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A 100th ANNIVERSARY SINGLE BINDER

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TO THE ARCHIVAL HISTORY OF
PARADISE FALLS LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION

THANKS, MEMBERS, FOR
CREATING OUR HISTORY!



GRATITUDE, AMMONS, FOR
PRESERVING IT!

Use this ABC-INDEX to navigate the details and remember the fun!

BROWN BEACH AREA

#25 - #34

BLUE CRANBERRY AREA

#80 - #92

RED SUMMIT AREA

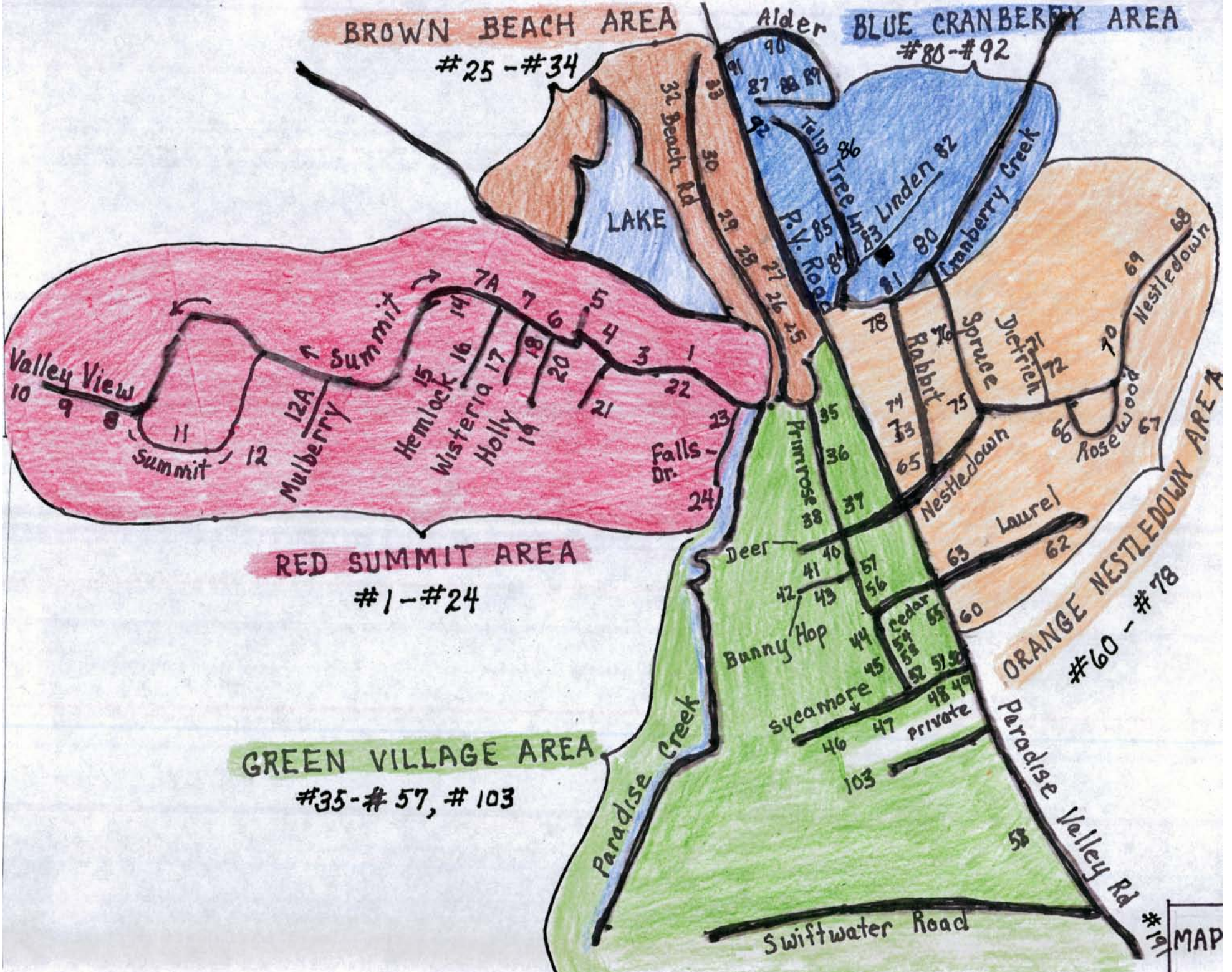
#1 - #24

GREEN VILLAGE AREA

#35 - #57, #103

ORANGE NESTLEDOWN AREA

#60 - #78



NUMERICALLY LISTED COTTAGE PF NUMBERS (#), COLOR LOCATION AND 2021 OWNERS NAMES

Red Summit Hill Rd Area

- 1 SILVERMAN
- 3 SEGRAVES
- 4 HALLMAN
- 5 HOOVER
- 6 MALANTONIO, D
- 7 FRITZ, E
- * 7A TITUS
- 8 OLSON
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- 16 AMMON
- 17 WOODWARD
- 18 POHL
- 19 MATTHY, E
- 20 SILVERMAN,
- 21 JOHNSON
- 22 PIERCE
- 23 WERKHEISER
- 24 SOLLBERGER

Brown Beach Rd Area

- 25 GRIMM
- 26 FOSTER
- 27 GREIG
- 28 CLIFFORD
- 29 KNABE
- 30 HORN
- * 32 BELL
- 33 ELMAN YALOVITSER
- 34 REINDL

#2, 13, 31, 59, 61, 64, 77, 79
 have no homes on
 the property
 #103 - on added
 land

Green, "Village" Section

- 35 NARRAMORE
- 36 STILLER
- 37 DI GAETANO
- 38 TKACS
- 39 TETER
- 40 LONG
- 41 FRY
- 42 SPEERS
- 43 EVANS
- 44 MAGILL
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- 48 NEFF
- 49 MYERS
- 50 BOND
- 51 MALANTONIO, C
- 52 MALANTONIO, K
- 53 EHRIG
- 54 CHOI
- 55 ACKER
- 56 PORTER
- 57 SCARPA
- 58 RUDAN
- * 103 SIMOLIKE

Orange Nestledown Rd Area

- 60 GALLY
- * 62 ZIMMERMAN
- 63 STOYKO
- * 65 MASENHEIMER
- 66 FRITZ, W
- 67 MEIER
- 68 KNAUS
- 69 PEDULLA
- 70 HERGENHAN
- 71 BAUERS
- 72 MATTHY, C
- 73 BECK
- 74 WIGGINTON
- 75 DITTMER
- 76 GILBERT
- * 78 KWAN

Blue Cranberry Creek Rd Area

- 80 FANCHER
- 81 KNIGHT
- 82 ZIEDONIS
- 83 FLISSER
- 84 MAC DONALD
- 85 LINDERS
- 86 MAC DONALD III
- 87 WOLK
- 88 MILLER, C.
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- 91 FLYNN
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ALPHABETICAL 2021 OWNERS, PF NUMBER/COLOR DESIGNATIONS, 911 ADDRESSES

ACKER	55	1307 Cedar
AMMON	16	413 Hemlock Ln.
BAUERS	71	107 Dietrich Ln.
BECK	73	207 Rabbit Rd
BELL	32	163 Beach Rd
BOND	50	202 Sycamore
CHOI	54	1309 Cedar Rd
CLIFFORD	28	136 Beach Rd
CONNER	89	717 Alder Ln.
DI GAETANO	37	1508 Deer Ln
DITTMER	75	315 Spruce Dr
EHRIG	53	1327 Cedar Rd.
ELMAN-YALOVITSER	33	168 Beach Rd
EVANS	43	1407 Bunny Hop Ln
FANCHER	80	135 Cranberry Creek Rd.
FLISSER	83	519 Linden Place
FLOTHMEIER	9	111 Valley View Dr.
FLYNN	91	642 Tulip Tree Ln
FOSTER	26	5617 Paradise Valley Rd.
FRITZ, C.	7	162 Summit Dr.
FRITZ, W.	66	204 Rosewood Cir.
FRY	41	1404 Bunny Hop Ln.

GALLY	60	5524 Paradise Valley Rd
GILBERT	76	319 Spruce Dr.
GREIG	27	5611 Paradise Valley Rd
GRIMM	25	120 Beach Rd
HALLMAN	4	140 Summit Dr.
HERGENHAN	70	104 Dietrich Ln
HIGGINS	12A	114 Mulberry Cir.
HOOVER	5	146 Summit Dr.
HORN	30	158 Beach Rd.
JOHNSON	21	141 Summit Dr.
KNABE	29	148 Beach Rd.
KNAUS	68	198 Nestledown Rd
KNIGHT	81	129 Cranberry Creek Rd.
KWAN	78	224 Rabbit Rd.
LANGE	12	304 Summit Dr.
LINDERS	85	615 Tulip Tree Ln.
LONG	40	1519 Deer Ln.
MAC DONALD	84	609 Tulip Tree Ln
MAC DONALD III	86	622 Tulip Tree Ln
MACKSOLD	14	402 Hemlock Ln
MAGILL	44	1324 Cedar Rd.

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MALANTONIO, C	→ 51 →	208 Sycamore Dr.
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MALANTONIO, K	52	210 Sycamore Dr.
MASENHEIMER	65	120 Nestledown Rd.
MATTHY, C	72	105 Dietrich Ln.
MATTHY, E	19	214 Holly Ln.
MEIER	67	208 Rosewood Cir.
MILLER, C	88	713 Alder Ln.
MILLER, R.	90	725 Alder Ln.
MITCHELL	92	635 Tulip Tree Ln.
MYERS	49	207 Sycamore Dr.
NARRAMORE	35	142 Primrose Dr.
NEFF	48	213 Sycamore Dr.
OLSON	8	278 Summit Dr.
PEDULLA	69	187 Nestledown Rd.
PIERCE	22	125 Summit Dr.
POHL	18	204 Holly Ln.
PORTER	56	106 Primrose Dr.
REINDL	34	5631 Paradise Valley Rd.
RICHARDS	15	414 Hemlock Ln.
RUDAN	58	5493 Paradise Valley Rd.

SCARPA	→ 57 →	114 Primrose Dr.
SEARING	45	1330 Cedar Rd.
SEGRAVES	3	136 Summit Dr.
SILVERMAN, B	20	209 Holly Ln.
SILVERMAN, S	1	128 Summit Dr.
SIMOLIKE	103	5499 Paradise Valley Rd.
SOLLBERGER	24	116 Falls Dr.
SPEERS	42	1413 Bunny Hop Ln.
STILLER	36	134 Primrose Dr.
STOYKO	63	109 Laurel Dr.
STUMPF, C.	46	225 Sycamore Dr.
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TETER	39	1523 Deer Ln.
TITUS	7A	170 Summit Dr.
TKACS	38	123 Primrose Dr.
WERKHEISER	23	110 Falls Dr.
WICKS, J	10	119 Valley View Dr.
WICKS, J, J.	11	219 Summit Dr. 291?
WIBGINTON	74	211 Rabbit Rd.
WOLK	87	705 Alder Ln.
WOODWARD	17	310 Wisteria Ln.
ZIEDONIS	82	529 Linden Pl.
ZIMMERMAN	62	122 Laurel Dr.

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EARLIEST PF MEMBERS AND THEIR COLOR-NUMBER AND 911 ADDRESSES ON MAP

* ○ Building family still owns the cottage in summer 2021

84	ACKER - 609 Tulip T.	52	HAINES - 210 Sycamore	92	MORENTZ - 635 Tulip Tree
42	ACKERMAN - 1423 Bunny H.	65	HAYS - 120 Nestledown	4	MOYER, C - 140 Summit
71	BAUERS - 107 Dietrich	35	HEYEN - 142 Primrose	○ 90	MOYER, E - 725 Alder
53	BERND - 1327 Cedar	62	HINES - 122 Laurel	27	MOYER, E - 5611 Paradise V.
88	BITNER - 713 Alder	12	HOYT - 304 Summit	86	MOYER, J - 622 Tulip Tree
8	BLITHE - 278 Summit	57	JAXHEIMER - 114 Primrose	63	MUELLER - 109 Laurel
83	BOWMAN - 519 Linden	55	JENKINS - 1307 Cedar	7	NIEBAUM - 162 Summit
○ 68	BREISCHAF - 198 Nestledown ○	30	JOHNSON - 158 Beach	○ 48	OHL - 213 Sycamore
21	BREZINSKI - 125 Summit	14	KEARSEY - 402 Hemlock	18	POHL - 204 Holly
47	BUCKNER - 217 Sycamore	50	KIDD - 202 Sycamore	54	ROETHE - 1309 Cedar
5	BURNETT - 146 Summit	78	KLEE - 224 Rabbit	56	ROSSMAN - 106 Primrose
29	CRESSMAN - 148 Beach	67	KLEIBACHER - 208 Rosewood	15	ROSWELL - 414 Hemlock
32	CRAWFORD - 163 Beach	46	KLEIN - 225 Sycamore	91	RUGGIERO - 642 Tulip T.
○ 75	DITTMER - 315 Spruce	○ 49	KOONS, E - 207 Sycamore	103	SAUERWEIN 5499 Paradise V.
74	DORN - 211 Rabbit	○ 60	KOONS, M - 5524 Paradise V.	38	SCHMIDT - 123 Primrose
26	ELSON - 5617 Paradise V.	69	KRECKMAN - 187 Nestledown	25	SCHULER - 120 Beach
41	ENGEL - 1404 Bunny H.	20	KUHNLE - 209 Holly	89	SCHWENCK - 717 Alder
1	FABER - 128 Summit	23	KUNTZ - 110 Falls	43	SHETLOCK 1407 Bunny Hop
82	FISCHER, A - 529 Linden	45	LEMMERT - 1330 Cedar	6	SNEAR - 154 Summit
12A	FISCHER, E - 114 Mulberry	51	LOGAN - 208 Sycamore	87	SPACHMAN - 705 Alder
24	FISCHER, F - 116 Falls	21	MACLEAN - 141 Summit	76	SPIEKER - 319 Spruce
28	FISCHER, G - 136 Beach	85	MAHLER - 615 Tulip Tree	○ 44	STOVER - 1324 Cedar
80	FITTING - 135 Cranberry Ck.	70	MANGUM - 104 Dietrich	17	STRODE - 310 Wisteria
39	FLEGLER - 1523 Deer	7A	MARIANO - 170 Summit	33	STUTTZ - 168 Beach
○ 9	FLOTHMEIER - 111 Valley View	19	MATTHY, E - 214 Holly	40	TIENKEN - 1519 Deer
73	GILBERT - 319 Spruce	34	MENG, F. 5631 Paradise V.	81	VAN GILEUWE - 129 Cranberry
66	GOECKEL - 204 Rosewood	37	MENG, V. - 1508 Deer	11	VOHRINGER 219 Summit
3	HAAG - 136 Summit	16	MESSNER 413 Hemlock	10	WHIPP - 119 Valley View
○ 36	HAASE - 134 Primrose	72	MITCHELL - 105 Dietrich		

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

THE GOOD NEWS IS - Paradise Falls has 50th and 75th Anniversary books and 20⁺ binders, all full of historical information and pictures.

THE BAD NEWS IS - It is difficult to locate in which book a specific topic is found

THE SOLUTION, WE HOPE, IS IN THIS ABCs OF PFLA BINDER. It will attempt to both summarize alphabetically and cross reference the most important historical data so far collected in our 90⁺ year history.

* We begin this effort in 2012 as a "work in progress" giving us ample time to add, delete, and amend items in time to print a concise 100 year history of PF on that 20²² anniversary.



* Please realize that the dates given for events can rarely be exact because:

- both the committees, board of directors and a quorum of members had to propose, discuss and finally vote on issues over many months before lengthy construction could begin, let alone be finished.
- legal papers were often saved and taken for notarization when travel to town was feasible and officials, available.
- Jennifer Maguire's extensive research into the properties we acquired in the 1920s has raised many questions about the who, when, and where of many of those land transactions. Unraveling the truth may take years.

ORGANIZATIONAL PLAN FOR THIS BINDER

WHITE/CLEAR TABS, NO HIGHLIGHTING, WHITE PAPER = topics of GENERAL INTEREST in alphabetical order

GREEN TAB, HIGHLIGHTING, GREEN PAPER with "F" lower case data = information about pre-existing FARMS that we acquired to form our PF property

ORANGE TAB, HIGHLIGHTING, ORANGE PAPER with "B" upper case info = data about BUILDINGS constructed by PF for in-common use by guests and members

YELLOW TAB, HIGHLIGHTING, YELLOW PAPER with "C" upper case data = information about COTTAGES that were privately built, and still owned by PF members

BLUE TAB, HIGHLIGHTING, BLUE PAPER with "H" information = data about our HISTORY, chronologically in both TEXT and TIMELINE forms

THESE COLORS ARE ALSO FOUND ON THE ARCHIVE BINDERS (ie - FARM info is all in the GREEN BINDER)

* = concise summary __ = transition from one purpose to another () = dates built and used X = building no longer exist

"See green" = find more info in index's green section "___ BINDER = more info is in that BINDER ○ = PF anomaly

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Dietrich (^{father} Dimmic's Farm Barn) - N → NESTLE DOWN → #72 cottage
Loc

Farmer Dimmic Dietrich's barn was bank style 3 story barn shaped barn that was originally entered from Cranberry Ck Rd. Many remodels and big restaurant addition made it popular. Nestledown Inn & Restaurant it was till 1950. Remodeling and downsizing made comfortable #72 cottage

Dietrich (^{father} Dimmic) House COTTAGE #71
Loc

Known as Dietrich House
Farmer Dimmic Dietrich's house was first used to house PF's ^{earlies} leaders & staff working at Nestledown's ~~Inn & Restaurant~~ till 1950. Remodel for private cottage #71 followed

Dietrich (Harvey's Farm Barn) = SOCIAL HALL

Farmer (^{son} Harvey's) barn was "bank style" 3 story barn whose outside stone and inside rough rafters show its original size before a huge 1930 addition ^{work} was built to accomodate PF's religious & entertainment assemblies! ^{100yrs of} that

Dietrich (Harvey) House → GATE LODGE TEAROOM RENTAL APARTMENT
Loc → ? Beach / Pinchase? was same architectural plan as his dad, Dimmic's home
Farmer Son Harvey's Farm House housed 14 family members but was ideally located on main road to become PFLA GATE LODGE OFFICE and with later additions INN and still operating TEAROOM

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Abend Ruhe Acres

(Anomaly dates)

See here green/ FARM BINDER

Anomaly Location until we interpret legal paper

*By 1915, A Raymond Raff owned a total of 153 acres that he lovingly called Abend Ruhe Farms ("Evening Peace") in the general area east and west of Rte 90/191 near Swiftwater Road. He claimed that the Pocono air had renewed his health and saved his life.

*In gratitude to God, he chose to give some of his land to two charitable causes:

23 acres -given October 17, 1922 to start the Paradise Valley Lutheran Association. We think that those acres included the Lasher Farm (#50 202 Sycamore) - 4 acres west of Rte 90/191, 19 acres east towards Nestledown.

12 acres to the Mary J Drexel Home and the Philadelphia Motherhouse whose ministrations had also been a part of his return to health. These are the acres south of the #47, 48, +49 (217, 213, 207 Sycamore) cottages that we have always labeled the "Deaconess" and now private ownership land

* The remaining 118 acres south of that land to Swiftwater Road was used by Mr Raff, or added to the Drexel Home/Motherhouse holdings so that both the Deaconess Cottage and the now Cottage #58 may both have been summer vacation spots for deaconesses.

33+ acres - were willed to grand-daughter, Mrs Walter (Raff) Riley who sold it to Sean Connery, who sold it in 2008 to BILL HOOVER (helpfully protecting our PF borders with that purchase) THESE ACRES NEVER BELONGED TO PF

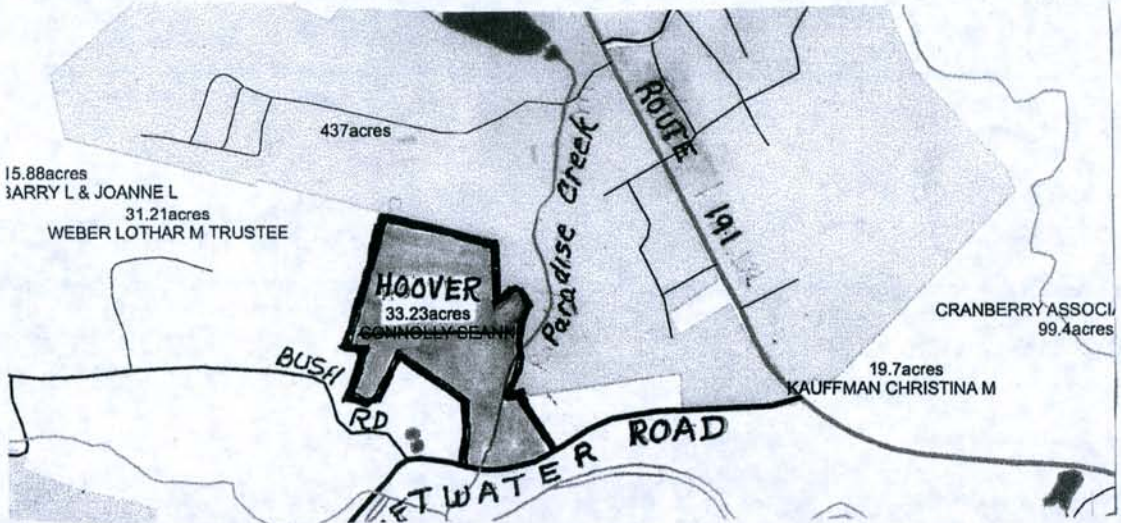
10 acres - were likely sold to Mr William and Mrs Otylia Braun as a residence sometime in the 1930s and 1940s
September 1947 - the Brauns gave the land to the Mary J Drexel Home

52 acres - September 1947 - Raff descendents gave these acres to the Mary J Drexel Home

3-27-1952 THE DREXEL HOME WINDFALL DONATION ACRES (10 acres from Brauns, 52 from Raff estate) WERE BOUGHT BY PARADISE FALLS FROM THAT GROUP FOR \$10,000. With this land PF finally owned all the acres from the intersection of 191 and Swiftwater Rd to Rt 191's intersection with Beach Rd.

The 13 unaccounted for Raff acres were likely the still private Swiftwater Rd land sold by him near the present #103 COTTAGE

The location of Bill Hoover's (Raff) property in relationship to P.F.



Abend Ruhe Barn and Shed (X) (@1880 - @ 1953 (likely Razing date))

See here green/ FARM BINDER

Located - east side of Rte 90/191 close to its intersection with Swiftwater Road, across road from # 58 COTTAGE 5493 Paradise Vall. Rd

1938 - 1943 *Whoever owned the Abend Ruhe farmhouse at this time, likely the Brauns, allowed PF to use the lowest level of the barn and corral to care for rental horses. Girl campers rode around PF property, Monday through Friday, and guests on the weekends.

*Cottage teenagers Roy Heyen, Luther Dittmer, and David Flegler were hired as wranglers during some of those years

*The war years saw fewer of these expensive activities.

After 1953 *PF chose to raze both the barn and shed, rather than worry about their security at the far end of our property.



Clyde and Gail Cramer in front of Raff Abend Ruhe Barn @ 1950

Abend Ruhe Bungalow (?) (___ - ___)
Anomaly Location

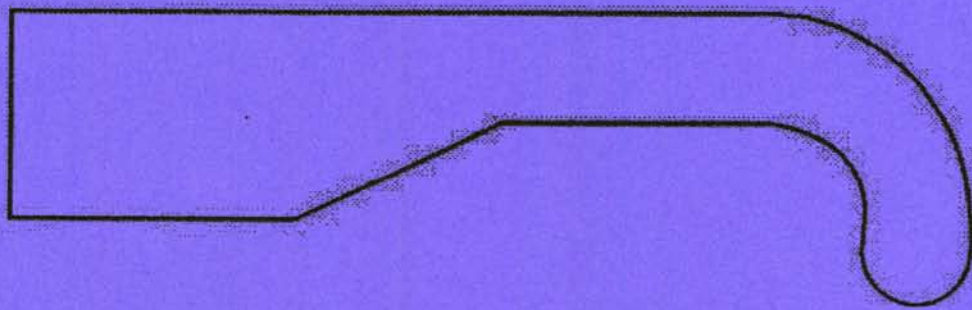
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Since Mr A Raymond Raff's acres had at least two homes on them, the October 17, 1922 meeting organizing Paradise Valley Lutheran Association, could have been held at either Rte 90/191 farmhouse (now *the* #58 COTTAGE) or at the Swiftwater Rd house that was on Raff's land now owned by Bill Hoover. A misplaced slide, labeled "Raff Bungalow" did not resemble the Christ home so we believe that the 1922 meeting likely took place at the home (now razed) on Bill Hoover's property.

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Appendix A
Good Goggles

good



Template'

Abend Ruhe Farmhouse - - - Now #58 COTTAGE (@1880 - now)

See here green / FARM & COTTAGE BINDERS

Location red house on the west side of Rte 90/191 near its intersection with Swiftwater Road 5493 Paradise Valley Rd.

- 1880 Selected as construction date because it was not on a local 1870 map and had the rafter, floor design of that era house
- Before 1915 Three farmers, Smith/Jones, Getz, and Lasher owned the combined acres that Mr Raff later bought
- 1915 Raff buys the above farmers' land, names it Abend Ruhe, and either lives at this or another house on his 153 acres
- 1922 Raff donates 23 acres to PF and 12 acres to the Mary J Drexel Home both located to the north of what we now call the Deaconess property.
- ???
- Sept. 1947 William and Otylia Braun buy the 10 acres that have the house on it and reside in it
The Brauns donate the house and 10 acres to the Drexel Home at the same time that Mr Raff donates 52 acres to that same Home. This means that, by 1947, the MARY J DREXEL Home and Philadelphia Motherhouse own their original land and all the remaining acres down to Swiftwater Road on this side of Paradise stream.
- 1947 - 1953 The Drexel Home rents the house to the Cramer Family for use as a residence and base for his construction company.
- 3-27-1952 Paradise Falls pays the Home and Motherhouse \$10,000 for the 62 acres nearest Swiftwater Road.
- 1953 - 1964 PF owns the red house but no one lives in it
- 1964 - now Privately owned as the #58 COTTAGE 5493 Paradise Valley Rd

The confirmation that this house and land did not become PF property till 1952 helps explain:

- the odd placement of the Deaconess property right in the middle of our supposed land
- the well at *this* #58 COTTAGE being shared with a house that was never on PF property. The said well was likely shared with one of the farmer's relatives living across the road who didn't choose to sell to Raff

Anecdotes of General Interest

(1922 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

August 6, 1945

The planned guest activity for the evening of this date was supposed to be a magic show performed by a well known Jewish magician. When Hirohito announced that Japan was surrendering and that World War II was finally over, there was spontaneous celebrating all over Paradise Falls. With the Jewish performer's happy approval, his act was cancelled and replaced by a well attended, emotional Service of Thanksgiving for the war's end!

Anomalies in Our PF History that have yet to be fully explained.

(1922 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

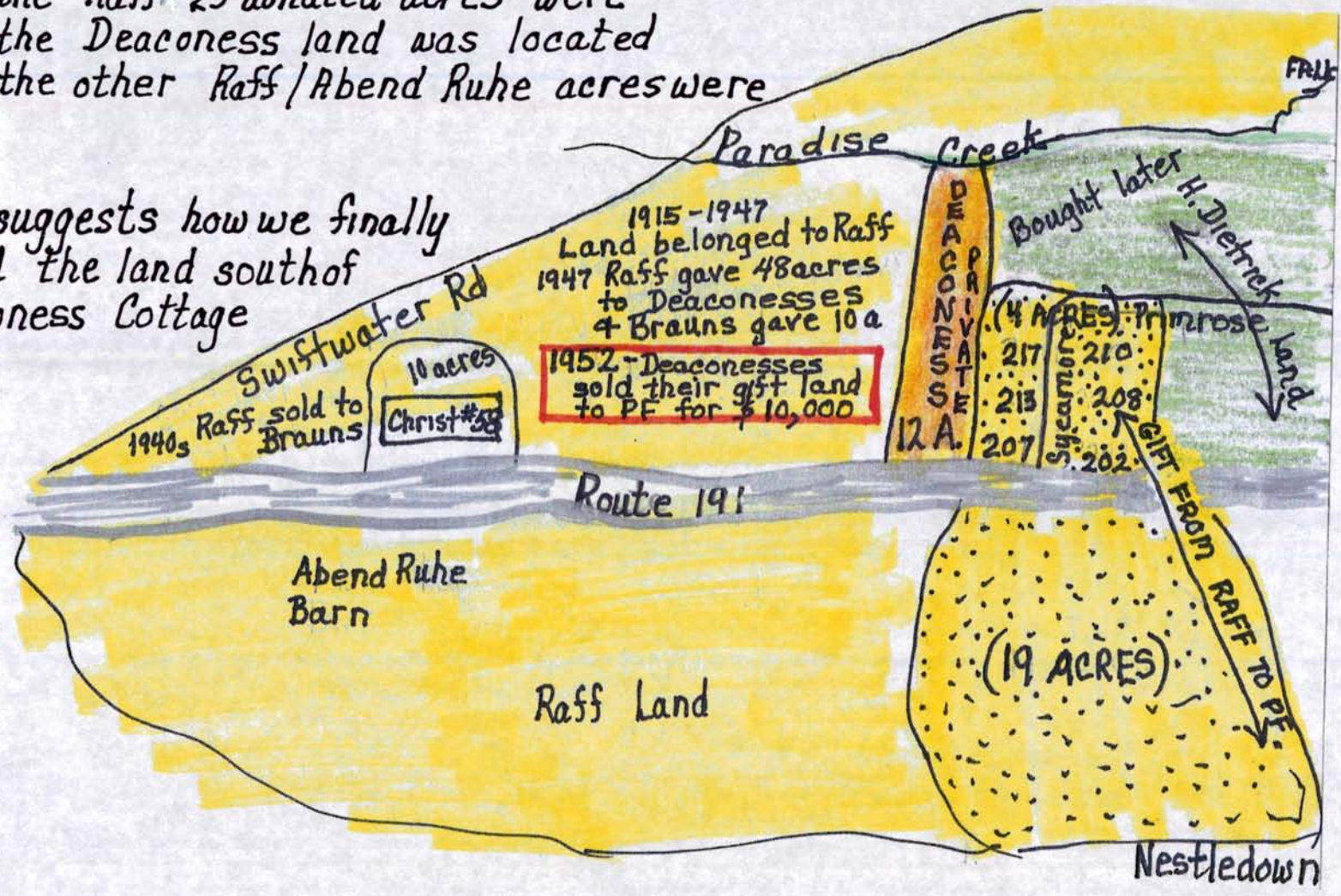
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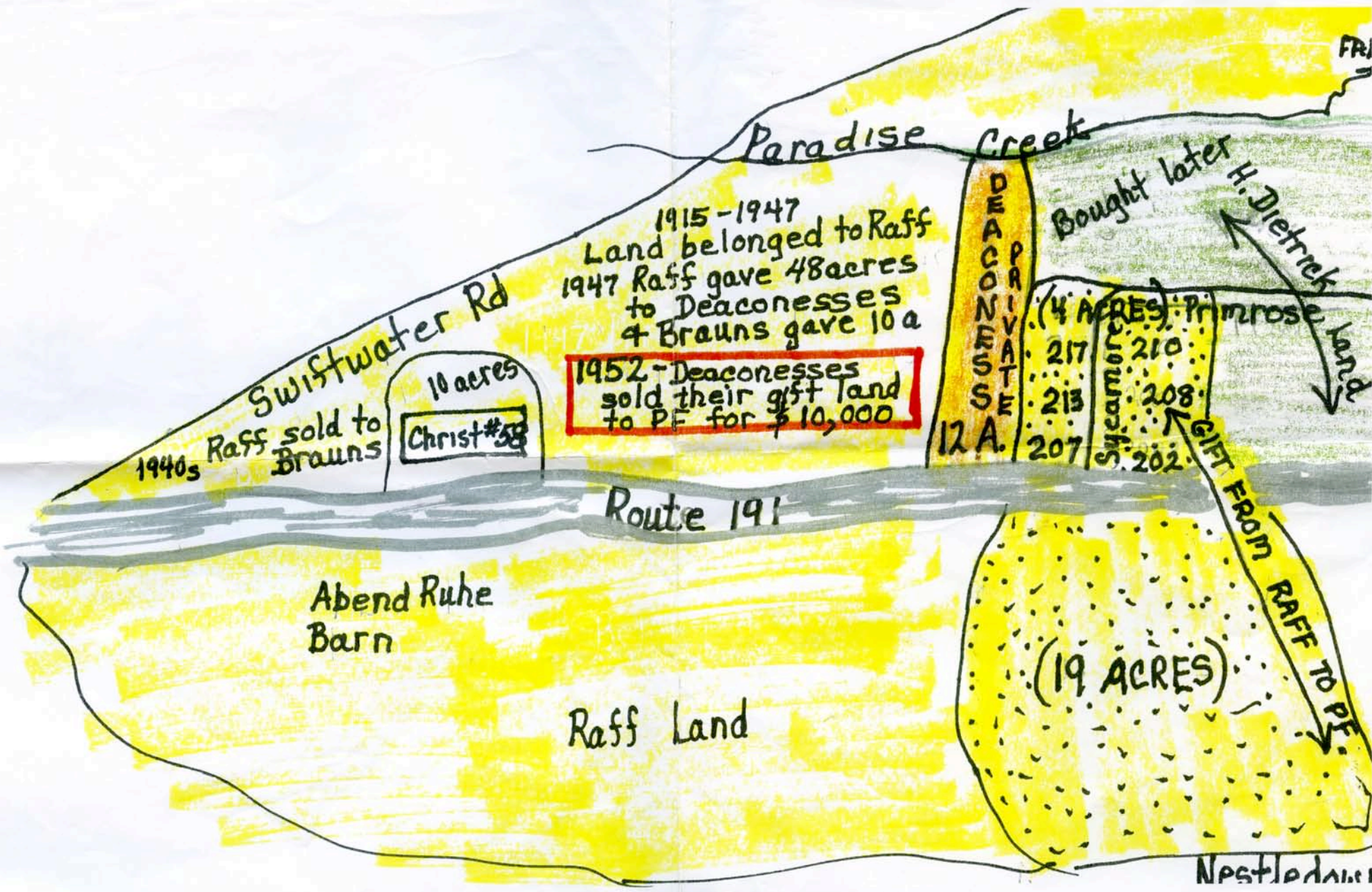
- 1 Abend Ruhe "Bungalow" location
- 2 Deaconess Cottage questions
- 3 Hoover Land questions
- 4 Hotel Site / Quarry Land queries
- 5 Boundaries on south side

A SKETCH OF P.F.s SOUTH END AND ROUGH GUESS WHERE —

- = the Raff 23 donated acres were
- = the Deaconess land was located
- = the other Raff/Abend Ruhe acres were

Also suggests how we finally owned the land south of Deaconess Cottage





1940s

Raff sold to Brauns

10 acres
Christ #58

1952 - Deaconesses sold their gift land to PF for \$10,000

1915-1947 Land belonged to Raff
1947 Raff gave 48 acres to Deaconesses & Brauns gave 10a

Paradise Creek

Swiftwater Rd

Route 191

Abend Ruhe Barn

Raff Land

(19 ACRES)

DEACONNESS TRACT
12 A.

(4 ACRES) Primrose land
217
213
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SYCAMORE
210
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202

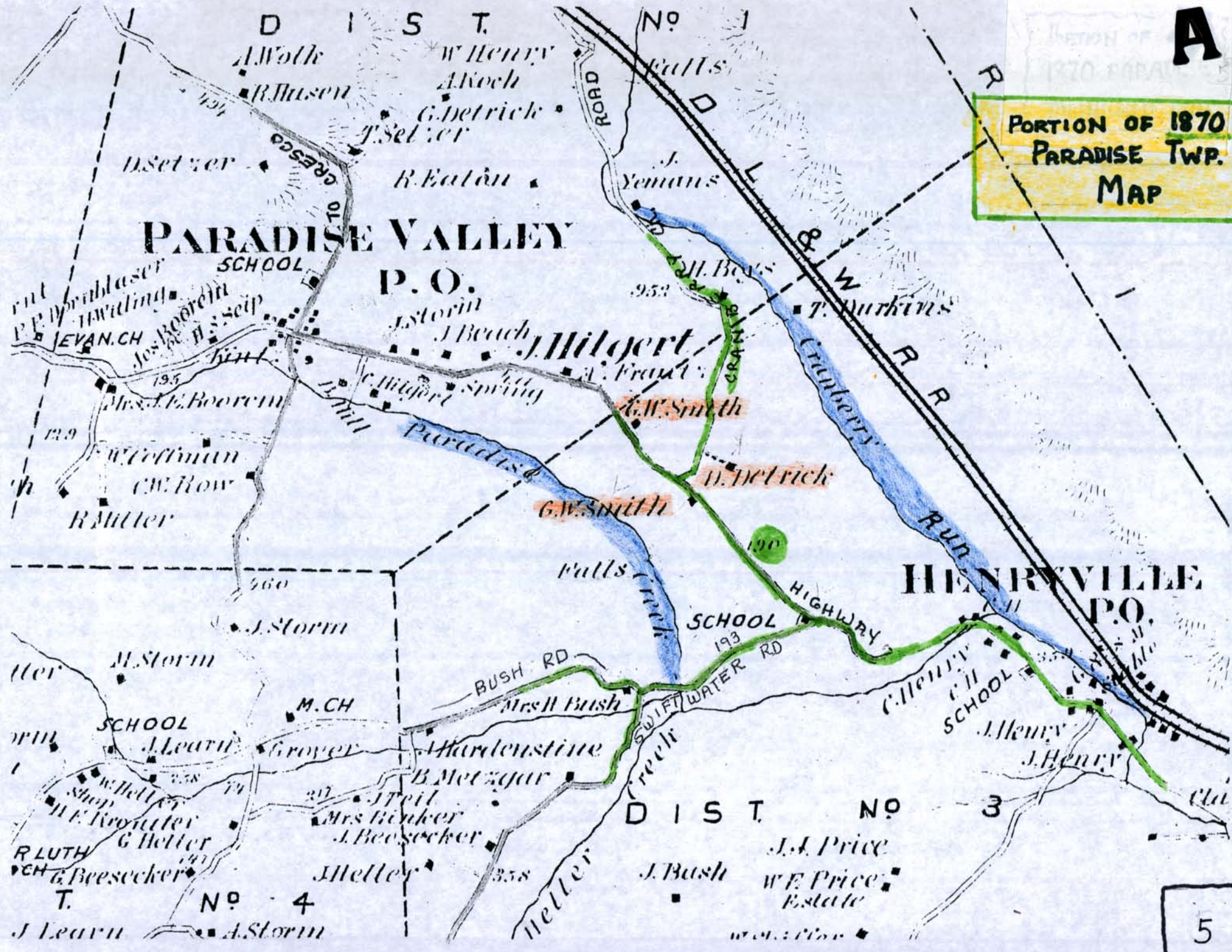
Bought later

H. Dietrich land
GIFT FROM RAFF TO PF

Nestled

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PORTION OF 1870
PARADISE TWP.
MAP



Beach Pavillion - Constructed for use in the 2021 Season

See here, WATER BINDER

B

See CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

Blacksmith Shop of farmer H. Dietrich (X) - Location between PF Tea Room & Social Hall. Community "smithy" shop was used by P.F. surveyors to store supplies. A July 1926 fire destroyed it and surveyor's thesis

* Board of Directors (1922 - now)

See GROUPS, 50th & 25th ANNIVERSARY, BINDERS

*the governing body of PF that has monthly meetings to handle association affairs year round. Full membership gatherings are held twice during each summer to resolve and/or approve major issues or assessments.

Below, find prominent Board members by decade:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1920s - Hays, Buckner, Rudisill | 1970s - Long, Segraves, Pohl, Mariano |
| 1930s - Kidd, Haag, Moyer, Mueller, Cressman | 1980s - Gaup, DePaul, Ehinger, Richards, Ziedonis |
| 1940s - Jaxheimer, Lieberknight, Angerman, Dittmer | 1990s - Ness, Gally, Schultz, Snear, Gilbert |
| 1950s - Kidd Naus Schaffner, Stover | 2000s - Fisher, Segraves, Knabe, Moyer, Fredrick, |
| 1960s - Klein, Meyer, Morenz, Niebaum | 2010s - Fancher, Hauck, Richards, Moyer, Hoover, Fredrick, Segraves
R. Olson, Jr, K. Knabe |

Bridges (1870 - now)

See WATER BINDER

Locations as below

Car Bridge across Paradise Stream

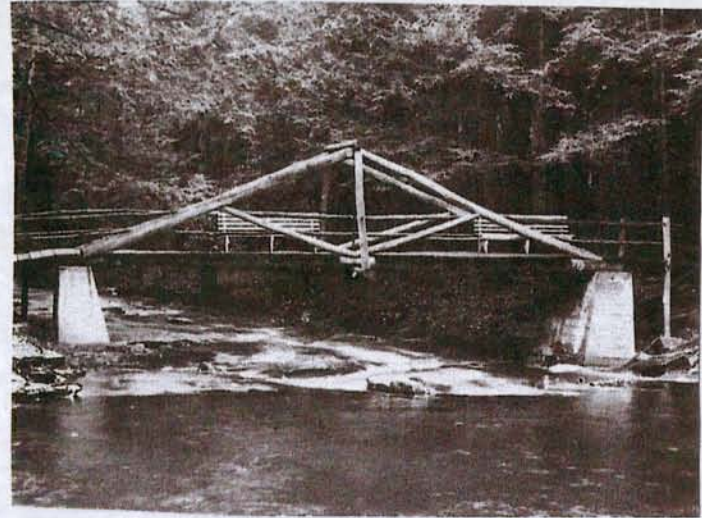
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| 1870 | Farm Bridge accessing the quarry behind <u>the present</u> #24 COTTAGE & quarry now called shale pit on Summit Drive. Likely also accessed logging trails in the same area. <u>116 Falls Dr.</u> |
| 10-26-1926 | PF reinforced and buttressed this bridge (as soon as we acquired this land) for tourist access to the "Falls" and member access to their own properties near the Falls |
| 9-27-1994 | Built 911 emergency system - required reinforced bridge to accommodate fire engine access everywhere at PF |

Foot Bridges

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| Below the Falls | *Swinging bridge attached to the left side rock near the present steps - where a few guests at a time could view
*Sturdy, pillar supported bridge across the stream for more tourists and a better view
Early edition was buttressed and many repairs done and total rebuilding after several floods |
| Above the Falls | *Bridge built likely before 1934 mostly as a part of the Girls Camp Horseback Riding Trail. It kept that activity away from roads and onto scenic trails
Hurricane Diane's flooding sent one pillar and the decking down our creek. With the Girls Camp closed, there was no reason to rebuild it |
| Near Center | *Narrow swinging bridge, between the car bridge and the stream's curve, built to get the girl campers from their complex, across the stream, to the left side of both the pond and lake swimming area assigned to them |



Guests first viewed Paradise Falls from a walking bridge at its left side below the entrance steps.



2 Buttressed bridges one above, one below the falls held visitors. The upper one got Girls Camp horses across the creek

BROWN COTTAGE RENTAL

#74 COTTAGE

(1929 - now)

See BUILDINGS , COTTAGER BINDERS

Location - 211 Rabbit Road - a road that parallels Route 90/191 on the east side behind the tennis courts

1929

*Association built structure to accomodate guests in rental rooms. It had 5 bedrooms and a bath above and a living room, 3 rooms, and a bath on the main level

By 1955

*Included all meals at Nestledown and the benefits of all PF guests

???

*PF adds kitchen so that families will rent whole cottage. **When 2 families rented, upstairs accessed by outside stairs**

1986

*Dorn Family (____ - ____), Ehinger Family (1971 - 1996) buy as private cottage

NOW - #74COTTAGE already had been winterized and ready for year round use by this family

BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED BY PFLA FOR IN- COMMON USE

(dates vary)

See here, BUILDING BINDER

Locations vary

THOSE THAT REMAIN STANDING IN 2012:

- *BROWN RENTAL COTTAGE (b. 1929) - [redacted] #74 211 Rabbit Rd
- *CARRIAGE HOUSE garage near Nestledown (10-12-26) [redacted] #70 104 Dietrich Ln.
- *GAS STATION (10-20-31 - 1945) -- ATHLETIC STORAGE SHED across from Gate Lodge
- *FALLS PAVILLION (6-1926) STILL USED TODAY
- *GATE LODGE, main floor TEA ROOM ADDITION (1931) STILL USED TEA ROOM
Second floor GUEST RENTAL ROOMS (1931) REMODELED, USED CARETAKER'S HOME
- *GIFT SHOP in the corner of Tea Room ((@ 1932) GIFT ITEMS STILL SOLD HERE TODAY
- *ICE HOUSE (9-21-25) first PF built structure [redacted] #70 storage shed 104 Dietrich Ln.
- *LOUNGE (b. 1968) STILL USED YEAR ROUND FOR FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
- *NESTLEDOWN remodeled main part of the barn (b by 1928) [redacted] #72 105 Dietrich Ln.
- *SOCIAL HALL upper floor guest rooms (b. 4-25-30) -- unsafe flooring, so unused now
main floor meeting area (b. 4-25-30) -- STILL USED FOR SUMMER CHURCH & MTGS
lower floor guest rental & staff rooms (b 4-25-30) -- STILL USED PASTOR'S APARTMENT
- *PUMP HOUSE at bottom of dam (b 8-25-28) stands empty & unused
- *TOLL HOUSE for collection of FALLS admission fees (b. ? ?) - [redacted] COTTAGE #27 SHED 5611 Paradise Valley Rd
- *WATER RESERVOIR, PUMP HOUSE on Summit Hill (??) -- 90 years of excellent water, and pump usage
- *WHITE COTTAGE RENTAL (b. 1929) - [redacted] # 73 COTTAGE 207 Rabbit

THOSE BUILT AND UTILIZED, BUT LATER TORN DOWN (X)

- *CAMP COMPLEX (Lodge, 10 cabins, wash house, fields, etc.) (b. 1931-1952) (X) Much razed, 1955 flood destroyed the rest
- *CAMP DINING HALL (addition to left end of Nestledown) (b. @ 1934) (X) Torn down after the camp closed
- *FALLS TOILETS 6-1926 (X) Torn down after guests and Falls visitors dwindled
- *GIFT SHOP attached to the store (b. 1954) (X) Torn down, when unprofitable, to make room for LOUNGE
- *NESTLEDOWN 2 story Lshape that had housed guests (X) Razed after not needed for guests
Enlarged area of lower level Nestledown dining room, kitchen (X) Torn down after this restaurant closed
- *OIL HOUSE next to the store (b. 10-12-26) (X) Razed with store, gift shop, etc when 3 were no longer needed
- *POST OFFICE inside the store (1946 - 1956) (X) Razed with the store to make room fo the Lounge
- *STORE many updates and additions (1927 - 1968) (X) Big grocers gave it insurmountable competition, so was razed.

CAMP COMPLEX OPERATION X (1931 - 1952)

See CAMP BINDER

Location - the acres along the stream near the Summit Hill Bridge

- * April 25, '30 - Board motion to build Girls Camp
- * June 23, '30 - Three cabins ready to house 7 girls and 1 counselor each
- * July 4, '30 - Camp Dedication, but first 11 campers did not arrive until July 1, '31, and that summer's total camp # was 75 campers
- * Within ten years (ie 1940) the complex included:

- | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| ● 7 cabins | ● camp lodge | craft cabin | ● toilets | ● shuffleboard court |
| ● Office | ● Nurse's cabin | wash house | ● showers | ● badminton |
| ● volleyball court | ● tennis court | baseball backstop | ● archery range | ● little theatre |
| ● basketball court | ● lake high dive | lake slide | ● lake raft | |

Exercise ring for the rental horses that campers could ride all around PF once each of their camping weeks

- * Most years had 40-75 eight to sixteen year old girl campers per week. Sessions ran for two, four, or eight weeks allowing creative programming including elaborate dramas, athletic olympics, etc. There were also visits to Camp Miller, a boys' camp.
- * Campers took their meals at the below special dining room at Nestledown. They swam on the west shores of both the pond and Lake Crawford while guests and members used the beach and water on the east.
- * Remembered staff included Mrs Mikuriya, Mrs Blithe, and counselor, Miss Bucky
- * A much more modern girls camp, Camp Hagen, near Camp Miller at Shawnee on the Delaware brought unwanted competition and the eventual closing of our PFG Camp in 1951.

PF Uses after 1952

- * One of the camp cabins was remodeled as a family rental cabin, another was given to teenagers as a clubhouse
- * August 18, 1955 - Hurricane Diane destroyed all the camp buildings and dashed any hopes of further remodeling of cabins.
- * @1960 - 1979 (razing) Nestledowns camp dining hall moved to this site for use by the recreation program and teens after there were less formal activities for kids. This building was razed when it fell into disrepair.
- * 2012 Use - area has only been used for silt drying

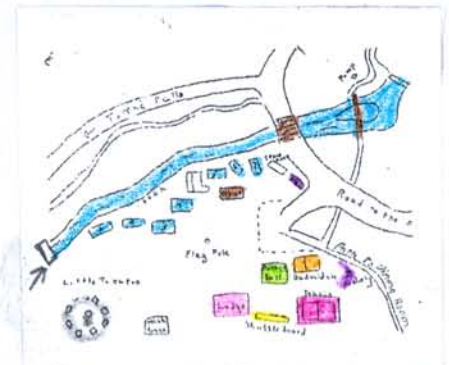
CAMP DINING HALL AT NESTLEDOWN X (1931 - 1951) See NESTLEDOWN BINDER.

Location - an addition able seating 80 for meals was placed at the left end of Nestledown

- * Campers walked from camp to all their meals at Nestledown, entering their area from a door at the back.
- * They had their own group of waitresses, and used this room for large group events

PF Uses after 1952

- * Staff used the room for at least one Otto's Beer Garden event before it was razed around 1955.
- * 2012 Use It was razed sometime after 1955 and nothing exists next to the present #72 COTTAGE, 105 Dietrich Lane



CARETAKER POSITION

See GROUPS BINDER

- 1926-76 - Earliest caretakers resided in local private homes
- 1977-80 - Vic Galunic used Gate Lodge apartment
- 1981-87 - Clyde Cramer resided locally
- 1988-2014 - Caretaker families resided in Gate Lodge Apartment
- 2015 - now - Caretaker resides locally. Apartment is rented.

Caretaker names and employment dates

1926-1978	Harold Heydt	1970	Mr, Mrs Don Galavitz	1988-1995	Dan Skully
1949-1950	Cleo Saunders	1971	Richard Kice	1996-2004	Steve Scorzelli
1951-1966	Kenny Harrison	1972-1979	1970	2005-2014	Dave Anders
1967-1968	Walter Harrison	198-1986	Clyde Cramer	2015 - Now	Andy Rantz
1969	Stanley Smith	1987	Mark Galunic <i>Arrey?</i>		

See p29

See CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

CARETAKER APARTMENT

(1977 - now)

Location - above the Tea Room and former Gate Lodge

- * After PF phased out renting rooms in Nestledown, Social Hall, Gate Lodge, and eventually even in the Brown and White Cottages, the Board chose to remodel the whole top floor of Gate Lodge into a year-round apartment for caretakers and their families.
- * Upkeep has proven to be difficult. Though the half of the building closest to Social Hall was added in 1931, the other original farm house was likely built before 1870! That means that the plumbing needs constant updating. The porch has had two renovations and the last staircase has been turned to provide the family more privacy

'CARRIAGE HOUSE'

PF Garage,

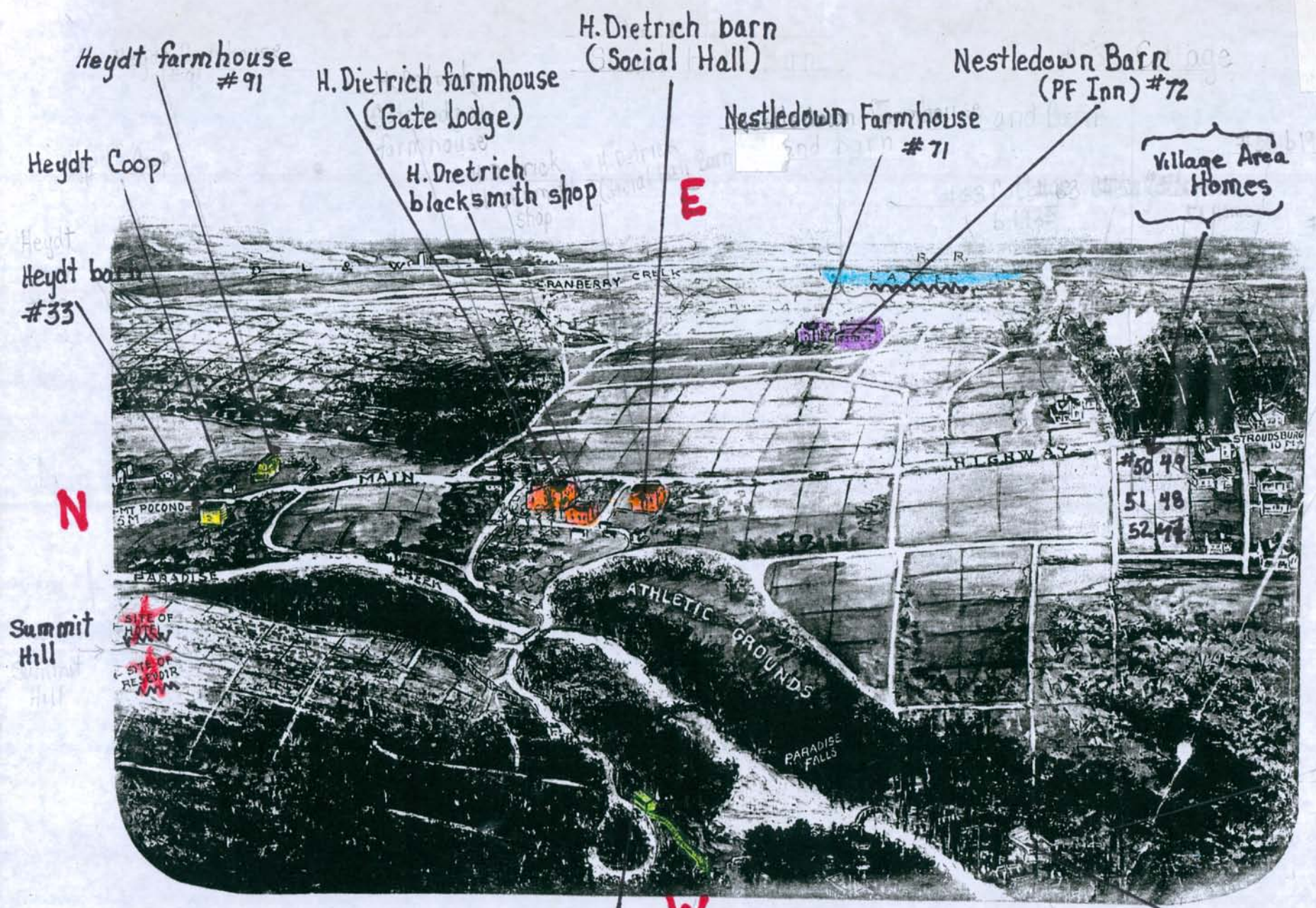
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1926 - now

See BUILDINGS & COTTAGE BINDERS

Location just beyond NESTLEDOWN - 104 Dietrich Lane

- * 10-12-26 Though near Dimmick Dietrich's house and barn, this garage was constructed by PF.
- * Originally an open four bay garage where machinery was kep, with enclosed area holding tools, and repair shop for the east-side buildings. It was likely a twin of garage near Social Hall which was built the same year.
- * Later, bays were enclosed, and outside staircase built to the second level for Nestledown food storage *Some years "Roost" housed male staff.*
- * 1961 - 2004 Remodeled, winterized as a private cottage 1961- - Mangum, -- 2000-2003 - Cole
- * 2004 - now Addition, remodeling as *private # 70 Cottage - 104 Dietrich Ln.*



Sketch of PF property. Note: "Lake" drawn on east side Cranberry Creek Falls Pavillion @ 1927
 "Hotel, Reservoir Sites on Summit Hill
 Toll House at top of Falls steps
 1 Heydt House, Barn: 2 H. Dietrich House, Barn: 3 Nestledown buildings

COTTAGES LISTED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE BUILT ON PF PROPERTY

I PRE-EXISTING BUILDINGS - already here before we purchased the land

- @1870 #72 Dimmic Dietrick Barn - became Nestledown Inn - now - #72 - Cottage - 105 Dietrich Ln.
- #71 Dimmic Dietrick Farmhouse - became PF staff housing - now - #71 - Cottage 107 Dietrich Ln.
- #33 Heydt Barn - Stutt's remodel - now #33 Cottage 168 Beach Rd.
- #91 Heydt Farmhouse - became PF staff housing - now - #91 - Cottage 642 Tulip Tree Ln.
- #90 Heydt Chicken Coop - remodel - #90 - Cottage 725 Alder Ln.
- #58 Abend Ruhe Farmhouse - PF staff housing - #58 - Cottage 5493 Paradise Valley Rd.
- #50 Lasher Farmhouse - remodel - is now #50 - Cottage 202 Sycamore Dr. (KYDD/Bond)

II PF CONSTRUCTED BUILDING THAT LATER BECAME A PRIVATE COTTAGE

- @1924 #70 Carriage House - PF garage and storage, staff housing - now in 2018 is the Hergenhan Cottage

III PRIVATELY BUILT COTTAGES in chronological order of when building either began or was completed. Also indicated are the eight cottages that have housed a single family for the most years. (ie #48 OHL built it and Neff relatives still own it)

1925 #48 (OHL / Neff)
 #60 (KOONS/Gally)
 #63
 #47
 #51

1926- #49
 #45
 #24
 #23
 #28

1927- #57
 #68 BREISCHAFT/
 #55 KNAUS
 #56
 #69
 #54

1928 #39
 #1
 #80
 #10
 #34
 #87
 #85
 #29
 #25
 #65

1929- #74
 #73
 #36 HAASE/Stiller
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1930- #42
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1931- #16
 #9 Flothmeier/FL
 #89
 #76
 #75 Dittmer/DI
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1932- #53
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 #44 Stover/ Magill
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1934 #81
1935 #14
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1939- #27 Moyer/ Grieg
 #32

1946 #84
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1950- #38
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1957- #11
1958- #46

1961- #30
1963- #7
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1964 #18
1966 #20
1967 #19
 19 #103

1971 #7A
1974 #6

EXPLANATION OF THE PF COTTAGE NUMERICAL SPREADSHEETS

In the early days when PF had few cottages, it was convenient to call homes by their owner names. But as more cottages were built and Paradise Township needed to know their locations in case of emergency, our association assigned each cottage a number. The enclosed spreadsheet is arranged using those assigned numbers. In the various sections the numbers go chronologically up the right side of the main road and back down the left side. Knowing a cottage's number gives you a chance to guess its approximate location:

- #1 - 24 = RFD. SUMMIT HILL LOCATION
- #25 - 34 = BROWN BEACH RD SECTION
- #35 - 58, 103 = GREEN VILLAGE AREA

- #60 - 78 ORANGE, NESTLEDOWN AREA
- #80 - 92 BLUE, CRANBERRY CREEK ROAD LOCATION

On top of these Paradise Falls numbers, we now also have 911 official addresses. In coming up with those sometimes confusing street names, it is good to know that officials don't give you the name of the street your front door faces. You are always assigned the one where your driveway is found.. (ie - The # 33 cottage's front door faces Paradise Valley Road, but their address is 168 Beach Rd because their driveway comes in at the back of their house).

We have chosen to mostly use the PF Assigned Number because the number remains the same always, but owner names change with every cottage sale. Please use the provided year by year ABC member list to cross reference what you need.

COTTAGE PHOTOS USED IN PROMOTIONAL BROCHURES:



#55 Green Village area



#63 Orange, Nestledown area



#29 Brown Beach Rd



#48 First built cottage, Village



#45 - had 5 remodels, Village



#25 home at base of dam

SPREADSHEET OF COTTAGES BY THEIR ASSIGNED NUMBERS

The summarized information below includes each cottage's 1- LEGAL NUMBER, 2- 911 ADDRESS, 3- CONSTRUCTION DATE, 4- COTTAGE NICKNAME, 5- TRIVIA, and 6- 2018 OWNER'S NAME.

#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	COTTAGE TRIVIA	2018 OWNER
1	128 Summit	1928			Silverman, S.
3	136 Summit	1937		Stone remains of 1930s Vesper Site	Segraves
4	140 Summit	1937	"Norwal Pines"	As above Vesper Pulpit remains	Hallman
5	146 Summit	1936	"Ingrid's Idyll"		Hoover
6	154 Summit	1974	"Mom's"	Last cottage built on PF property	Malantonio, D.
7	162 Summit	1963	"Hemlocks"		Fritz, E
7A	170 Summit	1971		"A" added to fit between #7 and #8	Titus, I
8	278 Summit	1929	"Olewood"	Has shuffleboard, widow's walk	Olson
9	111 Valley View	1931	"Winifried"	! Building family still owns today!	Flothmeier
10	119 Valley View	1928	"Wicky Wacky Woods"	Outdoor bedroom, bathtub, & hot tub	Wicks, J
11	291 Summit	1957	"The Chalet"		Wicks, J and J
12	304 Summit	1932	"Idyll Wild"		Lange
12A	114 Mulberry	1929		"A" added instead of unlucky 13	Higgins

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1 - 24 = RED, SUMMIT HILL LOCATION
 # 25 - 34 = GREEN, BEACH RD SECTION
 # 35 - 58, 103 = GREEN, VILLAGE AREA

#60 - 78 = ORANGE, NESTLEDOWN AREA
 # 80 - 92 = BLUE, CRANBERRY CREEK ROAD LOCATION

COTTAGE SPREADSHEET BY ASSIGNED NUMBERS

cottage location
 Duplicate?
 #3?

→ The summarized information below includes each cottage's 1- LEGAL NUMBER 2- 911 ADDRESS
 3- CONSTRUCTION DATE 4- COTTAGE NICKNAME 5- TRIVIA and 6- 2021 OWNER'S NAME.

#	ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	TRIVIA	2020 OWNER
1	128 Summit	1928			Silverman Andreson
3	136 Summit	1937		Stone remains of 1930s Vesper Site	Segraves, Arthur, Susan
4	140 Summit	1937	"Norwal Pines"	As above Vesper Pulpit remains	Hallman, Lester, Joan
5	146 Summit	1936	"Ingrid's Idyll"		Hoover, Bill, Ingrid
6	154 Summit	1974	"Mom's"	Last cottage built on PF property	Malantonio, Dayle, Ed.
7	162 Summit	1963	"Hemlocks"		Fritz, Eugene(Cy), Mary
7A	170 Summit	1971		"A" added to fit between #7 and #8	Titus, Ingrid
8	278 Summit	1929	"Olewood"	Has shuffleboard, widow's walk	Olson, Royal, Kristen
9	111 Valley View	1931	"Winifried"	* Building family still owns today	Flothmeier, Fred, Lois
10	119 Valley View	1928	"Wicky Wacky Woods"	Outdoor bedroom, bathtub, & hot tub	Wicks, Judy
11	291 Summit	1957	"The Chalet"		Wicks, John, Judy
12	304 Summit	1932	"Idyll Wild"		Lange, Larison Brenda
12A	114 Mulberry	1929		"A" added instead of unlucky 13	Higgins Steven, Margit

RED-SUMMIT-HILL-DRIVE

1-24 = RED, SUMMIT HILL LOCATION
 # 25-34 = BROWN, BEACH RD SECTION
 # 35-58, 103 = GREEN VILLAGE AREA

60-78 = ORANGE, NESTLEDOWN AREA
 # 80-92 = BLUE, CRANBERRY CRK RD SECTION

#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	TRIVIA	2021 OWNER
14	402 Hemlock	1935			Macksoud, Michael
15	414 Hemlock	1937			Richards, Elton
16	413 Hemlock	1931	"Lanco Pines"		Ammon, Freda, Carole
17	310 Wisteria	1929		Late remodel doubled its size	Woodward, W Steven
18	204 Holly	1964	"Lasata" (laughing way)	Builder/owner family walked PF first	Pohl, David
19	214 Holly	1967	"Gemutlichkeit"		Matthy, Ed
20	209 Holly	1966	"Edelweiss"		{ Silverman, B/ Monson, J.
21	141 Summit	1963		Early hopeful owners tented here	Johnson Allan, Carleen
22	125 Summit	1930	"Paradise Found"	Formerly owned, used by deaconesses	Pierce Catherine, John
23	110 Falls	1926		Later remodel doubled its size	Werkheiser, Linford, Polly
24	116 Falls	1926	"Fallscrest"		Sollberger, Walter



25	120 Beach	1928	"Schajawonge"		Grimm Stanley, Lynn
26	5617 Paradise Valley	1928	Hilverne	1 ft thick walls, flat star-gazing roof	Foster, Ann Steve
27	5611 Paradise Valley	1939	"Lakeview"	* Building family still owns!	Greig Ester
28	136 Beach	1926	"Birches"		Clifford Don Gina

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#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	TRIVIA	2021 OWNER
29	148 Beach	1928	"Hillsfull"	1 foot thick walls	<u>Knabe, Kristy</u>
30	158 Beach	1961	"Hummingbird Way"		Horn, Russ, Stephanie
32	163 Beach	1939	"Grace on the Lake"	Lake home of Mrs Crawford, PF benefactor	Bell, Robert Marcia
33	168 Beach	1870*	"Berry Bush"	Remodel of 1870 era Heydt Barn <u>Pre-existing</u>	<u>Buslana/Steve Elman/Yalovitsner</u>
34	5631 Paradise Valley	1928		Twin house of #80	Reindl, Carl, Beth

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35	142 Primrose	1929	"Hill Eden"		<u>Narramore, Richard Kathryn</u>
36	134 Primrose	1929	"Himmel auf Erde" (Heaven on Earth)	* Same family built, remain members today!	<u>Stiller/Pohl Alfred, JoAnn</u>
37	1508 Deer	1933			<u>Di Gaetano, Wm Laurie</u>
38	123 Primrose	1950	"Rest Assured"		<u>Thacs, William, Nancy</u>
39	1523 Deer	1828			Teter, Paul
40	1519 Deer	1930	"Long Pines"		<u>Long, Robert</u>
41	1404 Bunny Hop	1950	"Tranquil Timbers"		Fry, Thomas, David
42	1413 Bunny Hop	1930	"Woods Edge"		Speers, Kathryn, Kenneth
43	1407 Bunny Hop	1935	Whispering Pines		<u>Evans, Thomas, Amy</u>
44	1324 Cedar	1933	"Woodland Echos"	* Same family built, remain members today!	<u>Magill, David</u>







	#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	TRIVIA	2021 OWNER
GREEN VILLAGE	45	1330 Cedar	1926	"Riverstone"		Searing David, Mary Lou
	46	225 Sycamore	1958	"Schoene Tannen"		Stumpf, Carol
	47	217 Sycamore	1925	"Sabbath Cottage"		Stumpf, Frederick
	48	213 Sycamore	1925	"Primrose"	* Built, rented out by same family today.	Neff, David Martha
	49	207 Sycamore	1926			Myers, Donna Michael
	50	202 Sycamore	1880*	"Kidnap"	 Pre-existing Lasher farmhouse remodeled	Bond, David
	51	208 Sycamore	1925			Malantonio, Carlo
	52	210 Sycamore	1931	"Trouble's Bruin"	Bruin statue at entrance	Malantonio, Keith, Deborah
	53	1327 Cedar	1932			Ehrig, Robert
	54	1307 Cedar	1927	"Angler's Paradise"		<u>Choi, Jun, dahn</u>
	55	1307 Cedar	1927	"Deer Woods"		Acker, Paul, Martin
	56	106 Primrose	1927			<u>Porter, Andrew Christina</u>
	57	114 Primrose	1927	"Schlupfwinkle"		<u>Scarpa, Joan</u>
	58	5493 Paradise Valley	1870*		 Pre-existing Abend Ruhe farmhouse	Rudan, Douglas
103	5499 Paradise Valley	1967	"Dream Come True"		Simolike Wm, Nancy	

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#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	COTTAGE TRIVIA	2019 OWNER
60	5524 Paradise Valley	1925		* Same family built and remain members!	Gally, Robin, Roxanne
62	122 Laurel	1951			Zimmerman, David
63	109 Laurel	1925	"Eureka"	Rebuilt after fatal fire	William Stoyko / Lena Bachman
65	120 Nestledown	1928		Pillars and bear statue near entrance	Massenheimer Fred, Eliz.
66	204 Rosewood	1937	"Schnee Glocken"		Fritz, William
67	208 Rosewood	1935			Meier, John Patricia
68	198 Nestledown	1927	"Wald Eck"	* Same family built, remain members today!	Knaus, Mark, Marion
69	187 Nestledown	1927			Pedulla, Albert, Nancy
70	104 Dietrick	1926	"Meadowview"	PF built Carriage House, remodeled	Hergenhan, Robt Carol Ashton
71	107 Dietrick	1870*	"Hill House"	 Pre-existing Dimmic Dietrick farmhouse	Bauers, Christina, John
72	105 Dietrick	1870*	"Nestledown"	 Pre-existing Dimmic Dietrick barn	Matthy, Chris
73	207 Rabbit	1929	"Still the White Cottage"	Former White Cottage Rental for guests	Beck, Paul, Linda
74	211 Rabbit	1929		Former PF Brown Cottage rental	Wigginton, Nanette
75	315 Spruce	1931	"Ingedell"	* Family built, and remains members today!	Dittmer, Ingeborg, Chris
76	319 Spruce	1931		Many bear sightings	Gilbert, Kathleen
78	224 Rabbit	1938			Kwan, Carl, Catherine

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#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	COTTAGE TRIVIA	2018 OWNER
80	135 Cranberry Creek	1928	"Berry Cozy"	Twin House to #34	Fancher, Paul, Lisa
81	129 Cranberry Creek	1934	"Fernwald"		Knight, Jennifer
82	529 Linden	1928		Rebuilt after 1984 fire	Ziedonis, Ruth, Eric
83	519 Linden	1955			Flisser, Diane, Frank
84	609 Tulip Tree	1946			Mac Donald Robert, Joanna
85	615 Tulip Tree	1930			Linders, Robert, Deborah
86	622 Tulip Tree	1949		Early greenhouse graced its front	Mac Donald, Robert Jr.
87	705 Alder	1928	"Thistle Dew"		Wolk, Donna
88	713 Alder	1930			Miller, Craig, Nancy Moya
89	717 Alder	1931	"Brigadoon"		Connor, Sean, Patrick
90	725 Alder	1880*		 Pre-existing Heydt chicken coop, remodeled	Miller, Richard, Carolyn
91	642 Tulip Tree	1880*	"Flynn's Farm"	 Pre-existing Heydt farmhouse, PF staff, etc	Flynn, Kathleen
92	Tulip Tree	1935			Mitchell, Michael

- 1  DD house ✓
- 2  barn ✓
- 3  Lash house ✓
- 4  Heydt house
- 5  Heydt barn
- 6  Heydt coop
- 7  Abend Ruhe

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14	402 Hemlock	1935			Macksoud, M
15	414 Hemlock	1937			Richards
16	413 Hemlock	1931	"Lanco Pines"		Ammon
17	310 Wisteria	1929		Late remodel doubled its size	Woodward
18	204 Holly	1964	"Lasata" (laughing way)	Builder/owner family walked PF first	Pohl, D
19	214 Holly	1967	"Gemutlichkeit"		Matthy, E
20	209 Holly	1966	"Edelweiss"		Silverman, B
21	141 Summit	1963	Johnson's Valhalla	Early hopeful owners tented here	Johnson
22	125 Summit	1930	"Paradise Found"	Formerly owned, used by deaconesses	Pierce
23	110 Falls	1926		Later remodel doubled its size	Werkheiser
24	116 Falls	1926	"Fallscrest"		Sollberger

25	120 Beach	1928	"Schajawonge"		Grimm
26	5617 Paradise Valley	1928	Hilverne	1 ft thick walls, flat star-gazing roof	Foster
27	5611 Paradise Valley	1939	"Lakeview"	! Building family still owns today!	Greig
28	136 Beach	1926	"Birches"		Clifford

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#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	COTTAGE TRIVIA	2018 OWNER
29	148 Beach	1928	"Hillsfull"	1 foot thick walls	Knabe
30	158 Beach	1961	"Hummingbird Way"		Horn
32	163 Beach	1939	"Grace on the Lake"	Lake home of Mrs Crawford, PF benefactor	Bell
33	168 Beach	1870*	"Berry Bush"	Pre-existing Heydt Barn	Elman-Yalovitsker
34	5631 Paradise Valley	1928		Twin house of #80	Reindl
35	142 Primrose	1929	"Hill Eden"		Narramore
36	134 Primrose	1929	"Himmel auf Erde" ("Heaven on earth")	!Building family still owns today!	Stiller
37	1508 Deer	1933			Di Gaetano
38	123 Primrose	1950	"Rest Assured"		Tkaas
39	1523 Deer	1928			Teter
40	1519 Deer	1930	"Long Pines"		Long
41	1404 Bunny Hop	1950	"Tranquil Timbers"		Fry
42	1413 Bunny Hop	1930	"Woods Edge"		Speers
43	1407 Bunny Hop	1935	"Rualpa" (Ruth, Alice, Polly)		Evans
44	1324 Cedar	1933	"Woodland Echos	!Building family still owns today!	Magill

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46	225 Sycamore	1958	"Schoene Tannen"		Stumpf, Sr
47	217 Sycamore	1925	"Sabbath Cottage"		Stumpf, Jr
48	213 Sycamore	1925	"Primrose"	!Built, rented out by same family today!	Neff
49	207 Sycamore	1926	"Bear Edge"		Myers
50	202 Sycamore	1880*	"Kidnap"	Pre-existing Lasher farmhouse	Bond, J
51	208 Sycamore	1925			Malantonio, C
52	210 Sycamore	1931	"Trouble's Bruin"	Bruin statue at entrance	Malantonio, K
53	1327 Cedar	1932			Ehrig
54	1307 Cedar	1927	"Angler's Paradise"		Choi
55	1307 Cedar	1927	"Deer Woods"		Acker
56	106 Primrose	1927			Porter
57	114 Primrose	1927	"Schlupfwinkle"		Scarpa
58	5493 Paradise Valley	1870*		Pre-existing "Abend Ruhe" farmhouse	Rudan
103	5499 Paradise Valley	1967	"Dream Come True"		Simolike

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#	911 ADDRESS	BUILT	COTTAGE NICKNAME	COTTAGE TRIVIA	2018 OWNER
60	5524 Paradise Valley	1925	"Koon's Hollow"	!Building family still owns today!	Gally
62	122 Laurel	1951			Zimmerman
63	109 Laurel	1925	"Eureka"		Stoyko,
65	120 Nestledown	1928	"Stonehenge"	Pillars and bear statue near entrance	Maßenheimer
66	204 Rosewood	1937	"Schnee Glocken"		Fritz, W
67	208 Rosewood	1935			Meier
68	198 Nestledown	1927	"Wald Eck"	!!Building family still owns today!	Knaus
69	187 Nestledown	1927			Pedulla
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76	319 Spruce	1931		Many bear sightings	Gilbert
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82	529 Linden	1928		Rebuilt after 1984 fire	Ziedonis
83	519 Linden	1955			Flisser
84	609 Tulip Tree	1946			Mac Donald
85	615 Tulip Tree	1930			Linders
86	622 Tulip Tree	1949		Early geenhouse graced its front	Mac Donald III
87	705 Alder	1928	"Thistle Dew"		Wolk
88	713 Alder	1930			Miller, C
89	717 Alder	1931	"Brigadoon"		Connor
90	725 Alder	1880*		Pre-existing Heydt chicken coop	Miller,R
91	642 Tulip Tree	1880*	"Flynn's Farm"	Pre-existing Heydt farmhouse,	Flynn
92	635 Tulip Tree	1935			Mitchell

Deaconess (Philadelphia Motherhouse) & Mary J Drexel Home Relationship to PFLA



(1922 - now)

Only here

Location - 5513 Paradise Valley Road

- *This topic is one of PF's anomalies because we have so little information about it. We'll provide what we do know here, without putting it into any of the binders until we have more confirmation of the details
- *During A Raymond Raff's illness (perhaps tuberculosis) he recuperated at the Mary J Drexel Home, likely nursed back to health by their staff and the Lutheran Sisters from the Philadelphia Motherhouse. As his health improved, he also spent time in the clean air near Henryville in the Pocono Mountains. When completely recovered, he rewarded the above caregivers with 12 acres of his own Pocono land to build a summer vacation place to which those staffs could go to relax and renew their lives.
- *It was a private gift to those healing entities, never meant to be confused with the 23 adjacent acres of his land that he donated to Paradise Falls to start a Lutheran resort (October 17, 1922)
- *Those healing communities built a cottage, planted gardens, and had farm animals to milk and use for food. *The deaconesses were good neighbors to our growing resort. We saw them most often at worship services. That cottage never had a PF #, and PF members understood their private land status. There were wooden steps leading directly to the Falls from this home.*
- *The PF 23 acres was the only land that PF ever received from Mr Raff because the Board chose not to build the fancy hotel and golf course that Raff envisioned and refused to allow certain activities during Sunday services.
- *Disenchanted with PFLA, when Mr Raff had 50 + acres of land to donate near Swiftwater Road (now in (GIRTS) #58 land), he gave it in 1947 to the Home and Motherhouse, not to us!
- *The only way PF was able to acquire those #58 acres was to pay Mary J Drexel Home, and the Motherhouse \$10,000 dollars when they chose to privately sell it to us in 1952.
- *Unfortunately, the head sister who ran the original 12 acre Summer Home for Deaconesses, made sure she sold it in 1996 to a private citizen, not to anyone involved with PF
- * It remains outside our jurisdiction and boundaries remain contentious at times. *This home is pictured below.*

1930 Member Berzinski Built - - willed to Deaconess Cottage (Baltimore House) - -

Now #22 COTTAGE

See COTTAGE BINDER

Location - 125 Summit Drive

*Contrary to the experience above, a member donated this cottage for the Baltimore Motherhouse sisters' use. After they chose to stop coming, this Motherhouse gladly sold it to PF sanctioned members.



← Mr Raff donated the 12 acres on which this Philadelphia Deaconess / Mary J Drexel home was built. Today it remains a privately owned land parcel in the middle of our southern land area.

Dietrich, (Dimmick) Barn - PF NESTLEDOWN - #72 COTTAGE (1870 - now)
Location - 105 Dietrich Ln at intersection of Nestledown Rd & Dietrich Ln

See green, yellow,
NESTLEDOWN, COTTAGE

(father) Dimmicks was 3 story, L-shaped "Bank-style" barn. Many remodels, restaurant addition formed NESTLEDOWN till 1950. Downsizing formed #72 COTTAGE.

Dietrich, (Dimmick) Farmhouse - - PF Dietrick House - #71 COTTAGE (1870 - now)
Location - 107 Dietrick Ln at intersection of Nestledown Rd & Dietrick Ln

See green, yellow / COTTAGE &
NESTLEDOWN BINDER

(father) Dimmick's farmhouse first housed PF leaders, surveyors, and staff working at NESTLEDOWN till 1950. Remodeling for a #71 COTTAGE followed.

Dietrich (Harvey) Barn - - + addition = SOCIAL HALL (1870 - now)
Location - Primrose Dr near Gate Lodge

See green, orange / CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

(son) Harvey's 3 story, "Bank-style" barn's outside stone work, inside rough rafters show original size. 1930's huge addition created still used SOCIAL HALL venue.

Dietrich (Harvey) Farmhouse - - + addition = above - rental rooms - - Caretaker, s Apt (1870 - now)
Location - 103 Beach (nr Social Hall) = main - TEA ROOM

See green, orange/
CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

(son) Harvey's home housed 14 family members before 2 story addition created GATE LODGE OFFICE, INN, and still enjoyed GIFT SHOP and TEA ROOM!

DUMP (1925 - @1965)

Location on Cranberry Creek Road just beyond the #80 cottage on the other side of the road

Here only

- * The silt from the 1967 lake dredging was spread on the top of the unused dump
- * After the mid sixties, trash was collected, recycled and picked up by private waste removal companies

Electricity at PF 10-12-1926

- * Our earliest days were complicated before the arrival of electricity at PF. Use of candles, oil and kerosene was dangerous and undependable
- * Nestledown was glad not to depend on ice for refrigeration, and to flick switches for lighting

Environmental Concerns over the years:

- * Fish Hatchery Pollution
- * Stream and Lake Silting

Tree Infestations
Noise from proposed Quarry

FALLS - SCENIC TREASURE THAT PROVIDES OUR NAME

(Timeless)

See WATER BINDER

Before our ownership

*1890 - Tourists from Mt Pocono visit

*1897 - Land owner hosted regular visits - Township Building has photo of picnickers on a rock with Falls in background

After our 1926 ownership

*10-7-26 PF bought the 114acre Harvey Dietrick (former Haller) Farm that included the Falls for \$800

*6-1926 Built Falls Pavillion (Shelter) and outhouses (female over bridge), (male on this side of bridge) to encourage tourism
Toll taking - See here & BUILDING BINDER

*1926 - 1929 Guests swim at base of Falls

*6-29-31 Falls was open on Sunday

*1955 Hurricane Diane's flooding destroyed the bridges above and below Falls and the area below

*2002 New road gave access by car to the base of our Falls. Ruth Larison suggested it in celebration of 80th Anniversary

*2007 Memorial Garden top of steps with bench engraved names of departed loved ones See here & ACTIVITIES II BINDER
John Lindholm suggested this and it was dedicated in his memoryFinances

(1922 - now)

See HISTORY & TROUBLING TIMES BINDERS

Dues and Assesment History - See timeline here, & HISTORY BINDER

The positive and negative times in our PF history came with the rise and fall of US history (1929 Stock Market Crash, World War II) cyclical flooding events (especially in 1955), and our area's tourism trends and demands. The combination of circumstances convinced wise Board members to shelve our original dreams of being a Pocono Resort with all the amenities tourists of that era demanded, to become a modest year round cottage colony where families choose to come generation after generation.

Fire Protection

(1922 - now)

See TROUBLING TIMES BINDER

- 1900 A Fire Tower at the top of Mt Sophia was manned to spot local forest fires
- 1920s A gong (photo in Lounge) announced meals and would alert people to any emergency situation at PF. Portable fire hose could be pulled to fire "stations" around grounds with direct connections to our water system.
- 1930s, 1940s Social Hall bell, elaborate system to signal location of the fire was introduced. System was tested at noon each Saturday.
- 1950s on A loud siren replaced the bell. *See 1940s era P.F. fire rules on poster in Troubling Times Binder.*
- 9-27-94 Township, and US 911 System required that PF build a new reinforced car bridge that would support local fire engine access everywhere on our property.
- 2011 on Every PF cottage has an official 911 address and all roads have newly required signs. Reverse 911 alerts in emergencies also will be invaluable in all emergencies

Fires on PF property -

(In 90 year history)

See TROUBLING TIMES BINDER

7-1926	Surveyor Shed	total loss	not rebuilt
Summer 1934	#63 Cottage	total loss, 1 fatality	rebuilt - 109 Laurel
Summer 1935	White Cottage Rental	small area	repaired - 207 Rabbit
Winter 1984	#82 Cottage	total loss	rebuilt - 529 Linden
June 2021	#8 Cottage	total loss	- 278 Summit

Fishing

(1923 - now)

See WATER BINDER, 50th Anniversary BINDER

- Along Paradise Stream Since 1880 it has been known as a good trout fishing spot
Grew in popularity after hatchery was built and our dam created the lake
Fly fishing only in the creek
- In Lake Crawford Fly and worm fishing
- Fishing Rules at PF All must have a valid state license and a PF member tag identifying you as a member or guest of member

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FARM ACQUISITIONS - WORDS DESCRIBING THE APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS OF LAND DONATED OR BOUGHT BY PF IN 1920S

LANDS WEST OF RTE 191

- Harvey Dietrick (Haller) Farm (included Falls, quarries, Hotel site)
- Franklin Bush Farm (beyond "Chalet")
- Russell Henry Farm ("")

LANDS EAST AND WEST OF RTE 191

- Lasher Tenant Farm Land (Sycamore Dr area)
- James Heydt Farm (at north end of PF)
- Abend Ruhe Farmland (at south end of PF)

LANDS EAST OF RTE 191

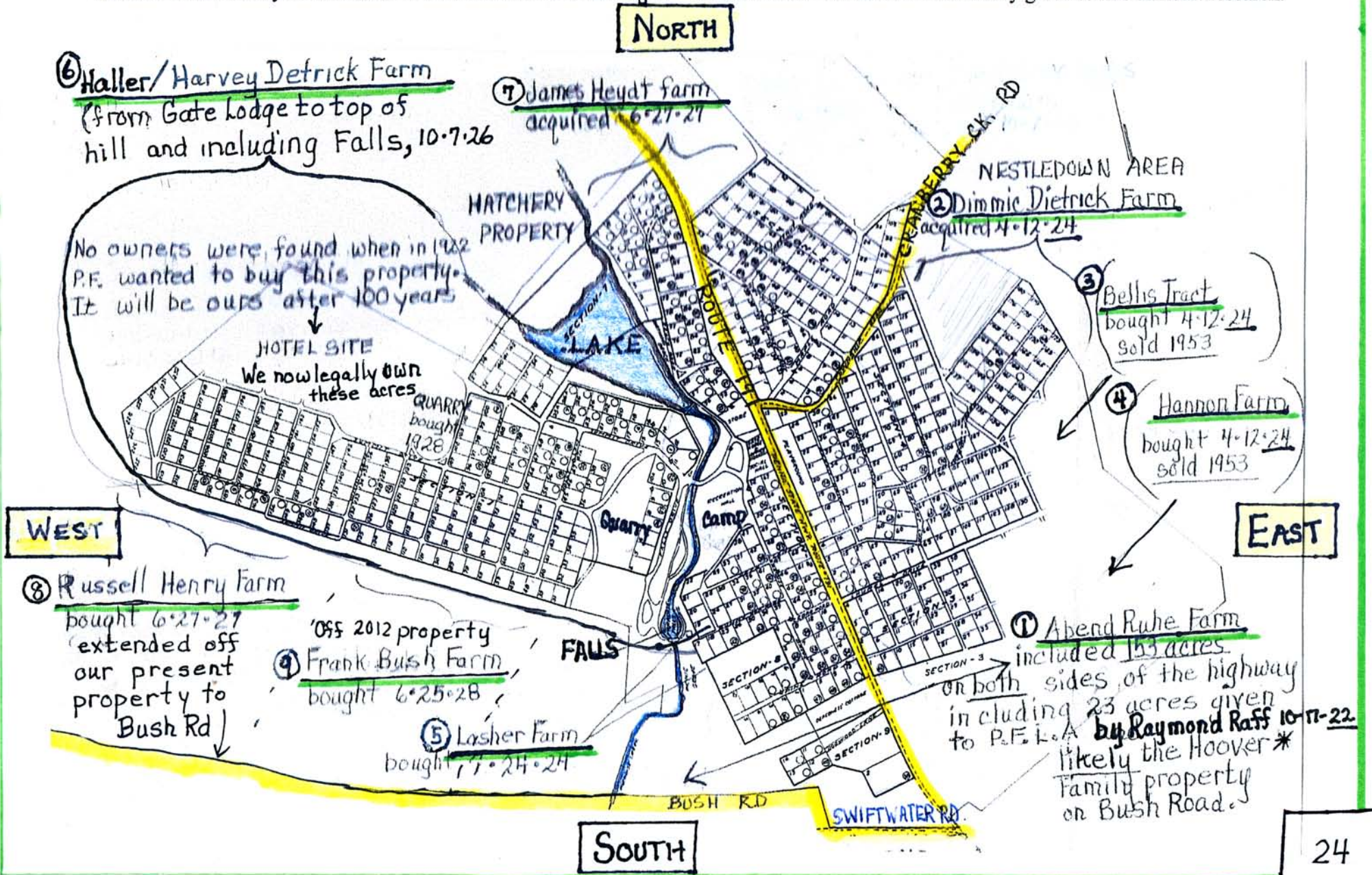
- Dimmick Dietrick Farm (included Nestledown area)
- Hannon Farm (beyond Nestledown)
- Bellis Tract ("")



FARM ACQUISITIONS - A MAP SUGGESTING THE LIKELY LOCATIONS OF LAND DONATED OR BOUGHT BY PF IN THE 1920S

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We include here this inaccurate guess of where the original nine farms making up our early property were located. It is not even on a 1920 survey, but the 1967 one that reproduces better. We look forward to replacing it with a much more accurate one after we finish our land record searches at the County Courthouse. Please thank Jennifer Ehinger all the dozens of hours she has already given to this difficult research.



FARM ACQUISITION SPREADSHEET

These spreadsheets summarize our best information about the nine farms and eventual 550 acres of PF property donated or bought between 1922 and 1928. The dates come from several PF sources (ie minutes, correspondence, 50th, 75th anniversary research, etc). Recent 2012 land records sometimes don't confirm even popular information we have all come to believe. For this reason, the below dates will likely have to be amended as Jennifer Ehinger learns the truth in legal documents. Also feel free to suggest any information changes of your own, by putting notes inside these sleeves. X in the last column indicates that the entity no longer exists in any form on our land.

<u>Seller/ Donor</u>	<u># Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Original Use</u>	<u>Built</u>	<u>PF Rec'd</u>	<u>PF Usage & Milestones</u>	<u>2012 Owner</u>
Raymond Raff Donation	23 a.	4 a. west, 19 a. east of Rte 191	Lasher farmhouse, RR walkers' apts., Raff land	1890	10-17-22	1924- first acres surveyed 1925- Kidd fam bought, remodeled Private cottage since 1925	[redacted] #50
?		Intersection of West Rte 191, & Swiftwater Rd	Abend Ruhe farm house	1880	4-12-24	PF staff housing Caretaker house year round Private cottage since 1964	[redacted] #58
?		East Rte 191 across from Abend Ruhe house	Abend Ruhe Barn & Shed	1890	4-12-24	PF Riding horse stable for guests and girl campers, & storage for farm antiques. Set afire after no longer needed	X
Dimmic Detrick	200a	East of Rte 191 Nestledown area	Dimmic Dietrick's farmhouse, 2 Srs	1870	4-12-24	Early years, Detrick House was office, staff, surveyor housing, eatery. 1948 - 52 vacant, vandalized	[redacted] #71
Dimmic Detrick	^	^	Dimmic Dietrick's L shaped Pennsylvania barn	1870	4-12-24	1924-1952 much remodeling, many add-ons accomodating ___ guests on-site up to ___ per meal 1952- 1958 - empty Private cottage since 1959	[redacted] #72
Bellis Tract	42 a	East side Rte 191 beyond Hoyt	Bellis family home & barn	1890	4-12-24	Poor condition buildings both demolished	Acres sold -in 1953

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Original Use</u>	<u>Built</u>	<u>PF Bought</u>	<u>PF Usage & Milestones</u>	<u>2012 Owner</u>
Hannon Family	100a	Beyond Nestledown	Hannon home ,barn near Cranberry Ck	1880	4-12-24	9-21-25 - demolished for lot & lake surveying	1953 sold to pay off debts
Harvey Detrick (Haller)	114a	West side Rte 191 Gate Lodge/Falls Area	Basic -Haller <u>home</u> Back addition housed 17 Detricks in 1910!	1870	10-7-26 \$800	1920s - PF Office for all guest arr. Staff housing 1931 - Huge 2 story addition had ___ Bedrms, Tea Room below 196_ - Remodeled second story into year apartment for caretaker family	Gate Lodge/ Tea Room, Office, storage rec room
Harvey Detrick	^	^	Harvey Detrick's "Bank style" <u>barn</u> ie-hay above, tools -main, animals below.	1870	10-7-26	1920 - used remodeled barn for indoor activities 1931 - 3 story addition provided ___ guest on main, Pastor Bdrms above, meeting/worship rm on main, staff housing below	Social Hall- Worship, mtg apt below, upper floor unused
Harvey Detrick	^	^	Blacksmith Shop - Likely 2 nd job for H.D.	1900	10-7-26	1923 - 1926 used for storage, surveyor shed	Fire destroyed July, 1926
James Heydt	74a.	East of Rte 191 near entrance to north Beach Rd	James Heydt farm-house, ancestor of #18 & #35 cottages	1890	6-27-27	1927 - 1970 Staff housing Private residence since 1971	[redacted] #91
James Heydt	^	^	James Heydt farm chicken coop	1890	6-27-27	1926 - was remodeled into family cottage Private residence since then	[redacted] #90
James Heydt	^	West of Rte191 near entrance to north Beach Rd	Heydt "bank style" barn"	1890	6-27-27	By 10-28-29 remodeling began Private cottage since then	[redacted] #33

FARM ACQUISITION SPREADSHEET Page 3

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Seller	Acres	Location	Original Use	Built	PF Bought	PF Usage & Milestones	2012 Owner
Russell Henry	30a	Upper loop area of Summit Dr	Henry family barn and farmhouse	NI	6-27-27	Owned briefly in hopes of funding golf Course and/or big hotel on the hill	Resold NI
Franklin Bush	30a	Upper Summit Dr down to Bush Rd	Bush Farmhouse, and outbuildings	NI	9-19-27, 6-25-28	Owned briefly until 1929 Crash dashed hopes of building the hotel and golf course envisioned in that area	10-24-41 sold to Ch Roswell for \$4000
Quarry lands	?	#1- above shale pit	Likely part of H.Detrick land	NA	10-13-28	Used shale, no lots surveyed because given a 100 yr lease when previous will recipient not found to inherit her acres	PF will own free/clear by 2023
	?	#2-near Cottage #24	^	NA	^	? Re clear title may refer to this part instead of the above	We now own these acres
Hotel Site	?	Above #1 quarry	^	NA	9-19-27	{ Attempts to locate Etna Haller reg. acres	Stands unused until 2023
					1-23-28 6-25-28		

FLOODS AT PARADISE FALLS

(1922 - now)

See TROUBLING TIMES BINDER

9-18-1955 *Hurricane Diane hit the already soaking wet Poconos with enough devastation to call it the most destructive natural disaster ever in our area.
 *Damage at PF 10 camp cabins bridge above Falls road up to the car bridge
 docks at lake bridge below Falls Falls pavillion
 roads dam leakage few services for miles around

It took more than twenty years to recover financially after this catastrophe!

1987 & 2009 Lesser damage to the area below the Falls

Many pages of "Diane " coverage all around Pennsylvania is preserved in the TROUBLING TIMES BINDER and elsewhere in our archives

FUN FACTS FROM PF'S EARLY DAYS

taken from an early brochure

year	#acres	#cottages	# rental rms	#summer guests	power used
1923	23	0	0	0	candle light
1924	300a	0	14	44	candles
1925	414	6	40	300	oil lamps
1926	488a	9	72	600	gasoline lamps
1927	550a	18	100	1000	<u>electricity 10-12-26</u>
1928		25	125	1200	
1929		33	155	1350	Last cottage electrified 1944
1930		37	185	1550	Concrete 2 lane road
Interim years	-113a	+ 50			
By 2012	437 acres	87 cottages	Only cottages for rent	No statistics for guests that visit member cottages	

GARAGES AT PF

(See below dates)

Individual cross references are below

NESTLEDOWN GARAGE "The Carriage House"

(10-12-26 - now)

See Carriage House/ NESTLEDOWN , BUILDINGS & COTTAGE BINDERS

Location - 104 Dietrich Ln

- *NESTLEDOWN & BUILDINGS BINDERS give its PF use, COTTAGE BINDER -its use as privately owned home #70
- *Though this is on Dimmick Dietrich land, it was not a farm building, but one of the earliest built by PF!
- *Serviced the buildings on the east side of Rte 191

CENTER COMPLEX GARAGE

(10-12-26 - now)

See here and CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

Location - 911 address unknown but behind and between Social Hall and Gate Lodge

- *PF built this garage to service the buildings on the west side of Rte 191 and the original building layouts were similar
- *Became the only PF garage when we closed our guest room rentals and restaurant operations
- *Remodeled several times to accommodate the larger snow removal etc machines requisite to having members live here year round

GAS STATION

(1-30-31 - 1945)

(1946 - now) - Athletic Shed

See BUILDINGS BINDER

Location - the present athletic shed is the painted original PF gas station

1931

- *As soon as Rte 90/191 was widened to two lanes and cemented in our area (4-25-1930) the Board okayed this station
- *Operated for fourteen years selling 4 brands of fuel in 6 pumps at the going rate of 14 cents per gallon +3¢ tax
- *Good Gulf Gas was pumped up into gravity holding tanks, then dispensed by hose into cars. Rationing limited family usage to two gallons each 6 months
- * Station provided fuel for PF trucks, machinery, and guest pick-up station wagon.
- * Kerosene was also dispensed for cottagers' heat and light needs

1945

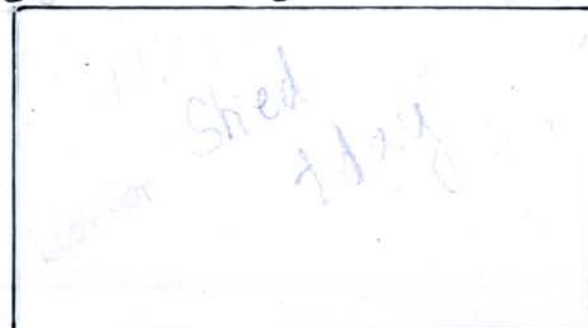
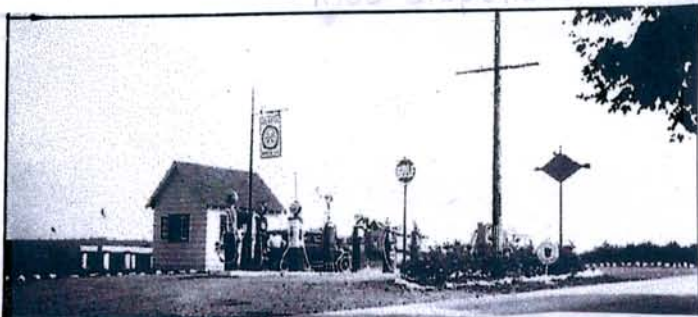
* The war years' gas rationing and competition from local, bigger, full service gas stations caused its closing.

1946 - now

* Proximity to the shuffleboard, basketball, baseball, tennis and our original kids playground made it an ideal building for athletic equipment

P.F Gas Station was across road from Gate Lodge.

Today, same building "houses" athletic equipment



GATE LODGE - Harvey Dietrich (former Haller) Farmhouse (1870 - now) *No given #* See CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER
Location - 103 Beach Rd (ie present site of Tea Room)

- *1870 G. W. Smith Farmhouse - with simple original roof line, 4 room house with full basement
- *1900 One story addition at the back with crawlspace below
- *1925 Harvey Dietrich Family of 14 resides here
- *10-7-26 Paradise Valley Lutheran Assoc. purchases this 114 acres (also known as the Haller Farm) for \$800
Now that we own the Falls situated on this farm, the Board can rightfully call this corporation - Paradise Falls Lutheran Assoc.
- *1926 - 30 PF used the once remodeled main floor as and office and reception area for guests
upper floor as year round staff housing, as well as summer housing for office workers, social directors, etc. This is why, till today, there is a kitchenette on this 2nd floor
basement - installed huge water tank and pump to get water to future guest bedrooms above
- *4-24-31 **HUGE TWO STORY ADDITION** DOUBLES THE SIZE OF GATE LODGE AT THE LEFT END OF IT
FIRST LEVEL TEA ROOM 1931 - now
 - 1931-1951 Served snacks, ice cream, etc during limited hours
 - 1952 - 1956 Began serving meals to guests when Nestledown closed
 - 1960 - now Serving snacks and encouraging fellowship each evening from 7 - 10 pm

*Charges
Sailed*

SECOND LEVEL USE

1922 - now

1922-2013

Already winterized with upstairs kitchen added, right end used by winter-summer staff.

1924-1931 - 1955

Guest rental bedrooms, and shared baths *staff usage = 1955 - 89*

1955 - 1987

Social Directors used right end 'apartment' some summers

1987

Remodeled into a year-round caretaker family apartment which included the building of a second story porch

1987 - now

First caretaker to use- Mark Airey See GROUPS BINDER for list of other Caretakers

2000 - now

Constant repairs because half of it was built in 1870 & the other half in 1931

2015

Discussions re how second level apartment might be used in the future.



GIFT SHOP IN THE TEA ROOM

(1931 - 1953) and (1968 - now)

See BUILDINGS BINDER

Location - 103 Beach Road (ie in the Gate Lodge Tea Room)

*1931 - 1953

See below the earliest photo we have of the gift shop, located always in the corner of the Tea Room where there is a door into the ping pong room. Bertha Heid, our faithful office staff person also happily sold souvenirs, gifts, etc during the limited hours that the Tea Room was open. The Ladies Auxiliary also provided staff and used profits for many of its projects on the grounds. 1953 saw this location closed and the construction of a new building next to the store

*1968 - now

After the free-standing gift shop was torn down, the selling of souvenirs, post cards and gifts came back to the Tea Room where its own staff supplied and sold them

GIFT SHOP NEXT TO THE STORE

(1954 - 1967 torn down, no longer exists)

See BUILDINGS BINDER

Comp 19

Location - on land that now holds our posted mailboxes)

*1954-1967

Elsie Hines and the Ladies Auxiliary spearheaded the plan to commercially market our PF gifts in a separate and more visible place close to Rte 191. The building enclosed half, then the whole Store porch. Their hard work proved initially successful. Profits were much appreciated because the Ladies Auxiliary always reinvested them for important PF projects. Those funds were critical to saving PF from bankruptcy following the 1955 flooding and its aftermath.

*1968

When we stopped our guest room rentals and restaurant operation and went to a cottage colony plan for our acres, it meant there were no tourists and only members left to support the Gift Shop. The board chose to raze both the store and the gift shop in favor of using the site for a Lounge that would promote fellowship needs of the cottage colony concept.

P.F.s earliest gift shop was in right-hand corner of the Tea Room.



Free-standing Gift Shop was built next to the store on its former porch and ran from 1954-1967. Benefactor Mrs Crawford is taller woman.



Golf Course Dream

(1920 -1930)

See HISTORY BINDER

Mr A Raymond Raff and other early leaders envisioned both a fancy hotel and golf course to be placed either beyond Nestledown or midway up Summit Hill, They went as far as purchasing 4 extra farms to fulfill those dreams. When finances tightened with the 1929 Crash and World War II, the P.F. Board was less inclined toward laying out a golf course especially one that was open on Sunday. An upset Raff never again gave any land to P.F.

Heydt Barn - - #33 COTTAGE (1880 - now) See green, yellow & FARM & COTTAGE BINDERS
Location - 168 Beach Rd

Heydt's cows sheltered, grazed, drank Paradise stream water across road from house, later a remodeled #33

Heydt Chicken Coop - - #90 COTTAGE (1880 - now) See green, yellow & FARM & COTTAGE BINDERS
Location - 725 Alder Ln

Heydt's sturdy "chicken coop" was moved, remodeled to house #90 P.F families

Heydt Farmhouse - #91 COTTAGE (1880 - now) See green, yellow & FARM & COTTAGE BINDERS
Location - 642 Tulip Tree Ln

Heydt's house became PF's "SUNSET COTTAGE" staff housing before becoming private COTTAGE #91

HOOVER LAND () See BUILDINGS & SURVEYS

Location - See map at right

*Bill Hoover, PF member since 1998, but friend since 1950, generously chose to buy 33 acres adjacent to PF to provide us with a buffer zone on the SW corner of PF land.

*Surprisingly, his deed revealed that those acres had once belonged to A. Raymond Raff!

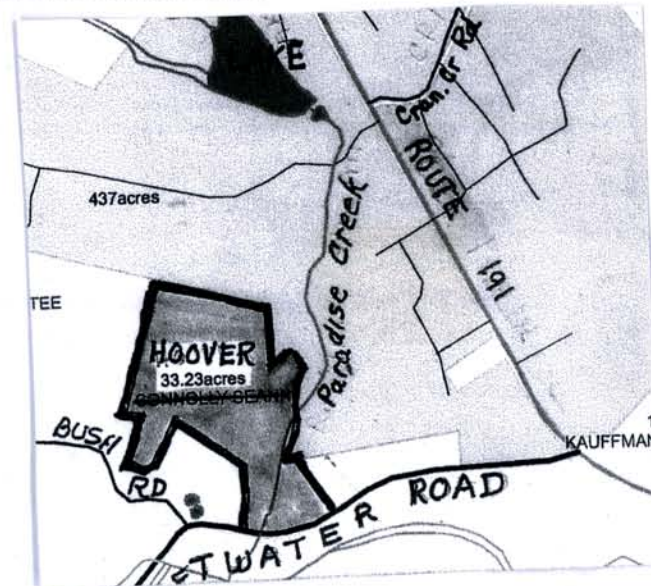
Lasher Getz Smith/Jones

A. Raymond Raff (1914)

Raff daughter and spouse, Walter Riley

Sean Connery

Bill Hoover(2008) *to now*



See HISTORY BINDER

Hotel Site Plans (1920 - 1930)

Location - Midway up Summit Hill

*Early leaders and A Raymond Raff envisioned a 5 Star rated hotel for guests at PF. They purchased extra farmland to accomplish this goal, until the 1929 Stock Market Crash and economic realities forced them rethink more modest goals.

* The exact area where the hotel was supposed to be placed was on land that PF did not have clear title to, because the technical owner could not be located. We instead were given a 99 year lease on it, that would accrue to PF in 2020 should no owner be found by then. For this reason, it was agreed that the site would remain untouched and unimproved until such time as we acquire clear title to it at that date

**The inheritor was never located, so P.F. now legally owns this hotel-site land above shalepit*

HISTORY - ALPHABETIZED & DATED

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- A ← Abend Ruhe / Raff 23 acre gift 10-17-1922
- B ← Blacksmith Shop 1880-1926
 Bridge (Car) - Reinforced for 911 edlet 9-27-1994
- B Bellis Farm purchase 4-12-1924
 Brown Cottage use @ 1929 - 1950', now cottage #74
 Bush, (Franklin) Farm purchase 6-25-28
 Beach Pavillion 2021
- C Camp Operation 1931 - 1952 X
 Camp Dining Hall at Nestledown 1935 - 1950 X
 Caretaker Apt at Gate Lodge remodel and use 1977 - 2014 now
 "Carriage House" at Nestledown 10-12-26 - now cottage #70
- D Deaconess/Drexel Home land gift from Raff 10-17-22
 Deaconess Cottage use 1931 - 1991,
 1996 - now private off-site owner
 Detrick, (Dimmic) Farm purchase 4-12-24 (Nestledown)
 Detrick, (Harvey) Farm purchase 10-7-26 (Gate Lodge)
 Dump usage 1925-1965
- E Electricity Hook- up at PF 10-12-26
 Falls area swimming 1926 - 1928
 Falls access road 2002, repair 2005
- F Falls Land purchase 10-7-26 (Haller, Harvey Detrick farm)
 Falls Pavillion and restrooms 10-12-26
 Fires at PF 1926, 1934, 1984, 2021
 Floods at PF "Hurricane Diane" 1955, 1987, 2009
- G ← Garage at Center 10-12-26 - now
 Gas Station use 1-20-31 - 1945,
 Gate Lodge Office 1926 - now
 Gate Lodge Inn 1931 - 1951, now apartment
 Gate Lodge Tea Room 4-24-31 - now
 Gift Shop (Tea Room) 1931 - 1953, and 1969 - now
 Gift Shop (next to Store) 1954 - 1968
 Girls Camp Operation 1930-1952
 Girls Camp Dining Hall 1931 - 1952
 G. Camp Dining Hall razed 1979
- H ← Hannon Farm purchase 4-12-24 X (near R.R. Tracks)
 Henry, (Russell) Farm purchase 6-27-27 X
 Heydt, (James) Farm purchase 6-27-27
 Highway, Rte 90 cemented 4-25-1930 now Route 191
 Hotel Site Inquiries 9-19-27, 1-23-28, 6-25-28 P.F. will own 2021
 Hoover purchase to protect PF borders 2008
- I Ice House 9-21-25 (later linen storage, cottage shed)
 Incorporation Papers 3-9-23 first Paradise Valley Lutheran Assoc.
- L Ladies Auxiliary 1929 - now
 Lake Crawford use 1939 - now
 Lasher, (Seldon) Farm purchase 4-12-24, now cottage #50
 Lounge use 1968 - now
- M Memorial Garden at the Falls 2007 - now
- N Nestledown renovations 1923 - 1930
 Nestledown Inn operation 1926 - 1952, home since 1957
 Nestledown Restaurant addition 1941 - 1953 X
 Nestledown Rte 90 Entrance Pillars 4-7-27
- O Oil House 10-12-26 - 1968
- P ← Pastor's Apartment in Social Hall @ 1990 - now, remodeled 2003
 Pond Usage 1929 - 1938
 Post Office in Store 7-22-1946 - 5-31-56 X
 Pump House at Summit Hill Reservoir 1-23-28 - now
 Pump House below Dam @ 1930 - _____ X
 Playground Equipment - east @ 1930, west 1970, wooden 1990
- Q Quarry at Shale Pit, and near Falls purchases 10-13-28
- R Raff, (A Raymond) land donation Oct 17, 1922
 Rec Hall in camp area @ 1960 - 1979 X
 Reservoir Hill / Summit Drive land purchase 1926

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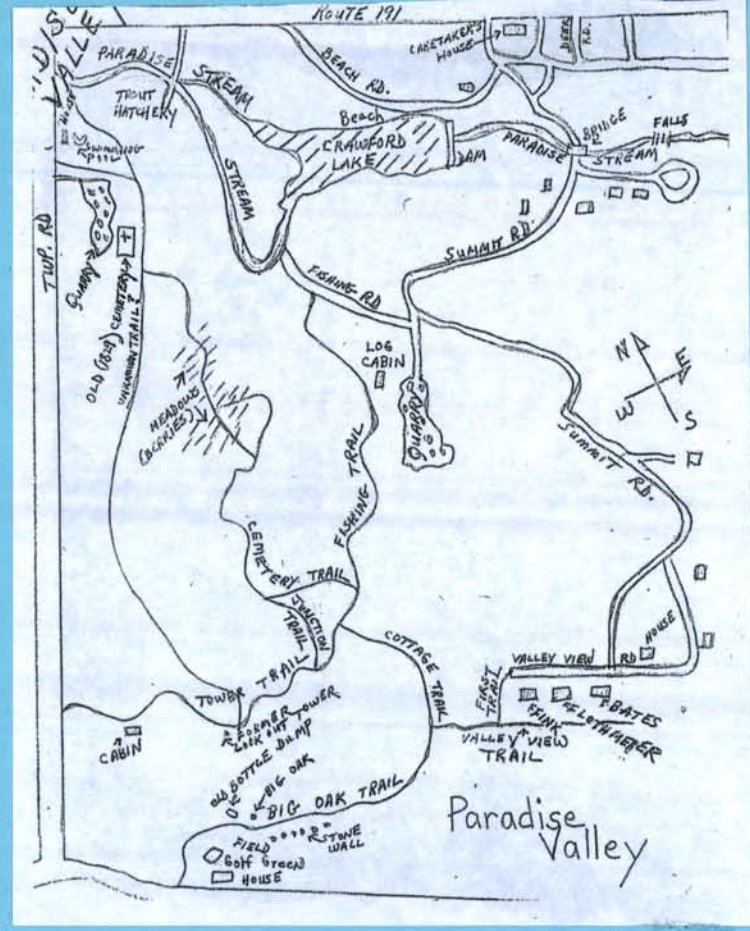
Paradise Valley Walking Trails

- S Shale Pit (See Quarry)
- Shuffleboard Courts @1927 - now
- Social Hall 3 story addition 4-25-1930
- Social Hall Guest room usage 1930 - @ 1953 X
- Social Hall Main Floor use 1930 - now
- Social Hall Pastor's Apartment use ____ - now
- Spray first published 4-7-27 - now
- Store Operation @ 1927 - 1968 X
- Sunset Cottage usage by PF - , now home
- Surveys #1 Authorized 10.12.25, 10.12.26, 9.21.27
- #2 @ 1951
- #3 1967
- #4 2001

- T Tea Room renovation & use 4-24-31 - Now
- Telephone (3 party association line) installed @1930
- Tennis Courts 9-21-1925 - now
- Toll house, various places near car bridge now home shed #27

- V Vespers held on Summit Hill 1920s - 1939
- Vespers at Crawford Cottage Lawn 1940's - 1960
- Vehicles for transport to from R.R. Station Wagon 6.1929

- W Water Reservoir on Summit Hill 1-23-1928 - now
- White Cottage Rental use 1929 - @1954 now cottage
- Women's Auxiliary (See Ladies Auxiliary)



* * * PLEASE USE THIS INFO WITH NEXT HISTORY PAGES * * *



PAGES 35-39 DOCUMENT EVENTS OF P.F.'S FIRST FIVE DECADES, 1922-1971, ORIGINALLY PRINTED IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET.

PAGES 41-51 FINISH OUR HISTORY OF THE LAST FIVE DECADES, 1972-2022

THE FIRST DECADE 1922-1931

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association in its first decade was a composite of the efforts of many Christian people. It was building foundations, writing constitutions, holding endless meetings, selecting officers and leaders, expanding facilities, buying land, raising money and dreaming dreams.

If there were to be one person who was responsible for the decade's success, it would have to be the Rev. Clifford E. Hays. He came to PF after an auto accident which left him partially paralyzed, soon saw the great potential of the place and plunged in to work mightily for it. Great

credit also goes to Mr. William F. Buckner, the first president.

In the fall of 1922 the gift of 23 acres of farm land by a Philadelphia builder, Mr. A. Raymond Raff, set off a series of purchases of additional farm land, so that by 1928 PFLA owned approximately 500 acres of beautiful mountain property. For several summers a crew of young men surveyed the property, laying out subdivisions for cottages, a lake and 68 acres for a hotel and golf course. Barns and farm houses were soon turned into rooming and boarding facilities and a hall for social events and church services.

Twice within the first decade large sums of money were procured through the sale of bonds, first \$40,000 in 1926 and an offer of \$150,000 in November 1928, only part of which was raised by membership subscription. The proceeds of the sale of these 1928 bonds were to be used "to refund the \$40,000 bond issue of 1926, to liquidate notes issued for purchase of properties recently added, and to provide funds for development of the lake, enlargement of the dining hall and kitchen, assembly room of Social Hall, construction of cottages for lodging guests, additional water lines, construction of roads and a bridge on the road to the Falls and hotel site, and the purchase of additional automotive equipment." (advertisement in "Lutheran" of March 7, 1929.)

Incorporation 3/9/23

Surveying Land 1925-1927

Construction of White and Brown Cottages 1929

In 1927 the first "Spray" appeared. It was a printed bulletin and carried news of activities and plans for the summer. Originally it was produced in July, August, and in mid-winter. Later it became a mimeographed weekly.

By the end of 1929 PFLA showed receipts of over \$72,000 (Membership fees - \$4,900; Bonds - \$30,000; Dues \$3,400; Store - \$4,600; Rooming - \$6,000; Board - \$13,400; Gate House \$1,465, with the balance from miscellaneous sources.)

Suggestions were made in 1930 regarding the possibility of building a swimming pool. At the end of the decade such a pool was provided by building a dam across Paradise Creek below the Schuler cottage.

Near the end of the decade a Girls' camp was built and put in operation, accommodating 40 girls and counselors.

Space does not permit the chronicle of names of clergymen and laymen who labored diligently for PF in its first decade to appear here, but they do appear in other places in this book.

During these early ambitious years some dreams never materialized. The promised hotel and golf course had to be abandoned and the lake was uncertain.

In preparation for the lake to be built by constructing a dam across Cranberry

Creek, trees had been felled and a road built. However, not enough bonds were sold by August 1929 to warrant letting the contract. Discovery of insufficient water flow, followed by the 1929 stock market crash and the beginning of "the great depression" forced the relinquishment of future plans for this project.

Later in the decade the Brown and White cottages were built to care for the many guests who continued to come for a week or more each summer.

Growth in membership was very rapid during this decade. The guest list at Nestledown and the list of persons purchasing early memberships read like a "Who's Who" of Lutherans in the twenties. Excursions by train and bus were arranged and hundreds of people came to PF from the New York and Philadelphia areas. Promotional ads appeared in "The Lutheran" Movies and slides depicting the attractions of PF were shown in many churches. Memberships were offered in those days to organizations and individuals. Thousands of tracts and leaflets were distributed everywhere.

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1922-1931

THE SECOND DECADE 1932-1941

At the beginning of this decade our country was in a continuing severe economic depression. At the end of the decade we were at war with Germany and Japan, both disasters affecting PFLA, as they did the whole nation. The earlier ambitious plans of the founders necessarily had to be cut to more manageable size. It was a period of consolidation of gains, a settling down to the realities of paying off notes and of keeping operations going and shifting to new leadership.

A new name which appeared prominently during this time was that of Mr. Erwin W. Moyer, the manager-treasurer of the association. Following the death of the first President Mr. William F. Buckner,

Mr. John Borgstede and the Rev. Harvey S. Kidd served as Presidents consecutively.

Paradise Falls Girls' Camp was enlarged to accommodate 75 girls. The success of the camp led some to suggest that a similar camp for boys and later, for adults be provided. These proposals were turned down as financially impractical.

During this decade PF provided physical facilities for several annual functions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, their Summer Schools and Inner Missions Conferences.

Complexities in administering the association, not foreseen in the original constitution and by-laws, led to the adoption of a new constitution in 1934.

Camp Operation

Dam built to create Lake Crawford

In 1935 a tragedy occurred when the sister of Dr. J. A. W. Haas was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the original Mueller cottage. This made the community conscious of fire hazards.

Beginning in 1938 a series of Mid-winter reunion dinners were held at Strawbridge and Clothiers' in Philadelphia and at various places in the New York area.

Probably the highlight of this decade was the building of Lake Crawford. In 1938 ground was broken and the next summer the lake was dedicated. Mrs. Bertha Crawford, who had summered at the Hays Cottage, gave \$6,000 toward the total cost of approximately \$23,000, with the stipulation that the lake be named in memory of her husband, Mr. Alfred Crawford.

In 1938 a worsening financial picture becomes apparent. In an effort to keep the charges low, deficits developed in operations, causing great concern. Assessments of \$100.00 were levied against cottagers to help pay for a new bond indebtedure for original bonds falling due.

During this decade fewer cottages were built. Work which began with high

hopes and zeal in the first decade now slowed measurably, but still many guests continued to come to Paradise Falls.

Social Hall has
3 story addition

Depression
1929

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1932-1941

THE THIRD DECADE 1942-1951

At the beginning of this decade the United States was still feeling the impact of World War II. Gas rationing caused the closing of our gas station, and some trees were thinned out for defense industries. Because people could not travel widely, rooming and boarding facilities at PF were filled to capacity.

The association paid off, by an annual drawing, the \$23,000 indebtedness for the dam, but because of tight finances, no new construction was begun. Road improvements were curtailed and needed additional play facilities could not be provided.

Many prominent leaders of PFLA died during this decade: Dr. F. H. Knubel, Honorary President; two Presidents, John Borgstede and Rev. Harvey S. Kidd; Wesley Ohl, Rev. Fred Flothmeier, Sr.; Wesley L. Blithe; Rev. Jacob Rudisill, first treasurer.

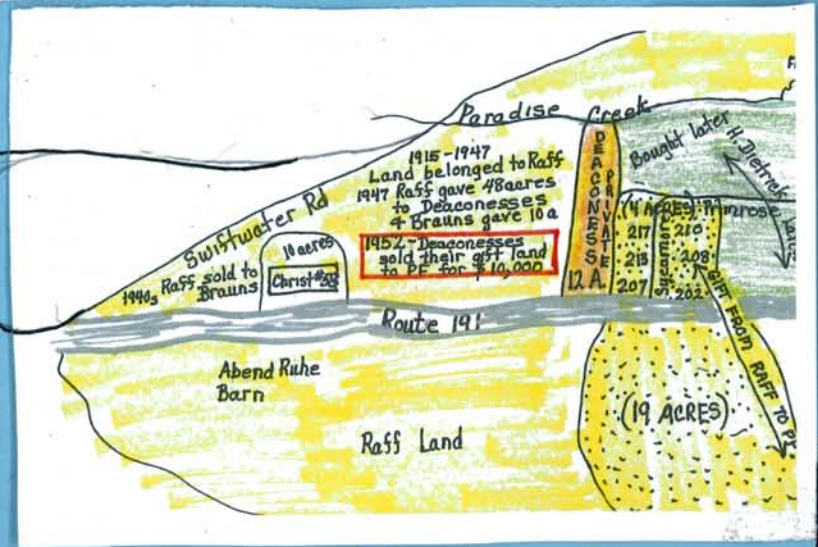
Full service Post Office in
P.F.'s own Convenience Store 1946-56

In 1945 Mr. Erwin W. Moyer resigned as manager, having served 15 years without salary. He often pledged his own securities at the bank for spring operating funds. Mr. John Phillips became treasurer and served for many years. Names of persons who served the Association in various capacities are noted in Ruth Schaffner's article on "Administering Paradise Falls."

Paradise Falls Girls' Camp grew and thrived during the decade, but finally had to be closed in 1952 when it could not compete with the low rates and prestige of Camp Hagan, a neighboring Lutheran camp for girls on the Delaware.

World War II rationing forced closing of our P.F gas station

P.F. bought land down to Swiftwater Corner to "clear up" our boundary questions.



THE FOURTH DECADE 1952-1961

During the early years of this decade leadership on all levels changed hands rather often, reflecting a growing concern by the cottagers for the way PF was to best serve its constituency. President Samuel E. Kidd predicted the change from a "hotel operation" with its annual deficits, by which PF had grown so rapidly in its early years, to that of a cottage colony.

This decade saw the rise of concern for the cottager. More cottagers needed and used the store than ever before. Rooming and boarding facilities continued to suffer by comparison with other resorts and motels in the Poconos. People now could travel more widely, due to better automobiles and highways. The Women's Auxiliary became more active in raising money to help pay for Association projects and maintenance. The Gift Shop was important in this regard.

On August 18-19, 1955 a disastrous flood hit the eastern seaboard, caused directly by the hurricane "Diane." A great deal of property damage was wrought at PF. The disbanded Girls' Camp was

leveled. The Picnic area, the boat docks, the approach to the auto bridge over Paradise Creek, and the dam were extensively damaged. Debris and mud in Lake Crawford required draining and extensive cleaning. Tons of soil had to be filled in over exposed roots in the Falls' picnic area. A new bridge was built to replace the one washed away by the flood.

1955's "Flood Diane" ruined decades of P.F. plans, finances

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1952 - 1961

1955 Flood Damage at Girls' Camp



As a means of paying off other indebtedness which bore interest and had contractual dates, the Association in 1958 issued non-interest bearing certificates of indebtedness. A total of over \$66,000 worth of a possible \$74,000 aggregate was sold. Each cottager was expected to purchase \$100 each year and to hold \$800 worth of these certificates. (Note: In 1971 a plan to use these certificates toward additional memberships failed to pass at the Annual Meeting.)

Endless hours were spent by study and survey committees seeking ways to deal with the financial and administrative problems of an agency going through the throes of change. Nestledown and Social Hall rooms were both being phased out during this decade. Rooming and boarding facilities were then concentrated in the Brown and White Cottages and Gate Lodge before PF became completely a "cottage colony." An attempt was made to provide for building motel cottages and apartments, but this never occurred. Nestledown and the nearby carriage house were sold and converted to cottages. The Girls' Camp dining porch was removed and reassembled as the Rec Hall on the old Girls' Camp site.

At the end of this decade Rev. Alford R. Naus, who served zealously as President met an untimely death while travelling abroad.

One cannot read the minutes of the board and annual meetings of this decade

without feeling the anguish and the uncertainty at times, when crucial decisions had to be made. There were strongly held views which were hotly debated and finally settled by majority vote.

Hotel and restaurant plans ceased in favor of becoming a cottage colony

Missing
Ammon 5th
Decade

1968 Lounge built for
Cottager's benefit

1962 - 1971

Store, Gift Shop, Shed
close and are razed

1967 Survey done

John Schaffner
Adolph Klein

Debt-free
accumulate cash reserves Resurgence of hope

Cottages available for rent

New athletic courts

more cottages built

New car bridge

Dam Repair

Roads improved



New worship amenities

THE FIFTH DECADE 1962-1971

The last decade of the 50 years of PFLA opened with a strong feeling that we were coming into better days. Many physical improvements were apparent, many cottages were re-sold, and a number of new cottages were built. There was a stronger vehicular bridge on the road to the Falls, a new porch on Gate Lodge, and new shuffleboard courts. The chancel in Social Hall was redecorated and the dam repointed. Much time and money were also spent on the maintenance of buildings, roads and equipment, and improving the tennis courts.



Adult Lounge was built to encourage all age, year round, activities for owners, guests.

When public rooming facilities were phased out cottagers rented their cottages more widely.

During this period there was a modest revival of plays put on by the young people.

In the fall of 1967 Lake Crawford was drained, several thousand cubic yards of silt removed (which was used to cover the abandoned dump) and the dam repaired, including 6' of concrete facing, repointing and rebuilding the apron, and over-flow basins to retard silt.

A new perimeter survey was completed and maps of the association duplicated for all members.

The year 1968 saw a major physical improvement, the new adult lounge, built at the cost of \$16,000. This required the removal of the combined store and gift shop and the adjacent storage building. The Women's Auxiliary contributed \$8,000 toward the building and furnished the lounge.

Since the earliest days members could build on one membership, which provided ¼ acre of ground. In 1968 Paradise Township began requiring that new homes be built on ½ acre or more. Thus a person wishing to build now has to hold two or more memberships.

By the end of the decade there were 85 cottages, 19 of which had their own wells, and many of which were winterized. An increasing number of members now live at PF the year-round. They are Ruth Haase, the Adolph Kleins, the Wyeth MacLeans, the Ernest Millers, the Fred Sauerweins, Ruth Schaffner, Anne Schuler and Helen Seemiller.

Five buildings are presently owned and operated by the Association, Gate Lodge, Social Hall, the Adult Lounge, the Rec Hall, and a large service garage for equipment. The present caretaker lives year round in an apartment in Gate Lodge.

By mid-decade the Association was free of debt. Annual dues were raised to their highest level with active cottage members paying \$300.00 per year. Budgets in the past several years have provided that money be set aside for capital improvements. Present financial prospects are good.

The Association noted with pride, as it ended the decade, that the physical assets of grounds and buildings were valued at nearly one quarter of a million dollars.

If this decade should have a person to symbolize its present accomplishments it would be Dr. John Schaffner, who worked long and hard to make PF debt free and to give it a new vitality through his vigorous leadership. The members of the Association were saddened by his untimely death.

Mr. Adolph Klein, who lives year-round at PF has provided vigorous, sacrificial leadership as President and Board member during half of the last decade.

As "The Story of PFLA" ends, there are feelings of thankfulness and confidence. Thanks that we have weathered some severe storms, that we are free of debt, and that the third and fourth generation of the founders are now enjoying the benefits of PF, confident that the resourcefulness, resilience and determination of the past will serve us in the future!

Young people enjoyed a wide variety of activities by paid staff and creative volunteers

P.F.s 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS SUN JULY 30 - SAT AUG 5, 1972. Chairs - R. Schaffner, G. Ammon

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- 9:30 a.m. — Sunday School—children through grade 6
 10:15 a.m. — Anniversary Worship Service
 Preacher—Dr. William Lazareth, Dean, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.
 Liturgist—Paul Ohl, charter member
 Lectors—Frank E. Flisser, Josephine Jacobsen, Adolph Klein
 Flowers in memory of departed members—Special music
 8 p.m. — Coffee Hour ————— The Lounge
 Hostesses — Wives of Board Members, 1971, 1972. Bring your anniversary book for autographing.

MONDAY, JULY 31

- 10 a.m.—Noon — Open House at the following cottages:
 Ardell — Bauers — Jacobs — Jacobsen — Lindholm — Mangum — Matthias — Morentz — Swartz — Thorpe
 8:00 p.m. — Folklore of the Poconos ————— Social Hall
 Mr. Jacob Kintz, Marshall Creek, historian and lecturer.
 Offering

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- 8:30—11 a.m. — Anniversary Breakfast ————— The Lounge
 Sponsored by the Executive Committee of the Women's Auxiliary—Mildred MacLean, president; Anne Richards, vice-pres.; Ruth Haase, secretary; Wilma Kuhnle, treasurer.
 10:00 a.m. — Tennis and Shuffleboard Tournaments
 7:00 p.m. — Opening of the Historical Highlights Display — The Lounge.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- 10 a.m.—10 p.m. — Historical Highlights Display The Lounge
 12 Noon — Covered Dish Luncheon Lounge Lawn
 2:00 p.m. — Wyeth MacLean, chairman
 Reunion Program Social Hall
 Meet and reminisce with friends
 Bela Shetlock, chairman
 8:00 p.m. — Old Time Paradise Falls Movies—Slides Social Hall
 George Ammon Offering

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- 10 a.m.—10 p.m. — Historical Highlights Display The Lounge
 10 a.m.—Noon — Open House:

	Ammon	Hauglund	Kuhnle
	MacLean	Mariano	Pohl
	Richards	Treisbach	

1 — 3 p.m. — Open House:

Eisenberg	Ramsden	Segraves
Naus	Schaffner	Teter
Long	Schuler	

6:30 p.m. — Trick or Treat
 7:30 p.m. — Family Halloween Party and Square Dance—Rear, Gate Lodge
 "Uncle Bert" Hovey, caller

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- 10 a.m.—10 p.m. — Historical Highlights Display The Lounge
 10:00 a.m. — Softball Game between the Old Timers and the Young People Recreation Field
 2:00 p.m. — Olympic Beach and Water Games .. Lake Crawford
 8:00 p.m. — Rock, Rhythm and Rhapsody Social Hall

THE SIXTH DECADE 1972 -1981

Our sixth decade opened with many summer- long festive events celebrating our fifty years as a faithful Lutheran community. Many members helped compose a gold written and pictorial history telling the inspiring story of those first fifty years.

By 1972 eighty-five cottages dotted our acres, of which, by 1977, forty-nine had their own wells and could be occupied year-round. At the start of the decade dues were \$325 per year, but rose to \$900 by 1981.

The association's first fireworks display was held on Lake Crawford on the fourth of July 1976, to celebrate our nation's Bi-Centennial, and to demonstrate PF's renewed determination to work toward a bright future. That meant coming to grips with the reality that at age fifty many challenges faced us.

Those challenges included:

1. Solving the decades-old water problems resulting from the water to most of the cottages being delivered in above ground pipes; and from several failures of two overworked pumps. When much money and minor repairs failed to fix the problem, the wise Board members voted to cut off at eighty-seven, the number of cottages using the water system.

2. Dealing with lake silting, beach erosion, and three dam failures. The costs of these necessary repairs totaled over \$100,000, paid for by heavy assessments on cottage owners. This led to the implementation of several creative fund-raising events, including benefit breakfasts and dinners, a PF cookbook, and community garage sales. The cost of upkeep on the lake led to discussions about the construction of a swimming pool, but the members' love of the lake put an end to that idea.

3. Facing the first challenge to the "Lutherans Only Membership". This clause in the PF by-laws was upheld in a 1973 court case. The judge decided in favor of PF's desire to maintain its unique character.

ADD - from looking
1972-1981 Activity PIX
Books

1976 Fireworks

Above ground pipes

Cookbook \$ for
Dam

Garage Sales

Mini/homegrown

sun Youth Lodge

Closing
Slides

4. Coming to grips with families' less frequent need for activities. This new reality prompted several different social director hires and job descriptions. 1972-1981 saw the use of one full-time couple, off-site paid people, paid and un-paid member adults and teens, and finally as needed volunteers. The 1981 "Spray" was published only occasionally, featuring mostly rules.

Fortunately, necessity proved to be the mother of invention to deal with this need, as concerned members volunteered in greater numbers, providing games for children, teen events in the Youth Lodge (until its demolition in 1979), and greater use of the tennis courts and shuffle-board courts with the 1974 installation of lighting. Well connected members even brought an ensemble from a New York City church to present a 1977 rendition of "Godspell" in Social Hall.

5. Attempting to remain faithful to our religious traditions and duties. A lack of children on weekends led, with much sadness, to the cessation of Sunday School for children in 1973. New options for Bible study were provided, and fourteen adult members joined a PF sponsored trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

Sunday services continued without abatement, and with pride in equipping the worship area with new Lutheran hymnals, and offering Holy Communion twice each summer with the aid of visiting pastors

6. Addressing the needs of full-time cottagers.

The Board began this process by re-writing the by-laws, forming a long-range plan that advocated for the needs of year-round residents, pledging to keep the dues at the same amount as part-time cottagers, and by forming an emergency telephone chain among members.

The decade ended in 1981, with PF's traditional farewell event. New features included the first showing of vintage PF slides in Social Hall and the lighting of many candles on the newly constructed beach cross. Both were reminders of our God-centered heritage and the determination to move forward faithfully!

1982 - 1991

Zedonis fire 1984

Creek fire truck

bridge

County address grid

off season events

Home grown concerts

Octoberfest

Spring meal

from
Activity
Books

THE SEVENTH DECADE 1982 - 1991

In the early years of our seventh decade, a budget-minded Board and association members agreed to keep staff costs lower by asking volunteers to plan and supervise occasional activities for both adults and children. Adults enjoyed forums, craft classes, bridge nights and book reviews, while kids had car washes, shuffleboard and Trivial Pursuit competitions, etc.

The \$915 dues collected in 1983, and the decade's frequent assessments barely kept pace with needed repairs to the beach wall, lounge foundation, and water system, let alone as the cost of another lake-dredging. Though no-one was happy about all these costs, they were proud that the Board was being pro-active in caring for the property.

A tragic fire in March 1984 that totally destroyed the unoccupied Zedonis cottage brought a new challenge for the whole PF community to face. If we were going to depend on outside community resources to assist in such emergencies, how were we to relate to Paradise Township? The answers came as Township officials investigated the fire and toured our property. They assured us that the suggestions they would make had safety as their prime concern, and had no desire to invade the privacy of PF.

To that end, we were given these suggestions:

- Pave certain sections of our dirt roads;
- Rebuild the creek bridge strong enough to enable fire-trucks to get to the top of our property;
- Have members agree to have their cottages identified and placed on the county grid emergency response map.

*Township
requests*

As a helpful addition, Township water-board officials warned us that PF was in danger of having the lake declared marshland if steps were not taken to eliminate the silting which at some places had become islands with growing vegetation.

By October 1989 the new bridge was built, and many good-faith efforts were made to comply with the
Township's requests

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1982-1991

Late in the decade, with nearly a dozen cottages awaiting buyers, the Board began an aggressive sales campaign that distributed pictorial brochures, simplified the process of obtaining a mortgage, and assigned people to act as agents to meet potential buyers, tour the property and hold open-houses.

By 1991 we looked with pride at the completion of what were our last cottages to be built - numbers six and seven-A on Summit hill road. Also accomplished was an improvement to the water system, the publication of our first computer generated "Spray", the enjoyment of listening to summer concerts by homegrown PF musicians, and the prospects of having an off-season Oktoberfest and a spring dinner.

There was much more to be done, but our well-kept property, a co-operative spirit among members, and a new, positive connection with Paradise Township helped us look hopefully into our future.

70th 75th Anniversaries

1992-2001 8th

Spear Leadership Survey
2001

Historic displays

Oldtime dances

Hay rides Coop-Township

Cottage sales agent

Empty Cott Road names

New playground

NO QUARRY

THE EIGHTH DECADE 1992-2001

As Paradise Falls Lutheran Association anticipated celebrating both our 70th and 75th anniversaries in this decade, much time was spent revisiting our archival history, and planning for those occasions. Diane Spear's leadership for many of those years as social director and Board President gave just the impetus and continuity needed for these undertakings.

Pastor George Ammon and others displayed slides, historical records and photos. The "Spray" featured historical anecdotes and "did you know?" columns, and everyone was "game" to try some of the old-time activities such as square-dances, hay-rides, morning crafts, fashion shows, treasure hunts and even a fund-raising bonfire.

The schedule of events from those two anniversary celebrations are preserved in our archives, as are copies of the green anniversary booklet that updated individual cottage and association history and photos.

The decade's new strategy of having one member serve as a cottages sales agent, along with other members producing and distributing a new video, did sell a few cottages, although several were on the market for some time.

Other Board actions which proved valuable were the decision to relocate old and newly built playground equipment to a safer place near the Tea Room, and to establish a Paradise Falls Fund that would accumulate donated monies, the principle of which would be saved and interest used for unexpected expenses.

Nature's extremes kept Board members busy. The 1955 drought necessitated the issuance of a burn ban; the devastating 1996 flood resulted in a costly cleanup; and a several-year infestation of wooly adelgids in our hemlock trees required chemical treatment and the release of lady-bugs to kill the worms.

Fortunately, the decade's other issues proved easier to handle as we found that our newly cultivated relationship with Paradise Township opened the way for us to enlist their wisdom and assistance. One of these instances was the Township's help in opposing the re-opening of a noisy quarry near our property. They also recommended that we increase our liability insurance, conduct a 2001 boundary survey, and install a dry fire hydrant near the dam, to facilitate our use of lake water to fight fires.

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1992-2001

One of the most important areas of expertise that the Township provided was in the naming of PF roads, the numbering of our cottages, and the assigning of official 911 emergency numbers and addresses for every building on our property.

Last, but certainly not the least, was the Township's efforts and patience with us in bringing the lake and well-water into compliance with county standards. A vote on the issue of having all cottages equipped with a well was taken, and was not approved, but at least our common water tested safe. We were very pleased to become better known as a cottage community and to have our efforts appreciated by the Township

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THE NINTH DECADE 2002 - 2011

The summer after the tragedy of September 2001, the PF community held a "Let It Ring" patriotic program complete with instrumental and vocal music, poetry and prayers, to reflect our sensitivities about the attack on our nation. The following year, as flags spanned our Rte. 191 entry-way, a decision was made to have a pre-season worship service on each Memorial Day weekend Sunday. A few years later, in 2007, we dedicated our own Memorial Garden in a beautiful area above the falls. Created in the memory of John Lindholm, it will contain benches engraved with the names of PF's beloved deceased members.

This same spirit was also the impetus for thanking past leaders and members such as Paul Reisch - our liason with the township - for successfully bringing PF to our 80th anniversary.

The property committee chose this decade to enlarge the garage to store winter equipment, to repair the porch of the Lounge, to remodel the Pastor's apartment and to replace Social Hall siding and windows. Other issues addressed were the silting of the lake requiring repeated dredging, cleanup after the destruction of the 2003 President's Day snowstorm, concerns for the safety of cottages when unoccupied, and the continued list of unsold cottages.

On the bright side, as we became more closely connected to the Paradise Valley community, members like Bill Hoover realized how close our borders were to other surrounding properties. In 2008 Bill generously purchased 33 acres of outside land so our PF property would become less accessible to non-members.

Slowly, but surely, our wise leaders were able to help cottagers make the hard decision to change the policy regarding PF water. The 2008 proposal, requiring all cottages to drill individual wells by 2015 finally passed, bringing an end to the constant upkeep of the surface delivery pipes.

In-house discussions about changing the "Lutherans Only" policy for membership, brought the suggestion that the ownership qualifications be amended to include members of all churches in communion fellowship with the ELCA. Some minds were altered, but the policy change was tabled for future consideration. *Fortunately, many positives outweighed the negatives!*

Ninth Decade 2002-2011

Memorial Day Service

2007 Memorial Garden

Hoover purchase

WELL decision

Tea Room Activity Center

Year Round gatherings

* Members enjoyed activities - both planned and impromptu - held often in an increasingly user friendly Tea-Room.

* The 2006 "Clean and Green" easements benefitted the PF environment..

* Early work was done by Freda Ammon Miltner, putting PF history into easily accessible binders, expanded to include a pictorial directory of cottage buildings and owners.

* Best of all were the accommodations being made for the safety of year-round residents, and the encouragement of Tea Room use for their off-season holiday gatherings.

* Traditions, such as early season cleanup days, mid-summer beach "fiestas", post-season "Afterglows", and "Oktoberfests", helped part-time and full-time residents bond in the extended opportunities offered to enjoy our beloved Paradise Falls.

THE TENTH DECADE 2012 - 2021

Our tenth decade, leading up to the celebration of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association's 100th anniversary, included many efforts to revisit the past, but also to lay the foundation for a hopeful future.

The 2012 90th anniversary observance included the distribution of a 40 page booklet containing memories of long-time members,, and a dinner with speeches at 120 Nestledown Road, the former property of founder Clifford Hays.

Interest in our history continued in 2012 with an unprecedented visit to PF by the Paradise Township Historical Society. They were given a first ever tour of our property and buildings and expressed an interest in our history.

2013 saw hikes by several members to locate and mark PF boundaries, cornerstones and old trails. The year also saw a visit by a construction joist expert to more accurately date when our oldest structures, i.e., Gate Lodge, Nestledown, were built.

Members enjoyed decade-long displays and tours of the oldest portions of our 1870 era buildings. The discovery of the stone remains of a pre-1939 Vespers pulpit near a Summit Hill cottage was viewed with interest.

The opening of a new PF museum, that occurred in 2016 in rooms next to the Tea Room, was due to the interest and hard-work of Kristen and Nolan Olson, Jane Sullivan, and Virginia Warburton. Now PF had a permanent area for the display of historical binders and accumulated memorabilia from more than 90 years.

This decade also made great strides in modernizing and planning for the future, as shown by the following developments:

* All communications, i.e. Sprays, agendas, minutes, etc., were computer generated and a web-master kept information updated on our interesting web-page.

Tenth Decade 2012-
2001

Memories 90th

Society visit

Boundary visits

Found pulpit

Museum

Computer / Website

Blow dark "413" 9/11

2015 Wells

Handicap ramp

Falls access road

Non Lutheran Members

2015

Security plans

- Terrible wind storm
- Oloon fire June 2021

2021 Lake Pavilion

* Cottage numbers and names that reflected in the dark were installed to guide first-responders to the location of all members.

* All cottages had individual wells by 2015.

* Social Hall sported a 2017 handicap accessible ramp.

* New macadam paving on the Falls' access road made visits possible for everyone who wished to ride down the hill by car.

* A 100th Anniversary Committee was formed and a commemorative quilt was started.

* Best of all was the passage in 2015 of a new membership policy that, with many stipulations, allowed non-Lutherans to purchase memberships. This action helped sell several cottages, but our aging population meant we still had sales challenges ahead.

* A security matter in 2017 - burglaries at four cottages - led the Board to contact law enforcement. When a suspect or suspects were not found, the Board alerted all cottagers, promising that suggestions for security measures would be brought forward quickly. A meeting was held on June, 28, 2018, during which time members were given cost estimates for various security systems. The board was given permission to

* Before the 2018 season began, two massive wind storms toppled hundreds of association trees, some causing major damage to -----cottages, and minor damage to ----- . Storms had brought trees down before in our history, but never this destructively. Permission was given cottage owners to allow construction noise during the summer except on Sundays, and repairs began in earnest.

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2012-2022

During these last years before our 100th Anniversary, older members will enjoy remembering “the good old days”, while newer cottagers will celebrate the wonderfully safe, modern, comfortable and welcoming community PF is today.

May both old and new members thank God and the thousands who have brought PF to this point, and inspire others to keep these blessed acres a continuing piece of paradise for everyone.

ICE HOUSE - - Pond Boat House - [redacted] #70 SHED (9-21-1925 - now)

See here pond, BUILDINGS & COTTAGE BINDERS

Location - bank where stream curves near Lounge

- * The first structure built by PF was a 15'x20' insulated shed placed on the right hand bank of our Pond. It stored the ice, cut in the winter by our caretaker, and later delivered to Nestledown and early cottages for use in their ice boxes. The 1927 arrival of electricity made life a lot easier !
- *Our store sold and delivered ice for a while. Later the same building was used as a pond boat house before swimming and boating moved to the lake in 1939
- *At that time this shed was taken to Nestledown area and used to store linens for guests
- *When Nestledown closed, the owner of the [redacted] #70 COTTAGE began using it as a storage building. You can see it there today!

Intermission Conferences (1940's era)

See SOCIAL HALL BINDER

Location - Used guest rooms in PF buildings and cottagers' spare rooms

- *The Pennsylvania Lutheran Ministerium chose to meet at PF for several years. It taxed our limited resources but helped publicize our location in the Poconos.
- *This conference included visits from prominent national and foreign religious leaders and many missionaries.
- *India lace and foreign made products were sold to fund mission projects

Incorporation (3-9-1923)

See HISTORY BINDER

Our 3-9-23 Incorporation papers give our official name as Paradise Valley Lutheran Association because we had not yet bought the land where the FALLS was located. Upon buying the Harvey Dietrick Farm, we officially became Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

Ladies Auxiliary (Women's Auxiliary) (1927 - now)

See GROUPS BINDER

Location of Meetings - LOUNGE on Beach Rd

- *Historically, this organization's goals have always been to foster fellowship among guests and members and to raise money for special projects benefitting everyone. Their two biggest projects were the building of the Gift Shop (1954 - 1967) and the Adult Lounge (1968 - now)
- *During those lean years, this group often saved the association from financial ruin by funding repairs too costly for the general budget.
- *Below are some of their newer fellowship and fund-raising events. The GROUP BINDER has complete listing of time honored occasions

Hobby and craft sessions	Octoberfests	Year round gatherings for permanent residents
Sauerkraut luncheons	Memorial Day Service	Flea markets that are open to the public
Special breakfasts	Benefit Auctions	Collecting food and baby supplies for the needy
- *See GROUPS BINDER list of leaders over the years

Crawford-Sponsored Concerts

"LAKES" AT PF

(1926 - 1938)

See here Pond & WATER BINDER

Predecessor swim areas

- 1926 - 1929 Guests swam below the Falls
- 1927 survey shows plan to dam Cranberry Creek for an eastside lake beyond Nestledown
- 1929 - 1938 A west side Pond Swim Area was created by damming the Paradise Creek at the stream's curve in front of the # 25 Cottage

LAKE CRAWFORD

(1938 - now)

See WATER BINDER

Location - Beach Road

May 31, 1939 - Dedication of our lake

- *When water-flow proved too low to create a viable swimming lake on the east-side, Mrs Bertha Crawford donated \$6,000 of the \$23,000 needed to build the impressive dam at its present west-side site.
- * That incentive gift prompted the grateful Board to name our new swim area Lake Crawford after her husband, Alfred.

1938 - 1952 Lake was shared with the girl campers, members enjoying the east-side beach and campers the banks on the west-side.

1953 - now Members now have the whole lake to themselves

Silt Removal and dredging became a constant necessity because heavy rains often deposited soil that threatened to have our lake declared a marshland, unsuitable for swimming. Dredging dates we think are:

@1948

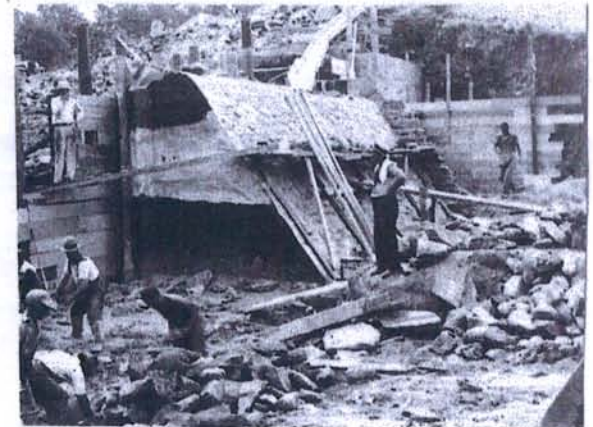
1955 - following the catastrophic flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Diane

1967 - silt deposited to seal PF Dump prior to using township waste removal

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2008 - silt was sold and some spread on our former Girls 'Camp site

The 1938-1939 building of our dam across Paradise Creek to form LAKE CRAWFORD. Please see WATER BINDER for rest of this project's photos.



Lasher Farm (Raff owner) -

#50 COTTAGE

(1880 - now)

See green / FARM & COTTAGE BINDERS

Location - 202 Sycamore Dr at intersection of Rte 191 /Paradise Valley Rd

This structure, with well pump still in place, housed tenant farm families, then "railroad walkers", before being remodeled into first privately owned #50 cottage

LOUNGE

(1968 - now)

See BUILDINGS / GROUPS BINDERS (Ladies Auxiliary)

Location - Beach Rd at its intersection with Summit Dr

*1967 - 1968 After rental room guest numbers declined and the Girls' Camp closed, it was no longer fiscally wise to staff and operate the gift shop, store, or the post office in the store. Dedicated to now creating a close knit Cottage Colony, the Board, approved the demolition of the afore-mentioned buildings, and the construction of an Adult Lounge.

*1968 on The Ladies Auxiliary subsidized \$8,000 of the \$16,000 building cost.

Uses of this Lounge (See GROUPS BINDER for complete list):

Monday evening Seminars

Small group meetings

Summer fellowship meals

Fall and spring fellowship times

Gatherings all year for permanent residents

Flea Market now open to the public

*2010 - 2011 After much study, it was decided to keep up the costly repairs to this building rather than lose it as a resource for fellowship.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

(May, 2007 - now)

(See WATER BINDER, Falls Section)

Location just beyond the parking lot at the Falls

* Knowing that his death was imminent, Bob Lindholm and wife, Anne designed a Memorial Garden area above the Falls as a dedicated natural spot for memorializing loved ones. It was dedicated formally on Memorial Day, 2007

* Several cement benches are engraved with names of departed PF friends. See a list of their names in the WATER BINDER (Falls)

* A Board committee is in charge of helping members with any questions you may have.



D. Dietrich Barn -

PF NESTLEDOWN -

#72 COTTAGE

(1870 - now)

See green, NESTLEDOWN COTTAGE BINDERS

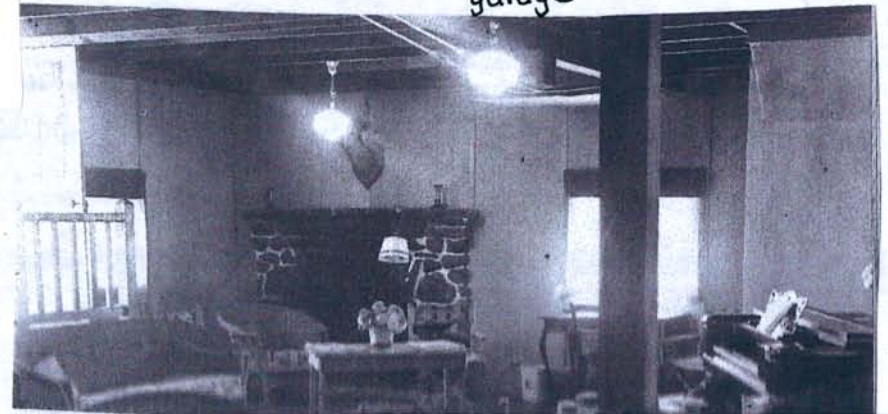
Location - 105 Dietrich Ln

- 1870 This farm appears on 1870 Township Map
- 1880 Dimmick Dietrich, wife and 2 sons live in the house next to this L shaped, "bank style" barn
- 1920 70 yr old Dimmick Dietrich rents the house to Hubbard family
- 4-12-1924 D. Dietrich sells PF his 200 acre farm
- 1924 - 51 This L shaped barn undergoes much remodeling and several additions that eventually (according to brochures) totals 21 bedrooms and 5 baths in 1927. It is affectionately known as Nestledown Inn and Restaurant. *12 br in main, 9 in L shape*
- 1952 Nestledown operations cease and guests from then on are accommodated in other rental rooms and eat in the Tea Room.
- 1953 - 56 Nestledown is empty
- 1957 - 1967 Mitchells remodel and use then from 1962 - 1995 *Napoleon Bradley family* enjoys it each summer
- 2001 - now Chris Matthy winterizes Nestledown as retreat center. He later remodels it as private Cottage #72

The L shape and camp dining room were removed by caretaker Kenny Harrison the latter intact to use as youth Rec Hall, later wood to build a Harrison garage



L-shaped Dimmick Dietrich barn under construction to become Nestledown Inn



Interior remodel of the Nestledown living room.

OFFICE IN GATE LODGE -

H. Dietrich House (1925 - now)

See CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

1925 - 1962 Ms Hilda Hyde was the office registrar/ receptionist for many years often rooming in a second floor apartment for 6 months of the year. Mrs Jo Naus ran and then helped close its operation. Old mail boxes now show PF's office reception desk area.

OIL HOUSE -- Store Storage X (1927-1967)
Location - to left of Store in Central Complex

See here Store, BUILDINGS BINDER

PASTOR'S APARTMENT in Social Hall - H. Dietrich's Barn
Location - Primrose Dr (Lower level) - across from Tea Room
#146

See here Social Hall / CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

- 1930 - 1950 Lower level of Social Hall was available to house guests. A visit there will reveal the size of the guest rooms, bathrooms
- 1950 - 1955 Waitresses were housed here
- 1956 - ? Vacant inside, but the porch was used for craft sessions
- @2000- now The board supported a plan that remodeled these rooms into an apartment that slept 4-5 people and had a kitchenette for meal preparation. The free accommodations, plus stipend, for pastors and their families proved to be an incentive for supply preaching here at PF.
- 2003 Jill Miller generously updated this apartment

POND - "Swimming Hole" (1929 - 1938)

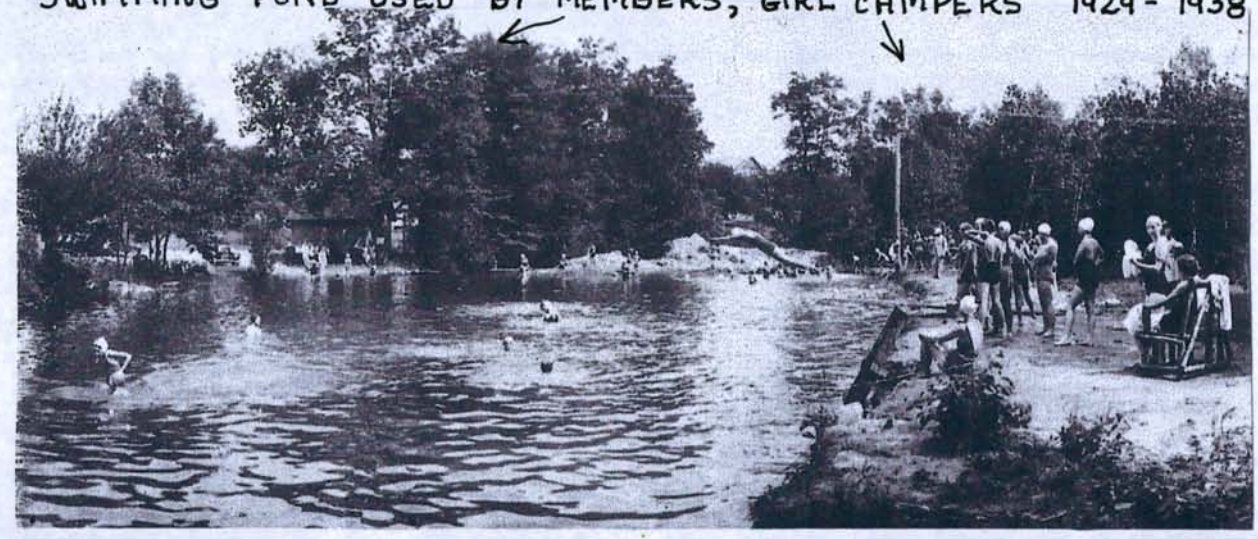
See WATER BINDER

Location - Beach Rd swim area made by damming Paradise Creek between the present dam and LOUNGE
(near #25)

- 1929 - 1938 *Our earliest guests and members swam in the pool below the Falls before PF dammed the Paradise Creek near its first curve. It formed a deep pond roughly as wide as the present dam, and equally long.
- *Swimmers entered the water on the east side from a small beach created in front of the #25 Cottage
- *Kayaks, stored in the former Ice House, could be paddled in designated areas.
- 1931 - 1938 *Girl campers used the opposite, west shore that featured a diving dock.
- *A swinging foot bridge, built between the curve and the car bridge, shortened the walk from camp to their side of the pond.
- 1938 - now *The pond dam was removed and our big dam impressively built. Our huge new lake was happily used by everyone!

SWIMMING POND USED BY MEMBERS, GIRL CAMPERS 1929 - 1938

Pond was formed by damming Paradise Creek water where it curves near Lounge



POST OFFICE SERVICES (1922 - now)

OFFICIAL US POST OFFICE (1946 - 1956)

See BUILDING BINDER

Location of the full service office - inside now defunct Store

- 1922 - 1927 Association, member, and guest mail went to the Cresco Post Office. Our staff collected and made it available in PF office.
- 9-19-27 - 1946 All mail was delivered to the office, where it could be picked up
- 7-22-46 - 5-31-56 Full service, official office was run by post - mistress, Hilda Heydt, in the enclosed back left-hand corner of the Store
The combination mail boxes where she put mail were saved & are now in Office for association communication.
- 1956 - now U.S Postal Service now delivers and picks up mail in 911 mailboxes which line the entrance to PFLA. Some summer only mail collects in a general association mailbox

PUMP HOUSES AT PF

(As below)

See WATER BINDER

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2 Locations below

- 4-7-1927 - now 1. Our Summit Hill Pump is in a wooden shed next to the Water Reservoir at the top of our PF land on Summit Hill. It has now pumped water into that tower for 90 years, so that water can flow by gravity through our above- the-ground water pipes to members who remain connected to our central well system. The Board has said that all cottages must have personal wells by 2015. At that time both the reservoir and pump will be redundant.
- 8-25-1928 - ? X 2. A 10'x10' cement shed & pump was built below the dam because more electrical power was needed to get water to the growing number of cottages on the east side of our property. At an unknown date the pump was removed because fewer people were on the grounds to use the water, and more people were using their own wells. This pump house stands empty and unused.

QUARRIES

(10-13-1928 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

2 Locations below

- 10-13 1928 Summit Hill Quarry & Shale Pit, located beyond the hillside #14 Cottage was apparently a separate purchase from our other Farm sales. PF was so glad for this resource so close to our border that we bought up the separate small acreage for the good it would do us in building our roads. The shale ran out, but it was a good spot for brush burning.
- 10-13-1928 Quarry behind the falls area #24 Cottage, also a separate purchase for the same reason as above.

RAFF, A. RAYMOND 1865 - (October 17, 1922 Donation of 23 acres)

See here Abend Ruhe/ FARM BINDER

Democrat, Presidential Elector, Mayoral candidate, Mint supervisor, bank director, Customs collector, candidate for US Representative

WE THANK MR RAFF FOR HIS GIFT OF 23 ACRES TO BEGIN A RESORT FOR LUTHERANS IN THE POCONOS

Despite much research, we still do not know which 23 acres Mr Raff lovingly donated to PF in 1922, where his other holdings were, and when and in which homes he lived. Those answers and his disenchantment with the direction PFLA was taking, remain an ongoing anomaly in our history

His 1924 gift of 12 acres (just south of our land) to the Drexel Home/Deaconess Community was understandable as a gratitude gift for his return to health. But when, (in 1947) he chose to give them, instead of PFLA, the additional 48 acres south to Swiftwater Road, he intimated that by not building an impressive hotel on Summit Hill, and a golf course and resort open on Sundays, we were not worthy of that 48 additional acres. That decision meant that, five years later, PF had to pay the Deaconess Community \$10,000 to purchase those donated acres to the south or risk having private land owners beyond the 12 original acres the group of sisters chose to keep.

So, in 1952, we were glad to finally own all but the 12 Deaconess acres on our southern border. We had amiable relations for 40 years until the Deaconess Community no longer needed the land. So in 1996, for unknown reasons, the Deaconess Motherhouse chose to sell it privately, rather than give PF the option to buy the land right in the middle of their 400+ acre holdings. That private land purchase was awkward, but manageable most of the time. We look forward to the chance some day of purchasing this "island of private land" in the middle of our property

Recreational Activities

(1924 - now)

See ACTIVITIES (#1 1922-1971) (#2 1972-2011) (#3 2012-2022)

In the early days when we were especially catering to our hotel guests, here for short periods of time, we offered a multitude of activities on and off our acres. We quickly built our athletic courts and placed our playground equipment on the eastside close to the rental rooms and houses and to the highway where they could advertise our existence as well as entertain our guests! Days were filled from morning to night with activities that hired social directors led. (See pictures in ACTIVITIES #1)

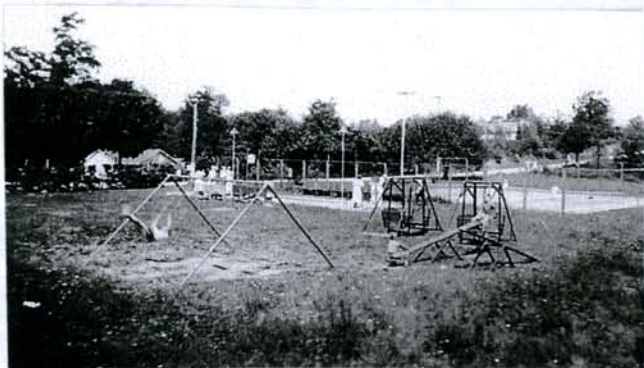
Court Sports: Archery, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Croquet, Ping Pong, Playground Swings, Seesaws Shuffleboard, Tennis

Daytime: Beach Olympics, Bike rallies, Crafts, Hikes both on and off-site, Horseback riding, Ladies Auxiliary gatherings, Sightseeing tours,

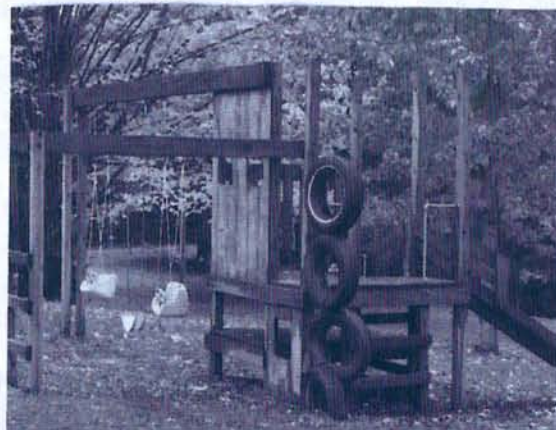
Evenings: Athletic Tournaments, Concerts, Dramas, Hayrides, Hot Dog roasts, Movies, Scavenger & Treasure hunts, Square Dancing

By the 1970s, with emphasis on entertaining only the cottager families who came and went unpredictably, we stopped paying social directors, counting on families to plan craft and occasional weekend activities. We also moved the playground equipment to the more secure west side. After 1995, as more cottages were filled, we hired part and full-time social directors as well as encouraging many new total family recreation times (See ACTIVITIES BINDER #2)

@ 1930-1960
East-side
playground
near
tennis courts



@ 1970 - now
playground
close to
Tea Room



"REC HALL" X (built elsewhere 1938, moved 1960, razed 7/30/1979)

See orange here / BUILDINGS BINDER

Location - at the entrance to the Camp Complex area

When Nestledown closed @ 1953, the PF Board prepared it for sale as a large cottage. The Girls Camp dining room was taken by flatbed trailer @ 1960 to the entrance area of the former Camp Site. Placed on new foundations there, the new Rec Hall was used by Social Directors and cottage kids for social activities until mistreatment damaged it beyond repair. It was razed July 30, 1979

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Short-lived "Rec Hall" in camp area



Out-door Vespers site in 1920-1940s between Gott 3&4

Religious Activities

(1923 - now)

See CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER- Social Hall Section

Location - Mostly Social Hall but see exceptions below

Worship Services - as soon as the main level of Harvey Dietrich's barn was cleaned, and even before it was enlarged to its present size in 1931, it was being used for worship and large group activities. So though we don't have exact dates, below find our guessed sequence of how worship was handled in those earliest days

Daily Devotions at 9am

Sunday morning worship - at Parkside Chapel several miles south *between PF. and Henryville* in small informal Social Hall facility(as above)

Sunday evening vespers - 1930s era - at Hillside Temple located out of doors *behind #4 & #3 cottage-featured permanent Uncle Gus-built altar, pulpit and seat. Social Hall was used in inclement weather.*

Hillside Temple

1940 - 1960 at outside location between Mrs Crawford's home and the lake. You can still see the then used stone altar today in the woods to the left of the #32 Cottage.

Sunday Church School 1940 - 1960 for children on the porch, Social Hall rooms or outside

1940 - now* for adults at the rear of Social Hall with the day's pastor providing the topic This class ceased when children's SCS ended but became the Monday Forum which still convenes almost weekly now

Mon. Night Adult Forum ___ - now As soon as pastors started using the apartment in the lower level of Social Hall they were always asked to provide a mini-seminar for adults on Monday nights

Weekly Pericope Studies occasionally

Choir Anthems, Solos occasionally

Conferences occasionally. When PF had its full complement of available guest rooms in many locations, it did host a few Intermission Conferences and Synod events.

Roads on PF Property

(1923 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

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Location - All over our property

Township Roads - The road that now divides our property approximately in half was Route 90 in our early days and numbered Rte 191 today. Most recently it was also named Paradise Valley Rd for 911 Emergency Services System. It started as dirt farm road connecting neighbors and sometimes going between the house and barn (ie Abend Ruhe and Heydt properties) @ 1920 - road was asphalted and its original path can be seen in front of #34 and #26 cottages
4-25-1930 - road was made into a two-way, cemented byway.

Association Roads - 1928 - 1980 - Our roads were dirt or shale & informally and sometimes personally named for most of our history.
1994 on After 911 system had us reinforce our car bridge the township and county also began the process of officially assigning each cottage an official 911 system address.
2011 -now Our directory now has all these official addresses in it. A home is said to be on the street where the house's driveway is, not where the front of the house is. We all appreciate our participation in this public safety system

Reservoir, Water Reservoir

(1-23-28 - now)

See Water here, & WATER BINDER

Location - at the highest elevation on Summit Drive, near its intersection with Valley View Dr.

Shale Pit

(10-13-1928 - now)

See here Quarries, & HISTORY BINDER

Location - at top of second hill and at first left turn on Summit Dr

Shuffleboard Courts

(1930 - now)

See here Recreational activities & ACTIVITIES #1 BINDER

Location - across from Gate Lodge

* Social Directors

(1934 - now)

See GROUPS BINDER

Location of residence while employed - second floor apartment in Gate Lodge, or Sunset cottage apartment

- 1934 - 1949 G. Ammon, Schlenker, Hollenberg, Read, Greenawalt, Fischeles, Rutrough, Ortman
- 1950 - 1959 Muus, Wrede, Scholl, Jentsch, Metzger, Acker, 2 Melcherts
- 1960 - 1969 Dreisbach, Ammon-Haag, Ammon-Teter-Miller, Westerman-Maclean-Miller-Teter, Turneau-Herghenhan, Cramer-Voehringer-Long, Smith, Bowman, Morentz-Teter, Bealors
- 1970 - 1979 Kuhnle-Johnson, Ramsden-Johnson, See "Groups" binder for more complete list
- 1980 - 1989 Buckholtz
- 1990 - 1999 Diane Snear 4years
- 2000 - 2009 As fewer kids were dependably on-site, volunteers and Tea Room staff planned sporadic events
- 2010 - 2014 Liz Malantonio
- 2015 - 2019 All volunteer social programming often in Tea Room planned by individuals, families
- 2020 Challenging covid 19 pandemic summer

SOCIAL HALL - - Harvey Dietrich Barn

(1870 - now)

See green, / CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

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Location - 146 Primrose Dr, across from Tea Room

Evolution from 1870 bank barn to later Rental rooms/ Activity Gathering Place

Levels	<u>1920 Farm Use</u>	<u>4-7-27remodel, with stairway added</u>	<u>4-25-30 3 story, double-size addition, 2 porches</u>	<u>Present Usage</u>
Upper	Hay storage	Added dormers created 4 rental rooms, 1 bath	14 rental rooms, and 2 baths, balcony, stairs	This level is unused for safety reasons
Main	Storage for farm tools machinery, hay throw	Cleaned out and used for lg group activities	Huge new church/ activity hall, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath	Church weekly. occasional mtgs
Lower	Indoor stalls for animals	Storage - building supplies	7 rental guest rooms and 1 bathroom	Apartment to house Guest pastor & family

Our Social Hall has gone from being used nightly for things like dramas, movies and square dances to very limited use on Sundays and for meetings and special events. The upkeep and insurance costs for keeping this 1870 barn up to code and a safe place to use are prohibitive. Some decisions about maintaining these old buildings will soon have to be addressed.

H. Dietrich barn that became Social Hall



As a barn the animals were housed in stone lower level, the equipment up the ramp at middle, and hay storage above

Sprays- PF's communication tool

Location - year round via Tea Room or internet

(Authorized 10-12-1925)

(1st edition 4-7-1927 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

The Sprays were our means of keeping members informed about summer schedules and activities, winter meetings and Board actions. Sometimes smaller versions were called Sprinkles or the Spritz. At first, the Social directors were responsible for its printing, but now we are all grateful for creative people who design such a colorful and informative piece regularly in hard copy or over the internet..

Kudos also to our webmaster who keeps the website both current and beautiful!

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J Heydt farmhouse - "SUNSET COTTAGE" -

COTTAGE #91 (1870 - now)

See farm, COTTAGE, FARM BINDER

Location - 642 Tulip Tree Lane, north edge of PFLA

"SUNSET COTTAGE" had at least three lives #1 as a farmhouse, #2 as backup housing for PFLA, #3 as a private cottage #91.

#2 PF HOUSING
(1927-59)

6/27/1927
1927 - 1937?

P.F. bought the James Heydt property on which the farmhouse stood.

The Heydt family continued to live there as part of Harold's caretaker pay.

Some of those winters, family was required to move & live in chilly Gate Lodge

1938 - 1959

Variously, temporarily housed several families awaiting cottage completion

1952

That year's manager, staff guys, and cooks resided here

1958 - 1959

Norm and Novie Melchert - Social Directors used this home

#3 PRIVATE COTTAGE

@1960 - 1971

Gennaro Ruggiero Family

1972 - 2015

Long term owners appreciated its likely construction before 1870

2016 - now

Present owner calls it the farmhouse it is!

Cottager Elson and his grand-daughter, while looking at a sunset from the front steps of this home, suggested that everyone should call the house, "Sunset cottage" from then on. Yes, you could see the sun set over what would become Lake Crawford from Cottage #91's front steps

Surveys, Surveyors - Dates taken (1927, 1951, 1967, 2001) - See Unique changes below. See original copies BUILDINGS BINDER

Location - Lived 3 places in 1925, 26 27

1927 Survey Features -

Plotting stopped near Sycamore on south, had Lake on east side beyond Nestledown on Cranberry Creek

Tadafumi Mikurija was the lead surveyor for the three years it took to survey our land. The survey, labeled #1 is his work

1925 He, Paul Ohl, A Shumacher

plotted 4 west acres at Sycamore Dr & east acres up to the Lackawanna R.R.

1926 He, Ohl, Kuder, Pfinck

surveyed Center, Falls area and west side up to the Summit Hill area

1927 He, Tingle, Harl, Harold Heydt

plotted lake area, east side north of Cranberry Creek road

Mikurija stayed at the Dietrich House and helped winters by visiting churches to promote PF. When he moved to the H. Dietrich blacksmith shop in July 1926 a fire destroyed his surveyor thesis. His warm relationship with Rev Hays brought a 1929 invitation for him to spend his honeymoon at the Hays, now Cottage #65 home.

@1951 Survey Features -

Lake is now on Paradise Creek on the west side of Rte 90/191

1967 Survey Features -

Reflects some sold off properties

2001 Survey Features -

Adds how many plots come with Cottage

STORE AREA as it evolved (1927 - 1968) Location - present mail box area at the Center

See Gift Shop, Oil, Ice House/ BUILDINGS BINDER

- Before 1926 X **12'x12' OIL HOUSE** - first building on this site because it held kerosene that cottagers needed for light, and cooking
They likely got a key and paid for it at the office until it became the duty of the storekeeper. Though electricity arrived at PF on 10-12-1926, most cottagers waited many years to convert because they worried about safety.
*When kerosene was no longer needed, this shed was used to store extra items for the store
*Razed by 1967
- 1926 **15'x20' ICE HOUSE** - below this area near curve in the stream - (See details under "I" here)
Early building because all needed the stream ice that was cut and stored there
- @1927 - 1967 X **STORE Evolution** Tiny shed with flaps thru which keepers passed goods to outside customers.
*Carried sundries, snacks, post cards, oil, ice, etc.
*Collected fees to see the FALLS
Much remodeling and enlarging but customers still remained outside
- 1946 Addition doubled its size to accommodate more merchandise and a -
X **POST OFFICE** in its left rear section - Staffed and full service 7-22-1946 - 5-31-1956
This was the first time that customers could come inside the building
- 1967 Razed along with other structures
- X **PORCH Evolution** Open air gathering spot with benches around edge which displayed fresh food veggies for sale
Had ice cream tables and chairs when roving huckster delivered fresh items to cottages
- X **GIFT SHOP** 1954-67- half, then the whole porch was enclosed to accommodate this enterprise
Razed by 1967 so Lounge could be built

An early version of store where customers ordered from outside



Our sight in 1930s



Our 2000 era version

TEA ROOM - GATE LODGE (1931 - now) Location - 103 Beach

See Gate Lodge, Gift Shop/ CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER

- 4-24-1931 - 1951 Open to serve ice cream, snacks in the afternoons and evenings, also sold gifts souvenirs
1952 - 1955 Also served 3 meals a day after Nestledown closed. Snacks and gifts sold at night
1956 - now Our remodeled and happily staffed Tea Room is the place to be with gifts, internet, and good fellowship always served!



TEA ROOM PHOTOS, PRICING

TASTY SANDWICHES
(Toasted 5c Extra)

- Choice of Rye, Wheat or White Bread
- American Cheese 10
- Peanut Butter 10
- Lettuce and Tomato 15
- Hamburger 15

MILK SHAKES

- Plain 10
- Frost or Floats 15
- Frosted Floats 20



A 1940/1950 TEA ROOM WITH MENU, PRICING

HOT DISHES

- Bacon and Eggs 35
- Bacon Baked Beans (Individual Pot) 15
- and Eggs 35

ICE CREAM SODAS 15c

- Chocolate
- Lemon
- Strawberry
- Vanilla
- Chocolate Mint

SUNDAES

- Chocolate 15
- Chocolate Marshmallow 15

Telephone Communication

(@1930 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

Location - Various places at various times

- 1930 Our first connection was a three party line between #1 Gate Lodge, #2 Nestledown, #3 The Camp Office. This likely served us well through the closing of both the camp in 1951 and Nestledown somewhat later.
 - @1952- @1962 The office now had its own line, but staff was not always there to receive messages.
 - @1963 - now By this time many of our cottages had their own phones so that those needing to call PF were given a designee's private number. Today it remains the same with private numbers of officers published to field calls.
- * It's amazing that in 90 years we've gone from a party line to having anyone in the world visit our website!

Tennis Courts

(9-21-1925 - now)

See ACTIVITIES BINDER

Location - on east side of Paradise Valley Rd (Rte 191) across from Gate Lodge

- 9-21-25 Courts were authorized early by the Board in a visible place, as much to advertise our existence as to please guests.
- Summer 1926 Thanks to Harold Heydt's help with dynamiting the boulders from the site, athletes were wearing knickers to play the popular sport by the next summer. His expertise got him the job as our caretaker for the next 22 years!

Toll Houses --

(1927 - 1950s) (Later Use 1960 - now)

Now a #27 COTTAGE SHED See BUILDINGS BINDER

Location - 3 places +

- # 1 5 little Heydt girls (without house) collected tolls at center
 - #2 An early photo shows a toll house at top of Falls steps
 - #3 One was placed at the intersection of Falls Dr & Summit Dr
- 1960 - now # 27 Cottage has it behind house as a storage shed.

Trails around PF
Location - all over

(1924 - now)

See here P. 34 See HISTORY BINDER

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Trail Hiking was one of the most popular activities in the early days of PF. Maps from those days exist, but there are fewer and fewer of us that can find them anymore. Hikes to Mt Sophia where the fire tower was located, to the old church cemetery, to Red Rocks and to several trail around PF need to be rediscovered and enjoyed. A real challenge would be to look on our surveys to see the acres PF bought but never used.. We are not even sure that the aforementioned land has been posted as belonging to us!

Transportation to and from PF, and here on our property
Location as below

(1926 - now)

See HISTORY BINDER

Since roads were in poor condition and cars not yet used by many, our earliest guests often came to PF by mass transit

Trains came from New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania using Lackawanna Railroad tracks
We first picked up guests from the railroad station at Henryville. When that shut down, we ferried them from Cresco. Cars, buses and station wagons were gladly funded so guests felt welcome right away.

Greyhound Buses The bus terminal was in Swiftwater, so drivers were busy going different directions day and night
When registration forms revealed lots of people headed for PF were coming at one time, they made special arrangements to stop and unload passengers and luggage right in front of Gate Lodge.

Leapin Lena, Station Wagons, and maintenance vehicles got people and tools where they needed to be, despite dirt roads, poor shock absorbers

Township Matters (1870 now)
Location - Paradise Township, Monroe County

See FARM BINDER

The FARM BINDER also contains the history of this Paradise Township from the early 1800s, and shares info about neighbors like Henryville and Paradise Inn.

Our Board has always sent a representative to township meetings so that we are aware of tissues that may affect us. We join others in opposing the possible reopening of the Quarry because the noise from it will be stressful

WATER SYSTEM (1922 - now)
Location - As below

See here Pump, WATER BINDER

1922	PF used the wells from the farm properties as we acquired them until early members built their own.
1-23-1928	Digging a prolific well and building a pump and reservoir to raise and store water at the very highest-elevation on our property was a top priority for our early leaders. It has operated trouble free for 90 years
1929	Above the ground pipes carried water by gravity to cottages below. <i>An archive map shows system + fire fighting water locations</i> *Electric pump and pump house near dam gave water a boost to get to the east side of our property
2000	As pipe problems increased, members were told that PF would soon cap the well, and cease repairs to pipes
2015	Deadline for all cottages to drill private wells <i>was met. Cottages #8, 9, 11, 12, 14 received permission to use the existing PF well on Summit Drive, to bury pipes taking water to their 5 cottages and to divide evenly the cost of all future water delivery to their homes.</i>

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WHITE COTTAGE RENTAL

COTTAGE #73

(1929 - now)

See BUILDINGS. COTTAGE BINDERS

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Location - 207 Rabbit Rd

- 1929 PF built ^{#73} as an exact duplicate of the Brown Cottage down Rabbit Rd, to rent out to single and double room guests.
 - * Meals were included and served at Nestledown ^{#74} There were up to 14 bedrooms available for rent
 - * In our busiest years, guests could choose from lodging in Nestledown, Social Hall, Gate Lodge, Brown, White, or rental rooms in some of our privately owned cottages.
- @1954 After Nestledown and Social Hall lodging closed down, guests had to choose rooms in the two cottages or Gate Lodge and take all their meals in the Tea Room, now also a restaurant. #73 #74
- @1955-1963 When PF ceased serving meals, the Board added kitchen, dining areas to the White and Brown Cottages and began renting them out to families. ^{#73 #74} See upstairs, downstairs apartments, see floor plan in Building Binder
- 1964-1988 Became the privately owned cottage of the Gilbert Family - see #73 remodeling floor plans - BUILDINGS Barrett Home
- 1990-2009 Neilssen Cottage - used as a year round retirement residence This family added enclosed porch on left end. 2012 #73 COTTAGE This family chose to paint their retirement home mint green but chose to nickname it "Still the White Cottage"



The Mrs Ditmars, Gally and Snears and the Ladies Auxiliary care for the lounge and the delicious food events held there

Women's Auxiliary - interchangeable with Ladies Auxiliary
Location - Meetings in Social Hall then Lounge

(1929 - now)

See Ladies Auxiliary / GROUPS BINDER

Worship at PF (1924 - Now)
Location - We worshipped several places

See p.60, See Religious Activities / CENTRAL COMPLEX BINDER, Social Hall

The Ammon Family hopes this ABC INDEX has helped you navigate and enjoy
the 100 YEAR HISTORY OF PARADISE FALLS!

This stonework below our Falls and on
Bill Hoover's property was likely one
side piece (other missing) of a dam
built by Swiftwater people to
collect water for a local swim
pond. Luther Dittmer recalls it

Ongoing questions to ponder??

but it no longer was used by
P.F. guests and girl campers who
preferred the pool much closer
to the Falls itself.

It has been a privilege and lots of fun working
with these archives. As soon as we have this
history in good form, we will happily join
others in planning for an equally fascinating
future!

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MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS "PIECE OF PARADISE ALWAYS!"

George Ammon for 50th Anniversary Gold Book told
PF's history in the decade format ie in its first decade
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THE SIXTH DECADE 1972-1981

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HERE FIND MY IDEAS FOR CONTINUING
using same format

1972-1981 6th

Notes for:

Our sixth decade opened with many summer-long festive events celebrating our fifty years as a faithful Lutheran community. Many members helped compose a gold written and pictorial history telling the inspiring story of those first fifty years.

By 1972 eighty-five cottages dotted our acres, of which, by 1977, forty-nine had their own wells and could be occupied year-round. At the start of the decade dues were \$325 per year, but rose to \$900 by 1981.

The association's first fireworks display was held on Lake Crawford on the fourth of July 1976, to celebrate our nation's Bi-Centennial, and to demonstrate PF's renewed determination to work toward a bright future. That meant coming to grips with the reality that at age fifty many challenges faced us.

Those challenges included:

1. Solving the decades-old water problems resulting from the water to most of the cottages being delivered in above ground pipes; and from several failures of two overworked pumps. When much money and minor repairs failed to fix the problem, the wise Board members voted to cut off at eighty-seven, the number of cottages using the water system.

2. Dealing with lake silting, beach erosion, and three dam failures. The costs of these necessary repairs totaled over \$100,000, paid for by heavy assessments on cottage owners. This led to the implementation of several creative fund-raising events, including benefit breakfasts and dinners, a PF cookbook, and community garage sales. The cost of upkeep on the lake led to discussions about the construction of a swimming pool, but the members' love of the lake put an end to that idea.

3. Facing the first challenge to the "Lutherans Only Membership". This clause in the PF by-laws was upheld in a 1973 court case. The judge decided in favor of PF's desire to maintain its unique character.

4. Coming to grips with families' less frequent need for activities. This new reality prompted several different social director hires and job descriptions. 1972-1981 saw the use of one full-time couple, off-site paid people, paid and un-paid member adults and teens, and finally as needed volunteers. The 1981 "Spray" was published only occasionally, featuring mostly rules.

Fortunately, necessity proved to be the mother of invention to deal with this need, as concerned members volunteered in greater numbers, providing games for children, teen events in the Youth Lodge (until its demolition in 1979), and greater use of the tennis courts and shuffle-board courts with the 1974 installation of lighting. Well connected members even brought an ensemble from a New York City church to present a 1977 rendition of "Godspell" in Social Hall.

1972 - 1981 6th b

Additions

1972-1981 6th c

5. Attempting to remain faithful to our religious traditions and duties. A lack of children on weekends led, with much sadness, to the cessation of Sunday School for children in 1973. New options for Bible study were provided, and fourteen adult members joined a PF sponsored trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany.

Sunday services continued without abatement, and with pride in equipping the worship area with new Lutheran hymnals, and offering Holy Communion twice each summer with the aid of visiting pastors

6. Addressing the needs of full-time cottagers.

The Board began this process by re-writing the by-laws, forming a long-range plan that advocated for the needs of year-round residents, pledging to keep the dues at the same amount as part-time cottagers, and by forming an emergency telephone chain among members.

The decade ended in 1981, with PF's traditional farewell event. New features included the first showing of vintages PF slides in Social Hall and the lighting of many candles on the newly constructed beach cross. Both were reminders of our God-centered heritage and the determination to move forward faithfully!

THE SEVENTH DECADE 1982 - 1991

In the early years of our seventh decade, a budget-minded Board and association members agreed to keep staff costs lower by asking volunteers to plan and supervise occasional activities for both adults and children. Adults enjoyed forums, craft classes, bridge nights and book reviews, while kids had car washes, shuffleboard and Trivial Pursuit competitions, etc.

The \$915 dues collected in 1983, and the decade's frequent assessments barely kept pace with needed repairs to the beach wall, lounge foundation, and water system, let alone as the cost of another lake-dredging. Though no-one was happy about all these costs, they were proud that the Board was being pro-active in caring for the property.

A tragic fire in March 1984 that totally destroyed the unoccupied Zedonis cottage brought a new challenge for the whole PF community to face. If we were going to depend on outside community resources to assist in such emergencies, how were we to relate to Paradise Township? The answers came as Township officials investigated the fire and toured our property. They assured us that the suggestions they would make had safety as their prime concern, and had no desire to invade the privacy of PF.

To that end, we were given these suggestions:

- Pave certain sections of our dirt roads;
- Rebuild the creek bridge strong enough to enable fire-trucks to get to the top of our property;
- Have members agree to have their cottages identified and placed on the county grid emergency response map.

As a helpful addition, Township water-board officials warned us that PF was in danger of having the lake declared marshland if steps were not taken to eliminate the silting which at some places had become islands with growing vegetation.

By October 1989 the new bridge was built, and many good-faith efforts were made to comply with the Township requests.

Late in the decade, with nearly a dozen cottages awaiting buyers, the Board began an aggressive sales campaign that distributed pictorial brochures, simplified the process of obtaining a mortgage, and assigned people to act as agents to meet potential buyers, tour the property and hold open-houses.

By 1991 we looked with pride at the completion of what were our last cottages to be built - numbers six and seven-A on Summit hill road. Also accomplished was an improvement to the water system, the publication of our first computer generated "Spray", the enjoyment of listening to summer concerts by homegrown PF musicians, and the prospects of having an off-season Octoberfest and a spring dinner.

There was much more to be done, but our well-kept property, a co-operative spirit among members, and a new, positive connection with Paradise Township helped us look hopefully into our future.

1982-1981 7th B

THE EIGHTH DECADE 1992-2001

As Paradise Falls Lutheran Association anticipated celebrating both our 70th and 75th anniversaries in this decade, much time was spent revisiting our archival history, and planning for those occasions. Diane Spear's leadership for many of those years as social director and Board President gave just the impetus and continuity needed for these undertakings.

Pastor George Ammon and others displayed slides, historical records and photos. The "Spray" featured historical anecdotes and "did you know?" columns, and everyone was "game" to try some of the old-time activities such as square-dances, hay-rides, morning crafts, fashion shows, treasure hunts and even a fund-raising bonfire.

The schedule of events from those two anniversary celebrations are preserved in our archives, as are copies of the green anniversary booklet that updated individual cottage and association history and photos.

The decade's new strategy of having one member serve as a cottages sales agent, along with other members producing and distributing a new video, did sell a few cottages, although several were on the market for some time.

Other Board actions which proved valuable were the decision to relocate old and newly built playground equipment to a safer place near the Tea Room, and to establish a Paradise Falls Fund that would accumulate donated monies, the principle of which would be saved and interest used for unexpected expenses.

1992-2001 8th b

Nature's extremes kept Board members busy. The 1955 drought necessitated the issuance of a burn ban; the devastating 1996 flood resulted in a costly cleanup; and a several-year infestation of wooly adelgids in our hemlock trees required chemical treatment and the release of lady-bugs to kill the worms.

Fortunately, the decade's other issues proved easier to handle as we found that our newly cultivated relationship with Paradise Township opened the way for us to enlist their wisdom and assistance. One of these instances was the Township's help in opposing the re-opening of a noisy quarry near our property. They also recommended that we increase our liability insurance, conduct a 2001 boundary survey, and install a dry fire hydrant near the dam, to facilitate our use of lake water to fight fires.

One of the most important areas of expertise that the Township provided was in the naming of PF roads, the numbering of our cottages, and the assigning of official 911 emergency numbers and addresses for every building on our property.

Last, but certainly not the least, was the Township's efforts and patience with us in bringing the lake and well-water into compliance with county standards. A vote on the issue of having all cottages equipped with a well was taken, and was not approved, but at least our common water tested safe. We were very pleased to become better known as a cottage community and to have our efforts appreciated by the Township

THE NINTH DECADE 2002 - 2011

The summer after the tragedy of September 2001, the PF community held a "Let It Ring" patriotic program complete with instrumental and vocal music, poetry and prayers, to reflect our sensitivities about the attack on our nation. The following year, as flags spanned our Rte. 191 entry-way, a decision was made to have a pre-season worship service on each Memorial Day weekend Sunday. A few years later, in 2007, we dedicated our own Memorial Garden in a beautiful area above the falls. Created in the memory of John Lindholm, it will contain benches engraved with the names of PF's beloved deceased members.

This same spirit was also the impetus for thanking past leaders and members such as Paul Reisch - our liason with the township - for successfully bringing PF to our 80th anniversary.

The property committee chose this decade to enlarge the garage to store winter equipment, to repair the porch of the Lounge, to remodel the Pastor's apartment and to replace Social Hall siding and windows. Other issues addressed were the silting of the lake requiring repeated dredging, cleanup after the destruction of the 2003 President's Day snowstorm, concerns for the safety of cottages when unoccupied, and the continued list of unsold cottages.

On the bright side, as we became more closely connected to the Paradise Valley community, members like Bill Hoover realized how close our borders were to other surrounding properties. In 2008 Bill generously purchased 33 acres of outside land so our PF property would become less accessible to non-members.

Slowly, but surely, our wise leaders were able to help cottagers make the hard decision to change the policy regarding PF water. The 2008 proposal, requiring all cottages to drill individual wells by 2015 finally passed, bringing an end to the constant upkeep of the surface delivery pipes.

In-house discussions about changing the "Lutherans Only" policy for membership, brought the suggestion that the ownership qualifications be amended to include members of all churches in communion fellowship with the ELCA. Some minds were altered, but the policy change was tabled for future consideration.

Fortunately, many positives outweighed the negatives:

- * Members enjoyed activities - both planned and impromptu - held often in an increasingly user friendly Tea-Room.
- * The 2006 "Clean and Green" easements benefitted the PF environment..
- * Early work was done by Freda Ammon Miltner, putting PF history into easily accessible binders, expanded to include a pictorial directory of cottage buildings and owners.
- * Best of all were the accommodations being made for the safety of year-round residents, and the encouragement of Tea Room use for their off-season holiday gatherings.
- * Traditions, such as early season cleanup days, mid-summer beach "fiestas", post-season "Afterglows", and "Oktoberfests", helped part-time and full-time residents bond in the extended opportunities offered to enjoy our beloved Paradise Falls.

2002-2011 9th B

THE TENTH DECADE 2012 - 2021

Our tenth decade, leading up to the celebration of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association's 100th anniversary, included many efforts to revisit the past, but also to lay the foundation for a hopeful future.

The 2012 90th anniversary observance included the distribution of a 40 page booklet containing memories of long-time members,, and a dinner with speeches at 120 Nestledown Road, the former property of founder Clifford Hays.

Interest in our history continued in 2012 with an unprecedented visit to PF by the Paradise Township Historical Society. They were given a first ever tour of our property and buildings and expressed an interest in our history.

2013 saw hikes by several members to locate and mark PF boundaries, cornerstones and old trails. The year also saw a visit by a construction joist expert to more accurately date when our oldest structures, i.e., Gate Lodge, Nestledown, were built.

2012 10th b

Members enjoyed decade-long displays and tours of the oldest portions of our 1870 era buildings. The discovery of the stone remains of a pre-1939 Vespers pulpit near a Summit Hill cottage was viewed with interest.

The opening of a new PF museum, that occurred in 2016 in rooms next to the Tea Room, was due to the interest and hard-work of Kristen and Nolan Olson, Jane Sullivan, and Virginia Warburton. Now PF had a permanent area for the display of historical binders and accumulated memorabilia from more than 90 years.

This decade also made great strides in modernizing and planning for the future, as shown by the following developments:

- * All communications, i.e. Sprays, agendas, minutes, etc., were computer generated and a web-master kept information updated on our interesting web-page.

- * Cottage numbers and names that reflected in the dark were installed to guide first-responders to the location of all members.

- * All cottages had individual wells by 2015.

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* Social Hall sported a 2017 handicap accessible ramp.

* New macadam paving on the Falls' access road made visits possible for everyone who wished to ride down the hill by car.

* A 100th Anniversary Committee was formed and a commemorative quilt was started.

* Best of all was the passage in 2015 of a new membership policy that, with many stipulations, allowed non-Lutherans to purchase memberships. This action helped sell several cottages, but our aging population meant we still had sales challenges ahead.

* A security matter in 2017 - burglaries at four cottages - led the Board to contact law enforcement. When a suspect or suspects were not found, the Board alerted all cottagers, promising that suggestions for security measures would be brought forward quickly. A meeting was held on June, 28, 2018, during which time members were given cost estimates for various security systems. The board was given permission to

* Before the 2018 season began, two massive wind storms toppled hundreds of association trees, some causing major damage to -----cottages, and minor damage to ----- . Storms had brought trees down before in our history, but never this destructively. Permission was given cottage owners to allow construction noise during the summer except on Sundays, and repairs began in earnest.

2019

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2021

2022 Celebration Plans

During these last years before our 100th Anniversary, older members will enjoy remembering "the good old days", while newer cottagers will celebrate the wonderfully safe, modern, comfortable and welcoming community PF is today.

May both old and new members thank God and the thousands who have brought PF to this point, and inspire others to keep these blessed acres a continuing piece of paradise for everyone.

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