



Edith Hammond '09

A venerable old tree, one of two red maples that grew at the far end of the playing fields, was cut down this fall.

Estimated to be about 150-years-old, it had become dangerous due to interior rot. Though most of the wood was unusable, Ken McGivern, assistant director of facilities, hand-carved a Native American-style flute out of one of its branches, and it was on display Reunion Weekend.

Edith Hammond '09 took this photo her freshman year because she remembered her mother (Marcia Brooks '74) telling her how fond she was of the tree.

“I suppose you could have called it foreshadowing because I knew then that I needed to get a sentimental photo of this tree that meant so much to her and probably the rest of the Emma Willard community. Over the course of my career at Emma, I also came to love that tree for its shade and its presence across the playing field.” 