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## LATE QUATERNARY HISTORY OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE AND ADJACENT SOUTHEASTERN QUÉBEC

The original papers in this issue present the results of recent geological, botanical and archeological research on the late Quaternary of the northern White Mountain region of the United States and adjacent areas of southeastern Quebec in Canada. The volume is an outgrowth from the proceedings of two multidisciplinary meetings that occurred in this region in recent years, and it is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Richard P. Goldthwait who, along with his father before him, carried out and encouraged much of the early work in the White Mountains.

The first of these meetings was a Symposium dedicated to the memory of Dr. Goldthwait, convened by the Mount Washington Observatory in 1993, and entitled "The Ice Age in The White Mountains: A Geologic & Human History". The second was the diverse series of field trips for the 88th Annual Meeting of the New England Intercollegiate Geological Conference in 1996. The Tribute to Dr. Goldthwait that follows was originally presented by Guy Gosselin as the introduction to the 1993 Symposium.

The papers in this issue build on the research of the many, often well-known workers who studied this region during the past 140 years. Together they provide an important perspective on the history and scientific evolution of the various theories proposed over the years for the nature and timing of the region's late Quaternary history as well as presenting the results of new investigations. The authors hope their publication will stimulate renewed interest and research into the varied glacial environments, botanical evolution, and human settlement of this large and important region of northeastern North America.

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