayner Edmands, whose personal sacrifice left these graded routes and possibly shortened his life.

On Maine’s famous Katahdin, Howard R. Whitcomb will explain what happened to the original plaque honoring Thoreau at a spring near treeline. Intrepid Maine history buffs Bill Geller and Jim Logan channel the tireless Myron Avery, taking us along.

Why did Jane Neale, a 46-year-old mountain climber and runner, have to die? Her friend Wendy Ungar takes us to New York’s Lookout Mountain seeking answers.

With these stories will be Geller’s continuing saga of Maine’s old sporting camps; Jia Jung’s story of climbing Mount Whitney alone; and an adventure inside a New England house, fearing the intense storms of the changing climate.

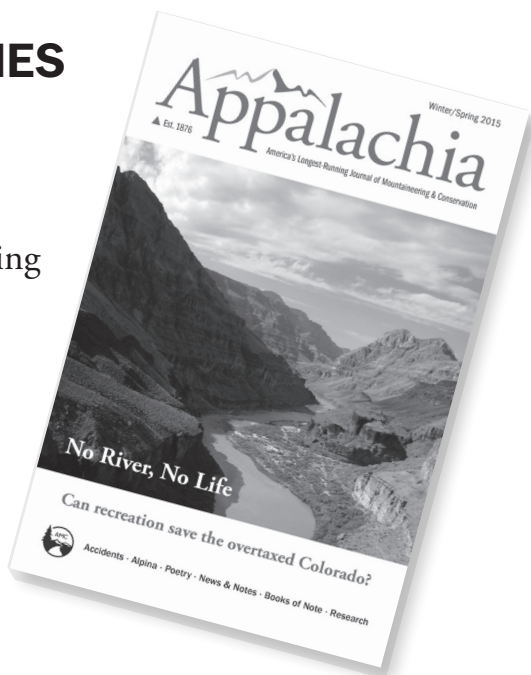
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