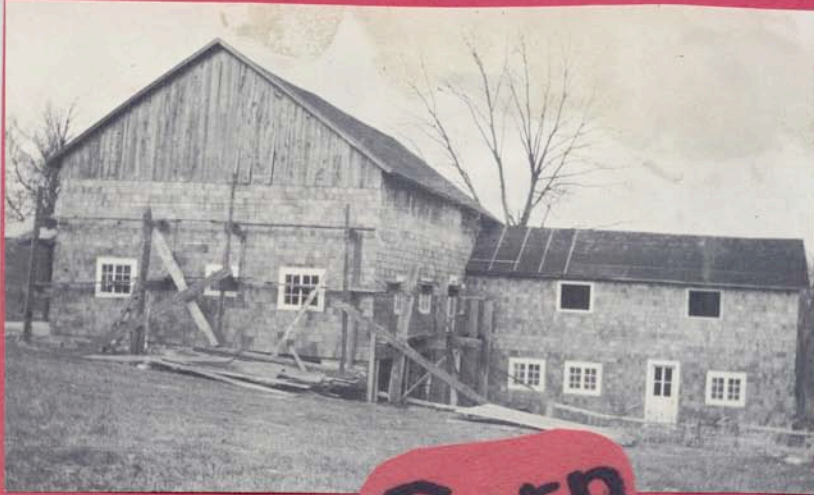


NESTLEDOWN COMPLEX



Barn

Dimmie Detrick's

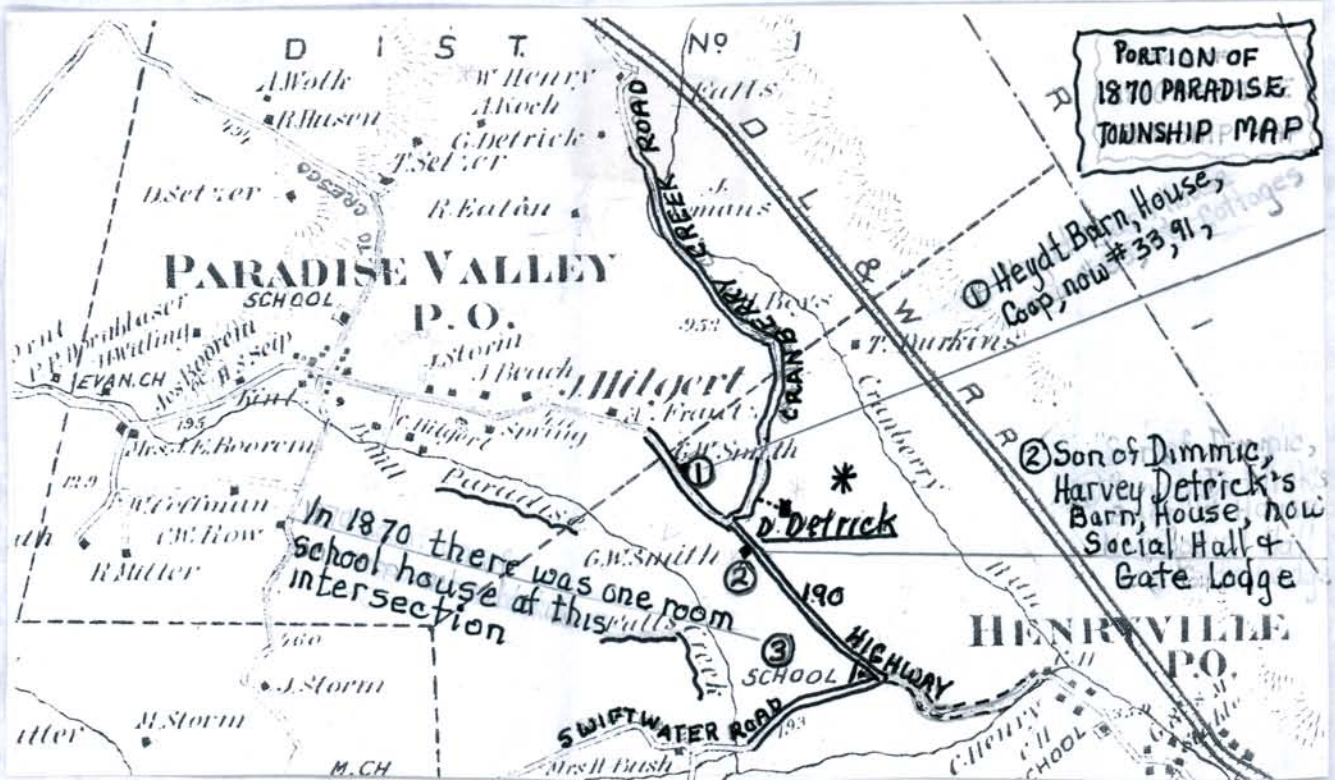


House

Nora & Dimmie's



DIMMIC DETRICK'S PARADISE VALLEY PROPERTY
ITS GENERAL LOCATION PRIOR TO PARADISE FALLS PURCHASE
IN 1922 IS SEEN ON THIS 1870 MAP. See sometime before



* Sometime before 1870 father Dimmic Detrick owned the * barn and whole farmhouse (note how big the ■ is compared to other farms. Please find his genealogy elsewhere in this BINDER! The dotted lines indicate that one entered the property off Cranberry Creek road not highways as today.



A local farmer, likely a Heydt relative, but 9 FARMS was held PF land!

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DIMMIC DETRICK'S FAMILY (including son, Harvey) and NEIGHBOR

Gate Census
of Social Hall
Farm family
Shows Harvey
Detrick, wife,
4 sons and
3 daughters

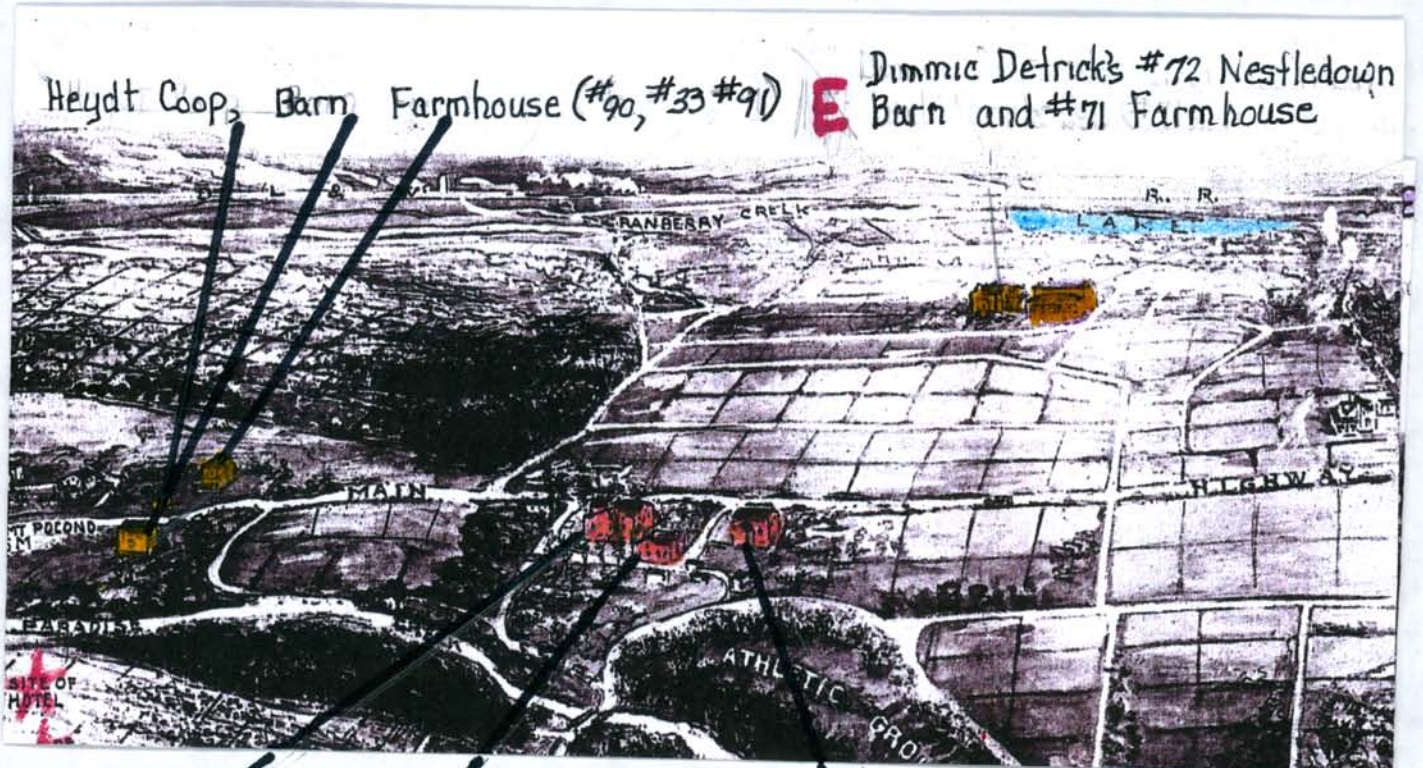
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Nestledown family
consisted of Dimmic,
wife & grandson

#50 farmhouse
held Lasher, wife
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Please find other censuses and genealogies from other sources
in following pages here and the FARMS BINDER

PORTIONS OF A P.F. 1927 AERIAL VIEW Find full view- BINDER



Harvey Detrick's, farmhouse, blacksmith show + barn (re Social Hall property).



Dimmick Detrick



Elnora Detrick

**Houston, we have a
problem.**

**Dimmick Dietrich really
was, as the census says,
Dimmick Detrick!**



WHO WAS DIMMICK DIETRICH (DETRICK) AND FROM WHERE DID HE COME?

1. Elias Detrick

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marr: Eva Nicholas

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Parents: Daniel and Catharine Beischer

17 known children: Mary Eve, John M., Catharine, Daniel, Jacob, Mary, Magdalena, Joseph, Susan, Jesse, Julian, Sallie, Elizabeth, William, Elias Jr., Anna Maria, Martin & Philip

Most likely this a farming family in the Marshall's Creek area.

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b. 1/22/1879

d. 3/6/1875 (Analomink Methodist Church Cemetary)

marr: Catharine Kirkendall

b. 1824

d. 1901 (Analomink Methodist Church Cemetary)

children:

Nelson K. (1842-1901)

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James E. (1854-1873)

Charles W. (1867-1912)

Amanda Arnold (1861-1952)

Most likely this was a farming family in the Analomink area.

3. Dimmick Milo Dittrick

b. June 8, 1848 - Monroe County

d. September 2, 1928 - (Analomink Methodist Church Cemetary)

marr: Elnora Dennis

b. March 1, 1849

d. January 6, 1920 (Analomink Methodist Church Cemetary)

children: (some questions)

Harvey Jessie, Elekta, George Smith and Harris J.

1880 census: Elektra (8), George S. (7), and Harrie J. (4)

1900 census: children gone, 2 grandchildren, Lizzie & Leroy Osburn from NY, living with them.

But the grown Harvey definitely owned the farm that became gate lodge & Social Hall.

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website: Harvey Jessie, Elekta, George Smith and Harris J. ??

option 2:

1880 census - June 21, 1880 - Paradise Township - 50/50:

Dimmick (32 - Farmer); Elnora (31 - Wife - Keeping House); Electa J. (8); George S. (7);
Harrie J. (4)

1890 census - June 15, 1890 - Paradise Township / Monroe County - 103/104:

Dimmick (51 - Head - Farmer); Nora (51 - Wife - 3 children / 3 children living);
Lizzie Osburn (15 - granddaughter from NY); Leroy Osburn (8 - grandson from NY)

option 3:

George (1873 - 1945)

Harvey (1877 - 1933)

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Chris P. Matthy - 2014

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children:

option 1:

John E. * (March 17, 1805 - June 28, 1870 - St. Paul's)

marr. Mary M. * (November 10, 1805 - December 16, 1893 - 88 yrs 1 mo. - St. Paul's)

Jacob (1809 - 1890)

Joseph (1813 - 1868)

Philip (1815 - 1880)

Susan Huffman (1817 - 1880) - at Analomink?

Jesse (January 22, 1819 - March 6, 1875 - Analomink) *

Julian Fleming (1820 - 1915)

Elizabeth Huffmann (1823 - 1865) - at Analomink?

William (1826 - 1913)

Elias, Jr. (1827 - 1904)

Anna Maria Bartron (1830 - 1902) - at Analomink?

Martin C. (1837 - 1915)

1870 census: Martin (34), Mary (32), Ardias? (8) - info from Frieda

option 2:

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marr: Catharine Kirkendall *
b. September 28, 1824
d. October 4, 1901 (Analomink Methodist Church Cemetery)

children:

option 1: Nelson K. (1842 - 1901)
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Depue (1846 - 1938)
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Charles W. (January 16, 1857 - April 29, 1912 - Analomink) *
marr. Alice (December 7, 1858 - April 4, 1906 - Analomink w/ Charles) *
Amanda Arnold (1861-1952)

option 2: 1860 census - July 13, 1860 - Stroud Township - P.O. Analomink - 1101/1072:
Jesse (40 - Farmer); Catharine (36 - Dom [domestic?]); Mary E. (16 - Dom); Depue (13); Milo D. (12);
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Construction continued, and for the first full season, July 25 - October 11, 1925, there were ten bedrooms and three bathrooms. This would suggest that work had started on the upper floor, indicating the date for the addition of the dormers. Heat was added at the same time. Pictures, including the one that was used in much early publicity, show a smokestack rising out of the center of the roof; the stack still exists in the attic, as does a flue vent in the first floor ceiling. Families could use the above-mentioned stoves to make their own meals, called "housekeeping privileges" or the "kitchenette plan," or could eat meals that were cooked and served in the adjacent farmhouse, dubbed - for that year only - "Doubledown." The 1926 brochure mentions that over three hundred guests were served in that first season and many more were turned away



✓ By the second season of 1926 the lower level dining room and kitchen probably were completed – pictures show a small extension to the rear of the bottom floor and a chimney added – the first real kitchen? Above that extension was a small deck with a door leading to the living room and stairs leading to the ground. E. Viola Roedel was hired as Hostess. There were twenty-one bedrooms (thirteen double and eight single) and five bathrooms. Room and board was \$12.00 a week per person (double, \$13.00

✓ single), with rates for children according to age. The housekeeping plan was still available, with some food available at a store on the grounds and milk, meat and ice deliverable. The brochure states that life at Nestledown was very informal and that it had a reputation as a “glorified camp.” The 1927 brochure states that over six hundred guests were served in 1926. Guests could enjoy bathing (swimming), tennis, quoits and croquet, as well as organized nature and “botanizing” hikes and “delightful drives” in the Association’s Dodge bus. Worship and Sunday School were available at a nearby Parkside chapel.

Our hope is that through many years hundreds may enjoy rest and refreshment in The Nestledown, the first building on the grounds of the Paradise Valley Lutheran Association

Clifford E. Hays,
Secy.

NESTLEDOWN'S GUEST REGISTER NAMES

Note Familiar Cottager Names:

* = families whose relatives still hold memberships at Paradise Falls cottage.

1924 Ohl*, Mueller*, Koons*, H.S Kidd*
Buckner, Mary K Drexel Home Deaconesses

1925 Spickler, Rossman, Cressman

1926 Jaxheimer, Bertha Heid, Breitschaft*
J.C. Dittmer P.15* (including toddler, Luther)

1927 R.M. Fry*, Mrs W Flothmeier*, Klee, Elson

1928 Earl Titus*, Jacobs, Ruth Haase*

2. INTO THE BIG TIMES

There were several major changes over the next seasons. Nestledown was completely "electrified" for 1927. With increased popularity demanding more space, overflow rooms were available in the Brown and White Cottages, Gate Lodge, and Social Hall (1928), with meals still provided at Nestledown. The housekeeping plan disappeared so that all guests ate at Nestledown. Guests would walk down the path, still existing from the Brown Cottage to Nestledown. Guests gathered in the waiting room upstairs for one of several seatings in the dining hall.

The 1928 brochure states that the dining hall capacity was expanded from seventy to one hundred. This would suggest the date for the pictures which show the dining hall extension – the ground was excavated from the side wall, transom windows were installed the length of the dining room, and new stone fireplaces (centered in the dining room, in the corner in the living room above) were added. Eventually a stairwell with direct access from the front porch to the upper rooms also was added. Weekly rates rose to \$15.00, and there were also daily rates in 1928, as well as discount rates for June and September-October.

The programming for guests and the community at Paradise Falls in general were growing, as well as an "outside" reputation. The 1928 Nestledown brochure states that over fifteen *thousand* people visited the Falls yearly, and a picture exists of a billboard inviting passers-by to stop at the rustic dining room at Paradise Falls – a picture of Nestledown is on that billboard. An existing menu from the 1940's ("Nestledown – where happiness is provided three times each day") offers eleven full course dinners (lobster with all the trimmings for \$2.50!) and fourteen luncheon plates. But even as many of those changes occurred, the building known as Nestledown was pretty much in its finished state for its life as a community house, hotel and public restaurant.

One final addition to Nestledown must be mentioned: the Girl's Camp Dining Hall. . . .



Shank - 1928

3. THE SECOND LIFE OF NESTLEDOWN

Culture continues to change, and eventually the same forces that brought Nestledown into being began to conspire against it. Local resorts with private bathrooms and nicely finished rooms made the "rustic" qualities of Nestledown, with its open-studded walls and common bathrooms, less appealing. In addition, the construction of Camp Hagan, the Lutheran girl's camp on the Delaware River, helped bring the demise of the girl's camp in 1951, which in turn brought less demand for Nestledown's meal services. And of course, by this time PFLA was the site of a good number of private cottages, several of which also were available for rental. The last full season of operation for Nestledown was 1957. For a few more years, guests were served meals in the Tea Room of Gate Lodge, but Nestledown itself, as well as the farmhouse and carriage house which had served as dormitories for the male and female help, were abandoned and fell into disrepair.

MITCHELL

As the story goes, the Association was actually considering allowing the local fire company to use the old barn-become-hotel for a practice burn. But in 1954, an adventuresome Bauers family had purchased the ramshackle farmhouse and began to restore it, and in 1958 the Mitchell family made a similar offer for Nestledown which was accepted by the Association. Nestledown was now a member "cottage."

Aside from the obvious need to clean and repair, there was little need for twenty-one bedrooms and five bathrooms in a family cottage. The Mitchells made an agreement with Association caretaker Kenny Harrison to dismantle the back additions in exchange for the lumber (out of which he apparently constructed a nice garage at his home in Stroudsburg). Partitions were taken out of the upstairs, reducing the number of bedrooms to six of varying sizes, with one bathroom at each end of the hall. A kitchen was constructed at the west end of the ground floor. Under the Mitchells' care, Nestledown took most of its current shape.

Need Mitchell

In 1968 ownership of Nestledown passed to Napoleon and Margarite Bradley. Over the years several contemporary upgrades were made. New windows were installed throughout, parts of the kitchen were modernized, a screened-in porch was added to the east end, accessed from the kitchen, carpeting was installed throughout the upper two floors, and the bathrooms received cosmetic facelifts, though most of the fixtures remained original (the first floor bathtub now resides in the Linders cottage).

In 2000 Nestledown was gifted by the Bradley's to the ELCA Foundation, where it was actually offered for sale worldwide. It was purchased by Chris and Chris Matthy of West Chester, Pa., with dreams of a new life that would have much more in common with its first life.



4 THE THIRD LIFE OF NESTLEDOWN

While many folks who still live at Paradise Falls or visit Paradise Falls have fond memories of Nestledown's past, it can't be – and doesn't need to be – recreated. Still, there is a constant need for places where Christian people can gather and be renewed in body and spirit.

It is the dream of the Matthys to bring Nestledown to a point where it could once again serve small groups of Christians to gather to grow in their faith even as they relax under the spell of Paradise. To that end, they are making efforts to make the house safe and usable for modern groups of all ages. The 70-year-old light fixtures in the basement and second floor have been replaced, with new wiring added to the basement and light switches added to the upstairs bedrooms (a first!). The upstairs bathrooms were completely remodeled to include a modern shower and fixtures, and all plumbing was replaced. In 2003 the well was sunk, the first in several steps to extend the use of Nestledown into several seasons. Future plans include bunk-style bedding in several rooms, as well as renovations that would allow year-round use. At the same time, some historic features of Nestledown will be accented so that future guests might sense that they are part of something with a great history.

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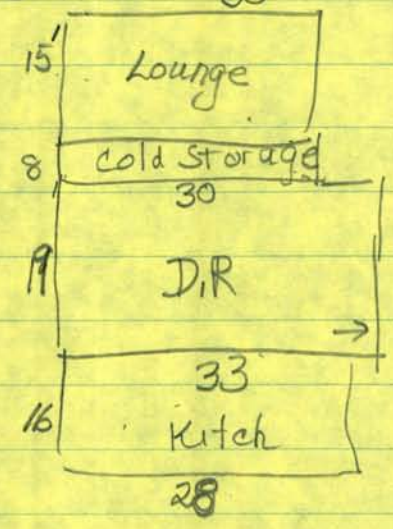
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Done by J.K. (John Kelly)

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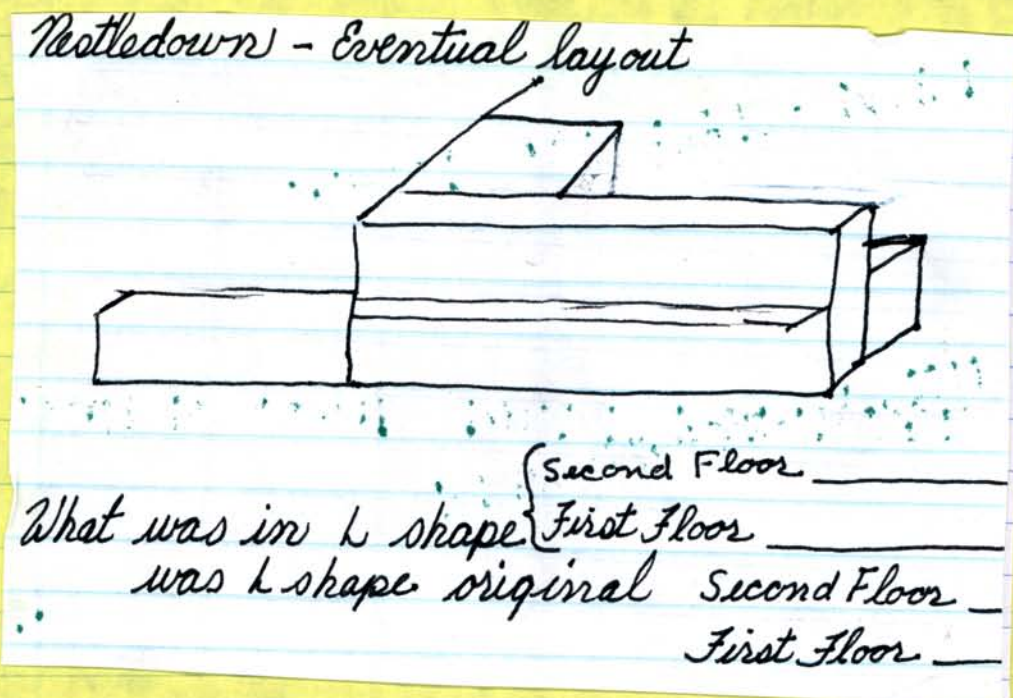
FLOOR PLAN
 #6 - 52 INTERIOR
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 Waitress
 Duhrck House Mother



What was your 1st year?

Fall lady - stores - Anna Kidd (Harvey)

Martin ~~Schell~~ + Jacquie Bond 1953 - Social Hall -



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NESTLEDOWN

1924-2004

An 80th Anniversary Brief History

Chris Matthy found
white porcelain
insulator on tree in
front yard. It proves
to be one of the lines
for 3 phones in early
PFLA



1 - Ring Gate Lodge
2 - Nestledown
3 - Girls Camp

Even though the Henryville House has been an empty shell for many years, there is still a sadness to see its final demise this summer. Another landmark from the history of the Poconos is gone. Like so many other small and large hotels in the area, the Henryville House was a reminder of a different, slower time – the kind of time we still value at Paradise Falls.

While many folks at PF know the deeper history of our Association, some may not. Once upon a time we, too, had a “hotel” of sorts. Officially, it was known started as a Community House. Its accommodations were primitive, and it eventually could not keep up with the more modern hotels and resorts that sprang up in the Poconos, but for many years for many Pennsylvania and New York Lutherans, Nestledown at PF was the summer destination of choice.

Nestledown was officially opened for business in August of 1924, and this being the 80th anniversary of that first season, it seemed the right time to share a little of our past. Since I have already been trying to put together this history over the past few years, it seemed an easy thing to do to divide it into sections that could be inserted into the Spray. If you are of such a mind, you could save these pages over the next few weeks and have your own Nestledown history book!

In the few short years we have owned Nestledown, many people have spoken to us about their remembrances: Bob and Dottie Bauers (Dottie ate in the girl’s camp dining hall), Jacquie Bond (waitress/hostess 1946-1951), Luther Dittmer (a kitchen worker), Ruth Mitchell (first private owner), Carolyn Pohl (who still has a girl’s camp uniform), Ruth Schaffner (waitress), and Ginny Warburton (waitress). Special thanks to Frieda Ammon Miltner, our PFLA “archivist”, whose sharing of her personal knowledge, as well as the collections of materials from her father, George Ammon, and others, filled in many details.

Do you have memories to share or information to add? Do you have a picture of that Camp Dining Hall? We would be glad to hear from you, too. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the trip down memory lane.

Chris and Chris Matthy

This Nestledown History replicates Chris' original version but
add notes and photos

Looking for a PFLA Directory?

Anyone wishing to have an updated copy of our PFLA Directory can e-mail Ernie Miller at highball@epix.net and he will e-mail you back a copy of the directory that you can print out for yourself. If you do not have a computer, you can contact Rick Fisher at 629-3994 and he will print one out for you.

Help keep our beach clean

Please put beach chairs, toys, noodles, and tubes away when you go home each day. Chairs go in the shed and floatation devices go behind the shed.

Safety First

The three large buoys (life preservers) are for emergency use only! Please do not use them for any other purpose.

Wanted Canceled Stamps

Yes folks, please save your canceled stamps just as I've requested in past years. Cut or tear them off the envelope and put them in the "yellow bag" by the mailboxes in the Gate Lodge. At the end of the summer I'll take the stamps back to my church in Fairfield. From there they'll be mailed off to Bethel Lutheran Institute in Bielefeld, Germany. The physically and mentally challenged will soak the stamps off the paper, sort them out, and sell them.

Thank you for being part of this ministry,
Joan Gibney

No Parking/Speed Limit

By far walking and bicycling are the best way to enjoy the PFLA grounds. For those of us that must drive there are several No Parking signs placed around the grounds and **the Speed Limit is 10 MPH (except on Beach Road where it is 5 MPH)**. Please obey these signs as they are for your protection. Be especially careful when driving near the tearoom and children's play area. Use the one-way exit and entrance as posted. Remember, Beach Road is one way at all times. Higher speeds also cause more rapid deterioration of our stone and gravel roads, especially when wet. Bouncing tires splash water and gravel out of the road surface forming potholes and ruts. If you need to speed you are at the wrong place and should move.

Recycling

Recyclables are collected by the Caretaker at curbside. Please bag all co-mingled glass, plastic, and metal containers in **plastic bags**, even if you drop them off at the designated dumpster. Flattened cardboard should be placed in the small dumpster designated for that purpose.

Trash Collection

Trash will be collected Monday mornings. Please place trash and garbage in bags. Do not leave bags out overnight to prevent animals from getting into the trash. All trash and garbage brought to the dumpster must be bagged. PLEASE help keep this area clean and orderly.

Shale Pit

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REGARDING ANY WORK NECESSARY ON PF PROPERTY

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Editor's Note

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Obviously any phoned in articles must be very brief.
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" Catherine Fitting "

" Eugene L. Fitting "

" Wyden Hager "

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Of that first year's guests, a number soon became cottage owners:

- Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Fittig - 8/12/24 - guests 3 & 4 - Harkins (1928)
- Nora Ohl - 8/19/24 - guest 14 - Neff (1925)
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mueller - 8/20/24 - guests 17 & 18 - Hoyt (1925)
- Mr. and Mrs. Martin Koons - 8/20/24 - guests 20 & 21 - Gally (1925)
- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Kidd - 8/26/24 - guests 28 & 29 - Hallman (1925 remodeled)
- Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fischer - 8/26/24 - guests 30 & 31 - Ness (1929)
- William Buckner - 10/13/24 Rally Day - Kirk (1925)
- Irene Kuntz - 10/13/24 Rally Day - Werkheiser (1926)

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Those of us who wander the grounds of PFLA today in our shorts and t-shirts might be amazed at those first "relaxing" visitors in the pictures, the women in their long black dresses, the men in their suits and ties. But for them, they had found paradise!

Oh Nestledown, Oh Nestledown!
 (Tune: O Christmas Tree)
 Oh Nestledown, Oh Nestledown, } Repeat
 A good time we have had here - }
 The eats and all good things we've had
 With minds carefree and hearts made
 glad
 Oh Nestledown, Oh Nestledown
 How loathe we are to leave you.

From: SONGS OF PARADISE - Second Dinner of the
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Present This Card for Meals at Nestledown *AF-1*
Introducing

as guests of
PARADISE FALLS LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION
Paradise Falls, Pa.

6/18/51

Date _____	Meals Daily
Breakfast 8:00 - 9:00	Dinner 5:30 - 6:30
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*This was last Spray of Summer, 2004.
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We do not have a photo of Nestledown in its original 1870 form (ie pure, working barn). However, see below and on following pages, the renovation stages it went through in becoming Nestledown's Inn and Restaurant.



Stage 1 - @ 1924 Dimmick Detrick's 1870 era was a "Pennsylvania Bank" barn (described fully in Social Hall BINDER. P.F leaders took its 3 level features to fashion basement dining, main level community area, and upstairs rental bedroom section. Early bedrooms must have had just the barn's slit windows. Note the vertical barn boards throughout but also the modern porch and windows on the main level.

sent to members from P.F. Secretary Clifford Hays

Below is a letter from Secretary Clifford Hays

Paradise Falls, Penn'a.
August 18, 1924

On Monday, July 7, 1924, Mr. Harry S. Hulbert and Mr. J. Pensyl began work on the alteration of the barn on the Dimmick Dietrich farm. The plan was to make a Community House with a common kitchen with numerous kitchenettes, common dining room with family tables, nineteen bedrooms, five baths, and a common lounge with large porches at front and back. The wagon shed to be kept as a garage. It was impossible to complete all alterations in time to open the house to guests this summer so we decided to build the front porch, ten bedrooms, the lounge, kitchen and dining room. This plan had to be reduced to seven bedrooms.

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NESTLEDOWN'S EVOLVING FRONT VIEWS (CONT.)

Stage 2 @

Note new roof-line and windows on the second level for the 8 single & 4 double bedrooms and bathrooms at both ends.



No chimneys were yet built, but note a lower level porch construction and the adjacent farmhouse on the left

Stage 3 @

This stage introduced chimneys at mid-roof and at back where kitchen was. Former vertical shakes were exchanged



for more appealing horizontal shakes. The steps at back right lead to a guest friendly porch above the now extended restaurant

NESTLEDOWN'S EVOLVING FRONT VIEWS (CONT 2)

Stage 4 @



This photo clearly shows a second front entrance that led directly to steps to the second level bedrooms. Safety codes would have

required an alternative exit to the interior that always lead to the growing number of rental rooms there.



"Nestledown Inn" Paradise Falls, Pennsylvania

The Final Stage 5 @

Nestledown in its final renovation "sported" roll out awnings on both the porch and second story bedroom windows. A second chimney indicated location of the kitchen and how large the back porch extended then.

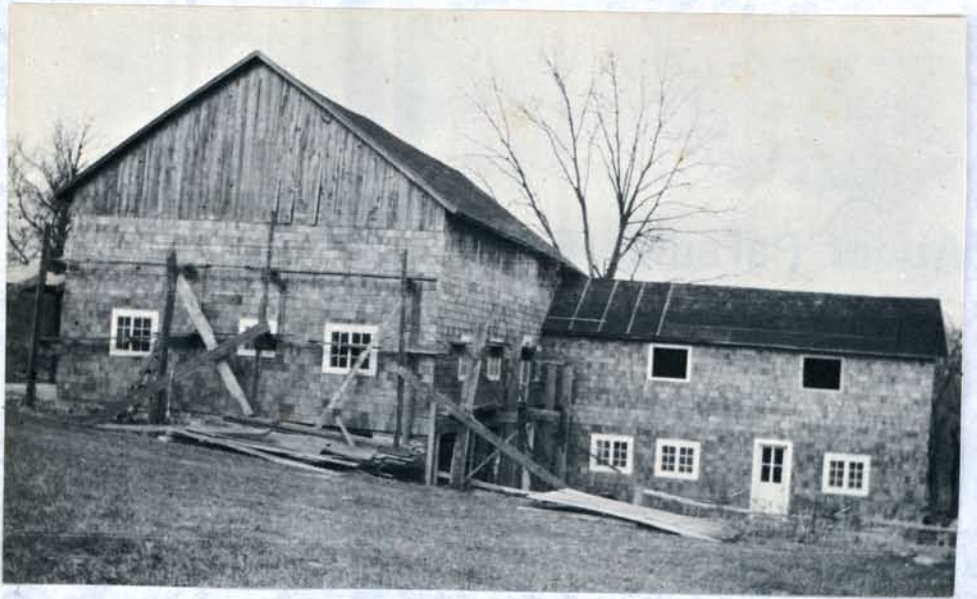
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NESTLEDOWN'S EVOLVING BACK VIEW

The farm Paradise Falls purchased from Dimmie Detrick was a well constructed building with an L shaped wing on its 2 lower levels. The front 3 stories and top level of the "L" were reserved for guests and the lower "L" level for kitchen staff and storage.

Stage A @ 1924

As a barn - hay was stored on top level, equipment on main level and animal stalls at ground level leading to fenced grazing area beyond.



Stage B @

This photo shows new dormers, horizontal shakes, and new windows throughout. See also the new kitchen below and the small guest porch above.

NESTLEDOWN'S EVOLVING BACK VIEW (CONT)

Stage C @

Note back dormers on upper level a tall venting pipe at the corner of the first kitchen, and basement dining windows.



Windows



Stage D @

These final renovation photos show the double-sized restaurant with the large porch above, and a second chimney at the corner of the new kitchen



The makeshift sheds beyond the kitchen was a food prep and trash gathering area.

The Tea Room fed the few rental guest who came after Nestledown's closure in 1953.

NESTLEDOWN'S GIRLS CAMP DINING HALL ADDITION

1930 - 1952

When there was a short-fall in the number of adult guests the opening of a P.F. Girls Camp that brought 50-75 girls on our grounds helped save our financial picture. The campers ate in a separate dining area on the left end of the building



Both the guest and camp dining halls had the same food and serving times but separate entrances and staffs.



The above shows positioning of the camp dining hall which was dismantled and reconstructed in camp area for use by PF cottage teens between @ 1959 - until its razing in 1979

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NESTLE DOWN'S EARLIEST DINING OPTIONS

1922-1923 During Nestledown's earliest renovation years members could supervise their cottage construction but could not get meals

1924 Nestledown opened August 11, 1924 and closed September using the 7 rooms and 2 bathrooms then available.

Their meal options were

Single room gave you access to a 3 burner stove as below with pots, utensils for \$8 per week

A Double room with above arrangements - \$11/week

A Double room with cot as above \$12 week



Though not ideal, pioneering members like middle woman, Ruth Smalley, (relative still own #36) hauled outside pump water and used these stoves waiting for Nestledown meals.

NESTLEDOWN'S EARLY DINING OPTIONS (CONT)

1925 First full
summer season

10 bedrooms and 3 baths greeted guests who: could use 1924 kitchenettes to prepare meals or could eat the PF cook's meals prepared and served temporarily at



Dimmie Detrick's former farmhouse next door

The nearby shed became Nestledown's guest linen and tablecloth laundry until both were done commercially



Nestledown restaurant opened in a former indoor livestock pen in lower barn area. Staff fed the guests renting the 13 double and 8 single rooms above. Leaders

preserved its rustic nature by keeping its original 1870 rafters and white-washing its fieldstone walls. Notice vertical slats on these early chairs that held happy guests who paid only \$15 for their weekly room and board.

NESTLEDOWN'S EVOLUTION AS A RESTAURANT

1927 So many guests had registered for this summer that leaders arranged lodging for them in private cottage rooms, with a guarantee that their meals would always be in Nestledown.



High guest counts also prompted plans to double the size of both the kitchen and dining room far beyond the barn's original walls and forming Nestledown popular back porch.



This 1929 expanded eatery featured a big fireplace, plastered walls, sturdier chairs that survive till now in the Tea Room.

1929 Leaders ambitiously added guest rooms to Social Hall and to both the brand new Brown and White Cottages. Every one said it was P.F.'s best year! Unfortunately, just 2 months later the "1929 CRASH" spoiled every-one's hope for the future.

For some years, when all the nearby resorts were in the same boat Paradise Falls kept competitive with electricity and attempts to modernize. But in the end, attendance dwindled and a new vision was needed.

1952 MENU Nestledown + Tea Room

Paradise Full Course Dinners

(Served in Main Dining Room Only)

Shrimp Cocktail50 Cherrystone Clam Cocktail . . .50

DINNER INCLUDES: Appetizer, Soup, Relish Dish, Salad, Two Cooked Vegetables, Rolls or Biscuits and Butter, Homemade Desserts, Beverage

APPETIZERS: Fruit Juice, Fruit Cup, or Sherbet

ENTREES:

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|---|------|
| 1. Pocono Trout, Butter Broiled | 2.50 |
| 2. Sauer Kraut and Pork, Mashed Potatoes | 2.00 |
| 3. Broiled or Fried Half Chicken | 2.75 |
| 4. Two Lamb Chops—1 inch thick | 3.50 |
| 5. Club Steak—Paradise Style | 3.50 |
| 6. Filet Mignon—Broiled in Butter | 4.00 |
| 7. Ham Steak—Cider Sauce | 3.00 |
| 8. Broiled Chopped Sirloin—Fried Onions | 2.50 |
| 9. Sauerbraten and Boiled White Potatoes | 2.00 |
| 10. Knockwurst and Glazed Apples or Sauer Kraut | 2.00 |

BEVERAGES:

- Pot of Hot Tea or Coffee
- Iced Tea or Iced Coffee
- Milk - Postum

DESSERTS:

- Homemade Pie or Cake
- Pudding,, Jello
- Ice Cream

Platters for children served at reduced rates

Paradise Toasted Sandwich Luncheon Plates

(Served in Tea Room and Dining Room)

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|--|------|
| 1. Sliced Chicken, served with Tomatoes and Lettuce and French Fries | 1.25 |
| 2. Baked Ham, Dill Pickle and French Fries | 1.25 |
| 3. Grilled Hamburger, Tomatoes and Lettuce, French Fries | .90 |
| 4. Tuna Fish, Sliced Hard Cooked Egg, French Fries | 1.25 |
| 5. Open Grilled Cheese, Bacon Strips, Lettuce, Potato Chips | 1.00 |

Other Sandwiches (Served in Tea Room Only)

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|---|-----|
| 6. Grilled Frankfurter on Roll | .25 |
| 7. Grilled Hamburger on Toasted Roll | .35 |
| 8. Cheeseburger | .40 |
| 9. Fried Egg on Toast | .35 |
| 10. Ham and Cheese on Toast—Slice of Pickle | .65 |
| 11. Swiss Cheese | .40 |
| 12. Grilled American Cheese | .35 |
| 13. American Cheese | .25 |
| 14. Tuna Fish on Toast | .40 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Tea or Coffee Cup | .10 | Banana Split | .45 |
| Milk, Glass | .10 | Milk Shakes | .35 |
| Pie | .15 | Ice Cream Sodas | .30 |
| Ice Cream | .15 and .20 | Sundaes | .40 |

PF MEMBERS ANECDOTES AND STAFF EXPERIENCES

Please see PF Members Memories BINDER for multi-page extensive stories of P.F. life.

See also various group pictures of staff, leaders, auxiliaries, etc in the thick Groups BINDER and by event year in the three Activity Binders 1922-1997 (up to our 75th Anniversary); 1998-2011; and 2011-2022 (up to our 100th Anniversary).

Young Luther Dittmer
horsehandler, dishwasher
1944



Ginger Wagner
Nestledown waitress
1953



Jinny Ammon W.
1954 Gate Lodge
meal waitress
for Brown, White
cottage

Nestledown waitresses wore
Blue aprons at breakfast
Orange at lunch Green at dinner

1951-Dobbins Tech H.S
teachers brought students
for work apprenticeships.
They were housed at
Carriage House "Shack"
in 6 bunks with games
in "Roost" above. By
midsummer sent home
for lack of work!

Coal bin coal
fired Nestledown's
early ovens and
stoves

A 1947 Ford "Woody"
station wagon met and
delivered guests to and from
the Railroad Station.

P.F. frozen stream
water provided ice
for refrigeration before
electricity!

PF Cottagers
could only reserve
Sunday Dinners at
Nestledown.

Jacqui Bond was Nestledown
meal hostess for 6 years
sometimes feeding guests
in three seatings!

See elsewhere the gourmet
menus and reasonable prices
at acclaimed Nestledown!

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1954 NESTLEDOWN CLOSURE AND REPURPOSING IT
AS A COTTAGE.

Registrations at Nestledown dwindled because other resorts could provide more amenities and activities than P.F. Nestledown Inn closed by 1954. Guests then, could stay in the Brown and White rental rooms and take their meals in the Tea Room. By 1955 no meals were provided anywhere at P.F.

Our P.F. Board decided to reduce the size of Nestledown and offered the original remodeled barn for sale as a large cottage. See elsewhere in this BINDER the members who took on the challenge after Kenny Harrison dismantled the Girls dining hall, reassembling it as a youth rec lodge on the former camp property. He also agreed to take off the L portion if ^{he} could personally use its lumber. Owners included:

1957- 1967 The Ruth Mitchell Family - 12 bedrooms became 6

1968 The Napoleon Bradley Family

2000 - Present The Chris Matthy Family

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DIMMICK DETRICK'S FARMHOUSE'S EVOLUTION INTO MANY
P.F. USES

- 1870 - 1922 Farmhouse of Dimmic and Nora Detrick's family
1924 Early P.F. office, winter lodging for supervising men
1925 Temporary kitchen + Gobbledown Restaurant for guests
1925 - 1926 Surveyors' office, lodging
1927 - 1928 P.F. Office
1928 - 1948 P.F. Staff housing
1948 - 1952 Vacant and vandalized
1952 - present Privately owned #71 cottage

This Dimmic Detrick farmhouse is an architectural twin of the home his son Harvey's family lived in about 1 mile down the road, now known as P.F.'s Gate Lodge



Please see the full history of this Nestledown farmhouse
in the BINDER

AM and PM Flag Raising Ceremonies were often held in Nestledown's front yard. This one was held July 4, 1928 featuring a speech by P.F. President Mr. Buckley.



Guests usually came by bus or train, but parking was available close to Nestledown. In those days the trains from Philadelphia and New York area could be seen on the tracks between Henryville and Cresco.

Note above - Nestledown did not have second story windows as yet cut.

1934 - Pastors Getz and Fritz walk on the then staircased path for a meal or planned activity at Nestledown. (Even pastors wore knickers when on vacation.)



Unknown Date ?





This living room with
fireplace, piano, library
was homey gathering spot.

In 1925 oil was used for
lighting, but by 1927
Nestledown was totally
"electrified"!

GUESTS USED THIS
LIVING ROOM AWAITING
PLANNED ACTIVITIES
OR MEALS.

Note - Squared beams &
posts

Circular post seating
Wicker furniture

At left - Doorway to
back porch
- Fireplace

At Right - rectangular
piano

1920s

See backs of
photos for
names



"Husking Corn"

- 1.) ? 2.) Violet Kidd (seated)
- 3.) Pauline Baeshore 4.) Ruth Briel
- 5.) Catherine Schaver

- 6.) Giny Kern, 7.) Luise Breischäft
- 8.) Amelia Jones
- 9.) Ida Meyer (in doorway) 10.) Leona Baeshore - 1928

Boeshore

Boeshore



1926



1928

1920s cont'd



KITCHEN CREW - "Nestledown"
 Mrs. Breischafft, Mildred
 Owens, Richard Haag, Mae
 Mae? & Alicia Bradley
 Dietitian

Back (left to right) Mrs. Bradley,
 Mary, Charlie, Katie, Miss Bradley, —



Front (l. → r.) Ruth Smalley, Ida Flothmeier, Beatrice



FRANK NOFER 3RD FROM LEFT.
 1931 OTHERS - KITCHEN HELP - NESTLEDOWN

Bauer's Cottage Porch?
 L. Mouse
 R. Wain
 Nestledown
 Sidler (Stiller)?
 Hedwig?
 (on) ?

1930's

Jean Hoyt, Sally Sprecher waitressed at Metledown. Learned ^{their} cottage burned ^{while} on duty.

1934 Ass't. Pantry person



FRANCES ~~FRANCES~~ RUTH (Beer) Schaffner
Standing: 1) ~~FRANCES~~ 2) ~~RUTH~~ (Beer) Schaffner
3) Virtue (Beer) Hertz, 4) Frances (Hoyt) Kidd
Seated: Carlton Hoyt, Roy Heyen, Ernie Flothmeier + David Flegler

1935



1931



1931



Flothmeier 1933 (Ernie)?



Carlton Hoyt Roy Heyen Ernie Flothmeier David Flegler

1930s?

Checked edges on aprons
on bows



Same era
checked edges

See
names
on back ↓

(Back)



← Hort



1931

Orange on apple heads
Crown no
1900

5
4

Ernie Flothmeier - Nestledown
Shed Dishwasher

Some on
apple heads

Ruth Schwan

Miss Hipple

Carlton Roy
Hoyt Heyen

Ernie
Flothmeier

David
Flegler

1940's

STAFF

NESTLE DOWN

1940's
Nestle down
Uniform

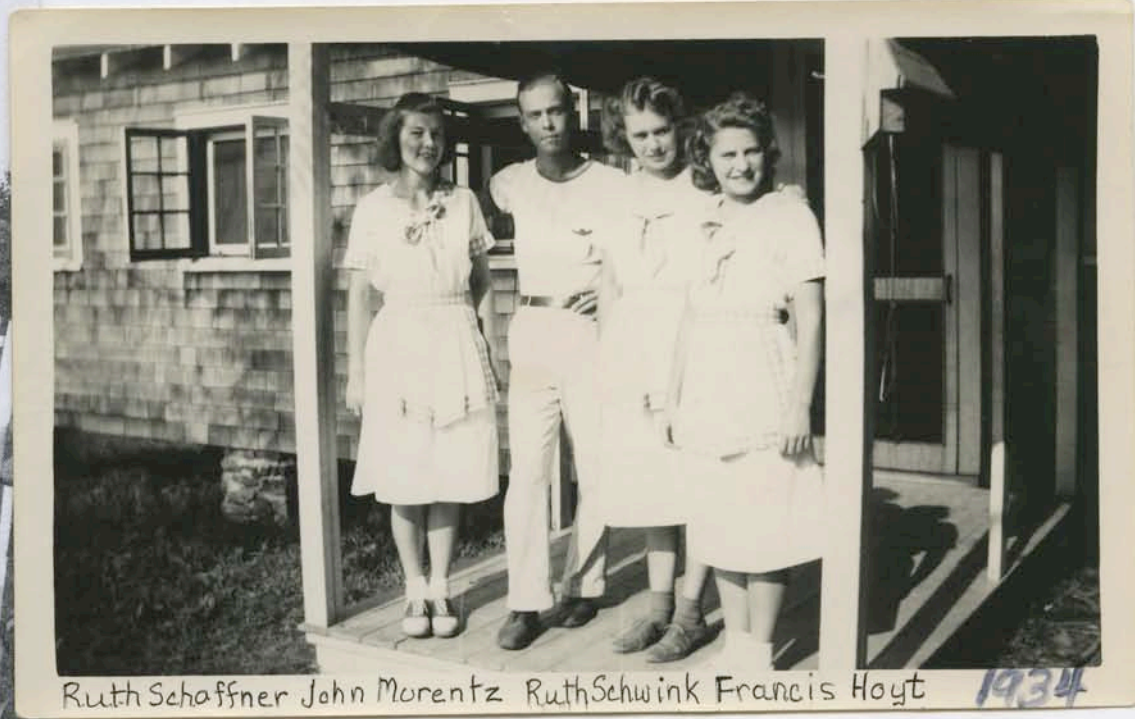
Dennis Heydt - chambermaid - Nestledown
1940-44 guest dining room waitress

Lune Heydt - Worked in kitchen

Herry Heydt Cramer - Girls Camp waitress in training when age 13.
1942-45 Main D R waitress



Dennis Heydt



Ruth Schaffner John Morentz Ruth Schwink Francis Hoyt

1934

Girls' Camp
Pining Rm
Porch

1949

Waitress -

Phyllis

Deischer

Shown else-
where

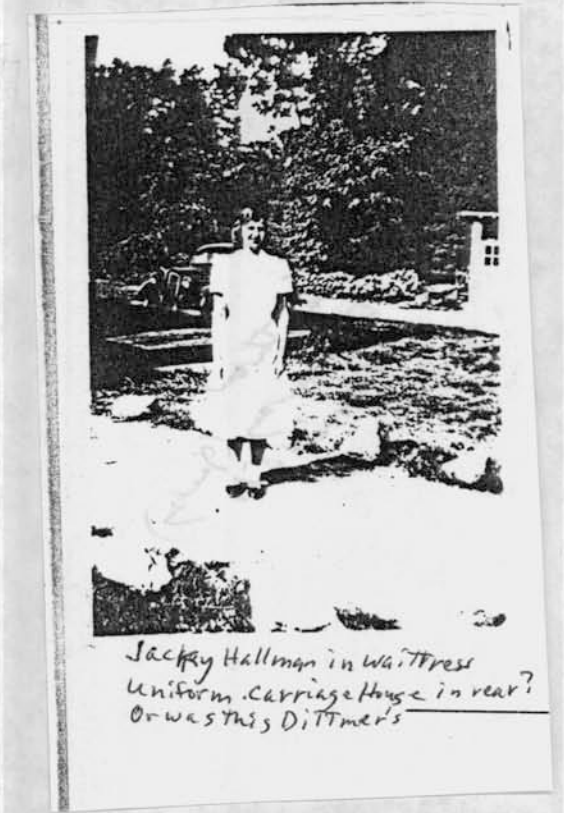


1950's

Last meal service at Nestledown 1953



Waitresses ate meals before lunch in
Girls Camp dining room.
Girls entered their hall from back.



"Chef"
(Late 40s?)

"Nestledown Inn"
Paradise Falls, Pennsylvania



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Hi Pop. Robert & Al,
Just a line to tell you
everything is fine. If we
can bring Beatrice and
Mrs. Michaelis up for
the week-end. There
is plenty of room. Hope
to see you next. Be
good, says. Love Mom & Sis

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10 miles north of Stroudsburg, Route 90



RATE SCHEDULE

Including meals—Hot and cold running water
Double rooms have twin beds

Weekly Rate per Person

May 1 to June 30—\$16.00 per week

Sept. 2 to Sept. 21—\$16.00 per week

Week ends \$3.00 per day

Children under 12 years—\$10.00 week
when occupying room with adults

JULY and AUGUST

Single Room, \$22.00—Double Room, \$30.00
Three in a room \$19.00

A discount of 5% allowed on 5 weeks
and 10% on 10 weeks stay
in Association Buildings

Daily Rate

July \$3.50—week ends \$3.75

August \$3.50—week ends \$4.00

Daily rate applies for less than seven days
Operated on American Plan



GATE LODGE

ENTRANCE TO THE FALLS

PARADISE FALLS RESORT

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

Paradise Falls, Monroe Co., Pa.

Telephone: Stroudsburg 775 J 2

RATES FOR 1950 (AMERICAN PLAN)

June 15 - 30; Sept. 5 - 9

During pre- and post-season periods, single and twin-bed rooms are available at \$33.00 per week

SEASON RATE: July 1 - Sept. 30

In Gate Lodge or In Nestledown

(Each room has Running Water)

Double Room, with twin beds...\$35.00 per week

Single Room 38.00 per week

Choice Corner Room, with twin beds (Gate Lodge) 38.00 per week

Also In Nestledown

Two twin-bed rooms, three single rooms, available without running water, \$33.00 per week

In Brown and White Cottages (8 Rooms)

(Each room has Running Water)

Double Room with twin beds...\$36.00 per week

Single Room 38.00 per week

In Social Hall

(Each room has Running Water)

Single or Twin-Bed Room\$33.00 per week

SPECIAL WEEK-END RATE

From 2 P. M. Friday to 2 P. M. Sunday

Room and Meals\$15.00 each

DAILY RATES:

Week-days, Monday to Friday noon..\$7.00 per day

Saturdays or Sundays 8.00 per day

It is advisable that a deposit be included with your reservation to assure definite reservation.

Paradise Falls

Rates for the 1957 Season

Rooms with running water

\$ 3.00 per night single

15.00 per week single

5.00 per night double

25.00 per week double

1.00 per night for extra cot

Choice Corner Room

\$ 6.00 per night double

30.00 per week double

Room and Meals (American Plan)

Room with running water

\$39.50 per week single

74.50 per week double

Choice Corner Room

\$79.50 per week double

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Announcing

The Second Season of

NESTLEDOWN

Paradise Falls

IN THE POCONOS

be the Hostess in charge of Nestledown this season. Board of excellent quality, well prepared by a skilled chef is served family style in the quaint dining room with its great ceiling beams.

We entertained over three hundred guests during the first season and turned many away for lack of room. These guests are constantly giving us testimonials of the great social enjoyment and physical benefit they received from their stay at Nestledown. Many of them made reservations for this season before they left last year, and although the capacity of the house has been doubled, over one-third of our accommodations have been taken for July and August. It is well to make reservations early. When all rooms are filled a few rooms are available in the cottages on the grounds. Those rooming in the cottages eat at Nestledown. Rates under this plan are the same as for those living in Nestledown.

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Miss E. Viola Roedel, of Philadelphia, will

the various courses in the mountains. Delightful drives over the excellent roads through lovely scenery will be provided for parties of eight, in the Association's Dodge bus. Church services and Sunday School are held in a nearby chapel.

RATES

Two in room with board: \$12.00 each per week.

One in room with board: \$13.00 per week.
Double room with housekeeping privileges: \$10.00 per week.

Single room with housekeeping privileges: \$6.00 per week.

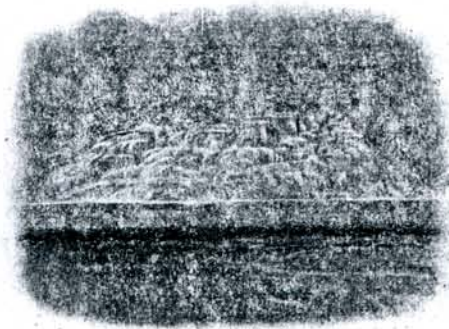
Board for extra adult using cot: \$8.00 per week. Use of cot: \$1 per week.

Rates given for children according to their ages.

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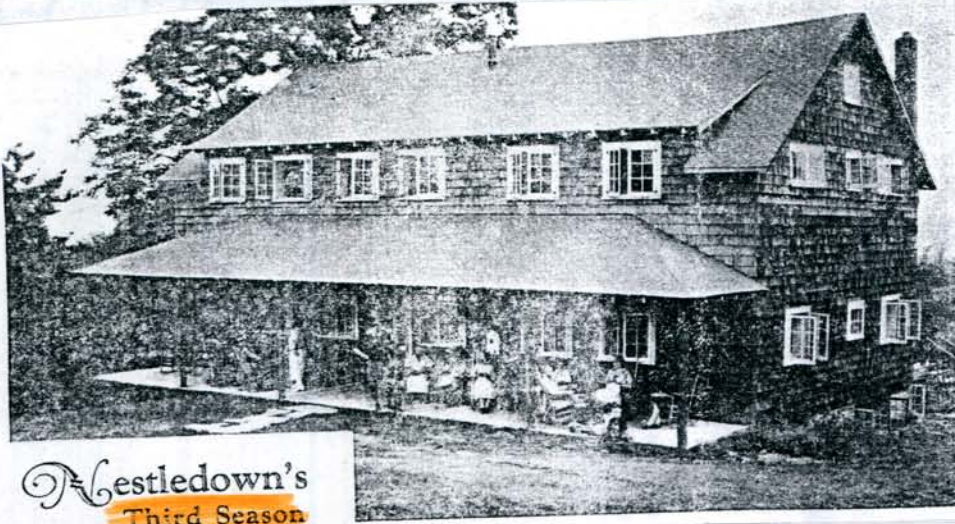
CLIFFORD E. HAYS, Mgr.
Cresco, Pa.



PARADISE FALLS

3RD SEASON

1927



Nestledown's
Third Season

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Board of the same excellent quality and of sufficient quantity will be served as has been characteristic of the past seasons.

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CLIFFORD E. HAYS, *Manager.*

Winter address,

5410 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia.

Summer address, Cresco, Pa.



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4TH SEASON
June 9 - Oct. 15
1928

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It is a unique vacation place, for a large barn was transformed into this community house which was named "Nestledown." It has two commodious porches, airy bed rooms, is electrically lighted, has running hot and cold water in the baths, and an unusual dining room whose great old beams lend an air quite out of the ordinary. Here families and groups of friends find that warm hospitality which opens the wells of happy conversation and adds real flavor to food.

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There are two other features which need to be mentioned. First, the guest's room is prepared for his coming, but the guest cares for his room during his stay. This insures privacy and makes possible our low rates with the quality of what is offered. The other is that when all the rooms in Nestledown are filled, guests are accommodated with bed rooms in Social Hall and the cottages of the Members of the Association. Whether they sleep in Nestledown or elsewhere, all eat at Nestledown and the rates are the same for all. Many prefer having rooms in the cottages.

Mrs. Olive Paey, who has successfully managed restaurants and boarding houses in Philadelphia, has been secured as the steward of the dining room and kitchen. Mrs. Paey is from the state well known for its delicious food, old Virginia, and will serve us with some of their justly famed dishes such as hot tea biscuits, ginger bread, rolls, as well as tasty vegetable and meat dishes. There will be more choice given than hitherto. Our purpose is to provide sufficient wholesome, appetizing food that your stay may be both delightful and beneficial.

Nestledown entertained about fifteen hundred guests last season and we had to turn away large group for lack of accommodations. We had hoped to have our new building, The Lodge ready for occupancy this season, but unavoidable delays have hindered this. So that it is we for all who desire a vacation at Paradise Falls to write as early as possible. Many reservations have been made for July and August at the time of writing this.

Vacation at Paradise Falls gives you more than room and board. Here you are privileged to meet and learn to know the clergy and laity of our congregations from a wide territory. Here you may enjoy the services of your own Church as well as hear popular lectures on a wide variety of subjects given by our pastors, laymen and professors.

A pleasing variety of entertainment is offered at Paradise Falls. A lovely picnic grove has been developed in the glen below the beautiful Paradise Falls. Over fifteen thousand people visit this grove annually and enjoy the beauty of the Falls, the cool air, the antics of the bathers in the pool and on the terraces of the Falls, and many picnic, using the fire-places and pavilion to enjoy their lunch. Our guests find the Falls a constant pleasure and diversion.

Many roads and paths over the hills with far flung vistas, through the great wooded place by the lovely streams lure the hikers out constantly. Mr. Miller C. Ammon, hike-master, leads parties amid these scenes almost daily. Professor Warren N. Horne, nature-leader, opens the eyes of all who will go with him to the wonders of mosses, grasses, ferns, shrubs, trees and birds. He gives most interesting and informative lectures on Friday nights, illustrated with specimen slides.

The athletically inclined will find riding horses, bathing, tennis, quoits, croquet, etc. to meet their needs. Golf can be enjoyed at the courses on the mountain. Trout fishing in our lovely streams and hunting for large and small game lure the follower of rod and gun in season.

Social Hall provides the scene for many delightful evening gatherings for sociables, musical community sings, masked parties and motion pictures (which are shown weekly). The young folk manage to enjoy moonlight straw rides even if there be no obliging moon.

The Association Bus not only offers transportation between the grounds and Henryville Station, but takes parties of from five to eight over the mountains to visit the famous resorts and well known water falls, the magnificent Water Gap, and to Mauch Chunk, etc.

The advantages of climate, scenery, associations, diversions and unusually low rates all combine to make a vacation at Paradise Falls one never to be forgotten.

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Room and board per day, \$5.00 except week ends in July and August when the rate is \$5.50.

SPECIAL RATES FOR SPRING AND FALL

During June, September (from Saturday the 8th) and October special rates will be offered as follows: Groups of 10 or more, overnight, \$2 each per day.

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HOBOKEN

For schedule of trains at Newark, Summit, etc., consult time table.

READING—CENTRAL R. R.

Leave Harrisburg	Leave Reading
8 A.M., 1.10 P.M.	9.28 A.M., 5.08 P.M.
Arrive Allentown—10.20 A.M., 4.11 P.M.	
Leave Allentown	Leave Reading
1.35 and 7.39 P.M.	3.15 and 8.45 P.M.
Arrive Harrisburg—5 and 10.10 P.M.	
Fare, each way, Harrisburg to Allentown, \$3.22	
Fare, each way, Reading to Allentown, \$1.50	

LIBERTY BELL ROUTE

Leave Philadelphia	Arrive Allentown
7.57 A.M., 1.57 P.M.	9.50 A.M., 3.50 P.M.
Leave Allentown	Arrive Philadelphia
2.05 and 8.05 P.M.	4 and 10 P.M.
Fare, \$3 round trip good for 30 days	

BUS FROM ALLENTOWN TO STROUDSBURG VIA WIND GAP
Makes connections with Liberty Bell Route and Reading Central R. R. as per above schedule at their respective stations.

Leave Allentown (Centre Square)	Arrive Stroudsburg
10.15 A.M., 4.15 P.M.	12.25 and 6.25 P.M.
Leave Stroudsburg	Arrive Allentown (Centre Square)
9.45 A.M., 3.45 P.M.	1.50 and 7.30 P.M.
Fare, \$1.50 one way	

Taxi from Stroudsburg to Paradise Falls—\$5.00 per trip divided among the passengers. Taxis carry six passengers. Or bus passengers may take train to Henryville. Busses make connection with trains to Henryville.

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Three quarters of a mile of water main has been
laid which serves Nestledown and many lots.

A new store where staple groceries and refresh-
ments are offered has been built at the entrance to
the Falls, a picnic pavilion accommodating 120
picnickers, and tables has been constructed at the
Falls.

The Association's buildings have been repaired,
painted and equipped with modern plumbing and
lighting. And a great amount of cleaning up has
been done.

Two tennis courts have been constructed and
croquet grounds have been laid out.

The survey of roads, lots, athletic grounds, lake
and hotel sites have been made.

Nestledown and the two dwelling houses have
been furnished. Three motor vehicles and a tractor
have been purchased together with much other
equipment.

On January 1st, 1927 the assets of the Associa-
tion totaled \$68,000. The members have invested
\$40,000 to \$50,000 in their cottages, not included
in the Association assets.

1927 Store

White/Brown
1929

3rd 1927

First Season 1925

Second 1926

Third (1927 - 21 bedrooms - some in L shape? 5 baths

Fourth - (June 9 - Oct 13, 1928

2 porches, electricity, beamed dining room
Room - prepared for arrival, but guests cares during stay
After N full - then Social Hall (small version) 4 rooms
in member cottages
Mrs Olive Paey, Virginia cook



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Merrill

Duplicates.
In front
pages - this book

SAVE

STAFF



1941

Dick Friedrich, Ted Jentsch
Alice Shetlock, Dave Jentsch
Polly Shetlock, Richard Jentsch



1947

Camp Dining Room
Waitresses
Polly
Shetlock



1938

Polly Shetlock
swimming at the Falls



Dave Jentsch, Rick Jeter, Paul Grub

SAVE

STAFF



1946

Paul Joan Eunice David Polly
Grub Joan Jentsch shetlock
sitting - Richard Jentsch



1947

Top row ? ? Frank Nofer
Middle row Doris Joan Dorothy Jim
Richter Garris
Front row ? ? ? Polly shetlock



The 3 Jentsch Brothers
David Ted & Richard



1949

Tea Room Workers
Floss Weckman
Polly shetlock

FARMHOUSE & OUT-BUILDINGS THAT SERVICED NESTLE DOWN



^{original,}
The Detrick farmhouse was integral part of Nestledown's history - housing board members, surveyors, waitresses, maintenance staff in early years. See its full history in back section of this book. The adjacent wash house was used early on for guest linen laundering.

and later for Staff laundry.

DIMMICK DIETRIC HOUSE

Before - See Census records (History Book) Dimmick, Elnora, Electa, George, Harvey ^{living on farm 1880}

1924 - Hays family on-site housing

1925 - "Gobble down" Cook served early guests meals in farm dining room.

1926-27 - Surveyors lived upstairs, office downstairs

May 12 - 1927 Dittmer Family co habited the house at this time

19__ - __ Waitresses (Nestledown) lived both levels. Once Nestledown dining room opened. Staff accomodations were even set up in the kitchen area.

1941-42 Waiters, waitresses conducted strike for better wages, also damaged this building for spite.

1946-51 - Waitresses lived on both floors.

1952-53 - Vacant (Staff likely moved to Social Hall basement)

1954 - The Bob Bauers Family purchased and remodeled Dietrick House

What I know or surmise about the Dimmick Dietrich House!

Years ago I did speak to the Barrett Township Historical Society about the Harvey Dietrich Barn. I still have those records but I am too infirm to retrieve them now. I should really know more of the Dimmick Dietrich House since for a long period in the 1930's our house was the closest to that one and we bordered on their apple orchard. Much that I write to you comes from memory and may not be accurate. You may correct me if you so desire.

At the age of six weeks, I was brought by my parents on 12th May 1927 to the Paradise Valley Association and spent the nights in the Dimmick Dietrich House. The surveyors, led by Mcuria were also in the house. They were surveying the three not four new farmland acquisitions. The major portion was the acquisition of the Falls House for which \$800 was paid; but this occurred only in 1929. For most of my childhood, Nestletown was the centre of activities at the then renamed Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. This was not the only religiously oriented community. There was Lutherland and the Prebyterians in Buck Hill Falls beginning in 1901.

In those years, my Father was President of the Luther League of America, a gigantic youth organization that could rent entire trains to go to the Niagara Falls. He acquired a parcel of newly measured land from the Dimmick Dietrich Farm early in 1929 and in 1931 he had a Mr. Keller, whose house still stands at the terminus of Lower Swiftwater Road and now Pa. 191, then Pa 90, build our house. The old tare road Pa 90 was being replaced and moved slightly in 1931 to its present concrete base. But a more direct reason for the \$100 fee was that the first President was a Mr. Buckner, who owned a lumber mill in Brooklyn. He had been my father's Sunday School Teacher. (Pastor Hayes was the beacon showing the way. I wonder when the indisposition of Pastor Hayes had not really been that of Mtr. Raff). There is also the tale that Pastor Hayes had had his garage erected on the wrong lot. Also that he had had the road moved away from his doorstep.

The Dietrich farm house had access to the outside world through a dirt road connecting to Cranberry Creek road and the electric light poles still show that route. That road had a bifurcation before reaching Cranberry Creek Road and the west branch ended at the intersection of Spruce Drive.

Compared with the Abend Ruhe farm, the Dimmick Dietrich farms was diminutive, but still it boasted of a carriage house and a laundry. The laundry no longer exists, but was used extensively during

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the 30's and 40's where the waitresses at Nestledown washed and starched their uniforms, all for \$3 plus tips per week..

During that period the young ladies in service were housed in the Dietrich cottage. Responsible for their morals was Hedwig, called Hattie. All ladies were in bed by 11 p.m. except such as had on the morrow their one free day (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday only) , who were trusted with a key for late return. But the girls knew how to enter or leave the building silently through windows.

I had worked with Roy Heien and then David Flegler with the horses in the Abend Ruhe Farms until 1942, and in 1943 in Nestledown as a Dishwasher. We had from time to time to retrieve goods from the larder. Sugar and Flour were kept in the upstairs of the carriage house, but large tins of vegetables were stored in the cellar of the Dietrich cottage. When it was my turn to fetch tins of vegetables. I was always accompanied by Hattie and her chain of keys. She saw to it that neither I nor anyone else ascended the stairway from the cellar to the main floor.

The end of the Dietrich cottage almost came in 1953 when the Paradise Falls was almost bankrupt. It was sold for its lumber. The demolition proved difficult and would not bring the desired rewards. The building in half destroyed state was sold to its present owner, who knows better than I of its fate.

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Dietrich is a name in German that may either be a given name (as my uncle was August Dietrich Hachtmann or a family name, think of Marlene Dietrich). A Dietrich is a skeleton key, a *passee par tout* in French. It is a common given name in North Germany.



This is proper entrance (front) to Dimmie Dietric (now Bauers) Home. We're told it's an exact duplicate to Gate Lodge (his son Harvey's home). The porch is enclosed on this version



← Early light switch

pipe railing



← Unique closure

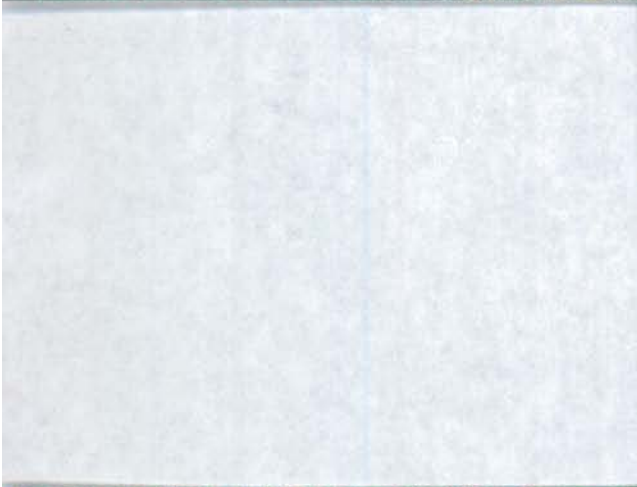
Bauers saved some broad board doors

CENTRAL STAIRCASE BATH AT TOP

UNIQUE FEATURES OF BAUERS PROPERTY



Needs
labeling



Learn about the Dimmick Dietrich house in Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association (PFLA) is celebrating its 90th year. It was founded in 1922 by the Reverend Clifford Hays, a Lutheran Pastor from Philadelphia.

Several years earlier, Pastor Hayes was involved in a serious auto accident and he spent a convalescent

year in the Dimmick Dietrich farmhouse off of what is now Route 191 in Paradise Valley. He was so impressed by the beauty and tranquillity of the area that he convinced a number of clergy and laypeople to form an association and purchase four contiguous farms, the Raff, Dimmick Dietrich, Heydt and Harvey Dietrich farms.

The farmhouse where Pastor Hayes recuperated still stands and will be the subject of Paradise Historical Society's meeting on Sunday, August 5, at 2:00 p.m. The owner will share his memories of the property and PFLA, going back to 1945. Because this is a private home, this event is open to members only, or by reservation. Call Carol Hillestad 570 629-2727 for information.



BAUERS DINING ROOM (many antiques)



← This room at Bauers is our mail room / former office and PFLA Registration area

← Both versions have this vented area indicating location of former heating area (fireplace? potbelly stove?) when still farmhouses.

Earliest guests could cook own meals in kitchenettes at Nestledown or be served meals in this off-site dining area

2ND STORY BEDROOM



← The white railed 2nd set of stairs directly to a bedroom may or may not be original

BAUERS BASEMENT



Notice rough-hewn rafters holding up broad board floor.

BAUERS SHED was the former wash house for Nestledown laundry



2011 Matthy Nestledown
photo of Interior

← Notice pipe that brought
from main to upper
floors

See complete lack of insulation
in unfinished room revealing
barn basics

Notice rough-hewn logs in
roof of this 1880's barn
Early descriptions called it
"camp-like". Now we know
why!

Water?
Sewer?
pipe?
Heat?



CARRIAGE HOUSE --- LANGE #70

BUILT 10-12-26

Now Private Cottage

CLOSED BY PF

Location 104 Dietrich Lane

P.F. USE - The fancy name did not mean it was built to house guest cars though there were open bays into which trucks and machinery were pulled overnight, for repair, or during the winter. The early version had tool shop on the left end. The upper floor, accessed by an exterior staircase, was a locked area where Nestledown food was stored.

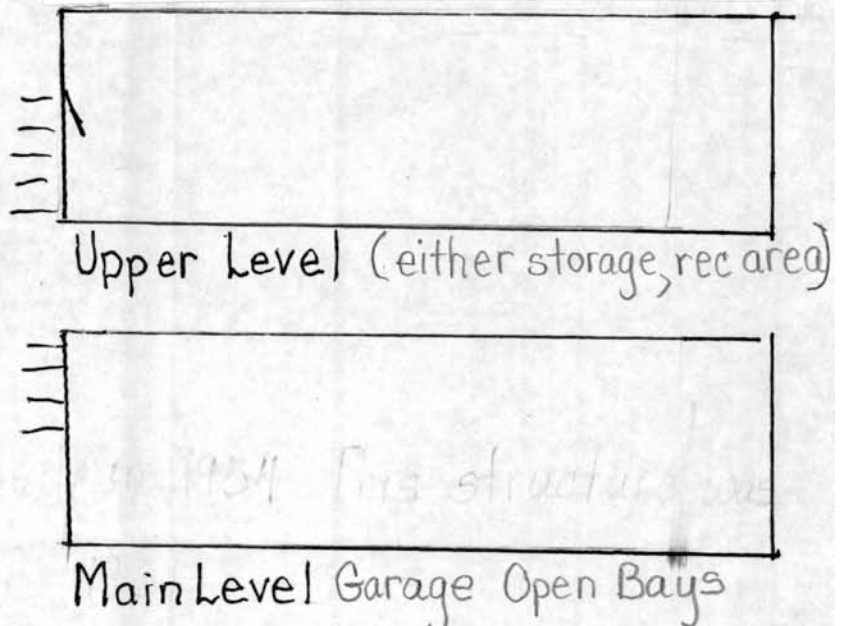
A later version (1952) when Nestledown no longer served meals, had garage door closures at the bays. Male maintenance men had bunk bedrooms at the right end and bathrooms at the left end of main level. The upstairs had a ping pong table and room for relaxation, games, etc.

Exterior Original version



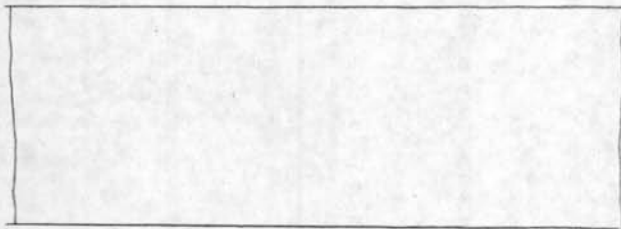
MANGUM, Rev. John M. & Margaret M.
PFLA Carriage House - Built 1926
Rebuilt by local persons in 1961

Original Floor Plans (Interior)

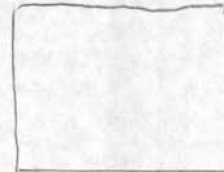


CARRIAGE HOUSE (2)

WHEN NESTLEDOWN CLOSED ONLY A FEW MAINTENANCE WORKERS / WAITRESSES WERE NEEDED SO STAFF WAS CUT AND THE CARRIAGE HOUSE WAS UP FOR SALE AS A COTTAGE



Staff main level



Remodeled and add-on cottage main

The Carriage House was empty several years because required a kitchen installation and insulation to make it year round ready

1961 - John & Margaret Mangum - private cottage owners

2000 - ^{Empty} 2004 Cole ownership - year round owner

2004 - Now Brenda Lange - L shape addition + complete renovation
often rented out weekly, monthly

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NESTLEDOWN STORAGE BUILDINGS - CARRIAGE HOUSE

The full write-up of this Carriage House's history may be found in the DING BINDER with all the other new construction PF-Built buildings. This garage like building was not a farm structure when we bought the land. Regardless, it is mentioned here because of its importance in the running of Nestledown.

In the early days: - Its open and later closed bays on the ground level sheltered PF maintenance vehicles and tools

- Its upper level had a huge area for dry goods accessed only by the cook



In the late 1940s and 1950s both floors were used by male staff - the upper level as a recreational (ping pong etc) area, - the lower level as bunk and bathroom section

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CARRIAGE HOUSE TRANSITION TO COTTAGE



When Nestle down closed @ 1954, this building was put up for sale as a cottage summer only at first then year round. Successive owners were the Mangums, Mr Cole, ^{Brenda} ~~the~~ Langes and recently the Hergenhan's who had played with the Mangums as kids





Girl Campers enjoyed a real feast and festivities on their last night!

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NESTLE DOWN

Year?
Wintresses — Jean Rus
 Celia Jaraas
 Helma Leiberger
 Gretchen
 Ruth Schwank

Clarify

CAMP BANQUET
AUGUST 25, 1950
SIX P.M.
- DINNER -
FRESH FRUIT CUP
FRIED CHICKEN, SO. STYLE
SNOW FLAKE POTATOES
FRESH CORN ON COB
FRESH GARDEN PEAS
CRANBERRY SAUCE
CHILLED CELERY
HOT TEA BISCUITS
CHOCOLATE SUNDAE
AFTER DINNER MINTS



1950

NESTLEDOWN

1st season 1925

2nd 1926

3rd 1927

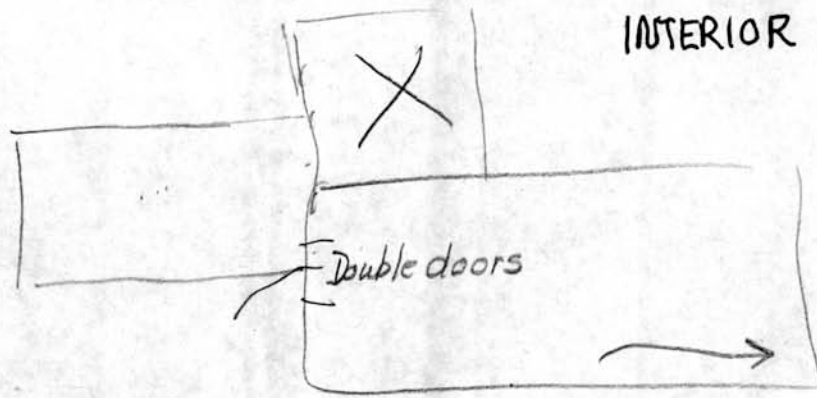
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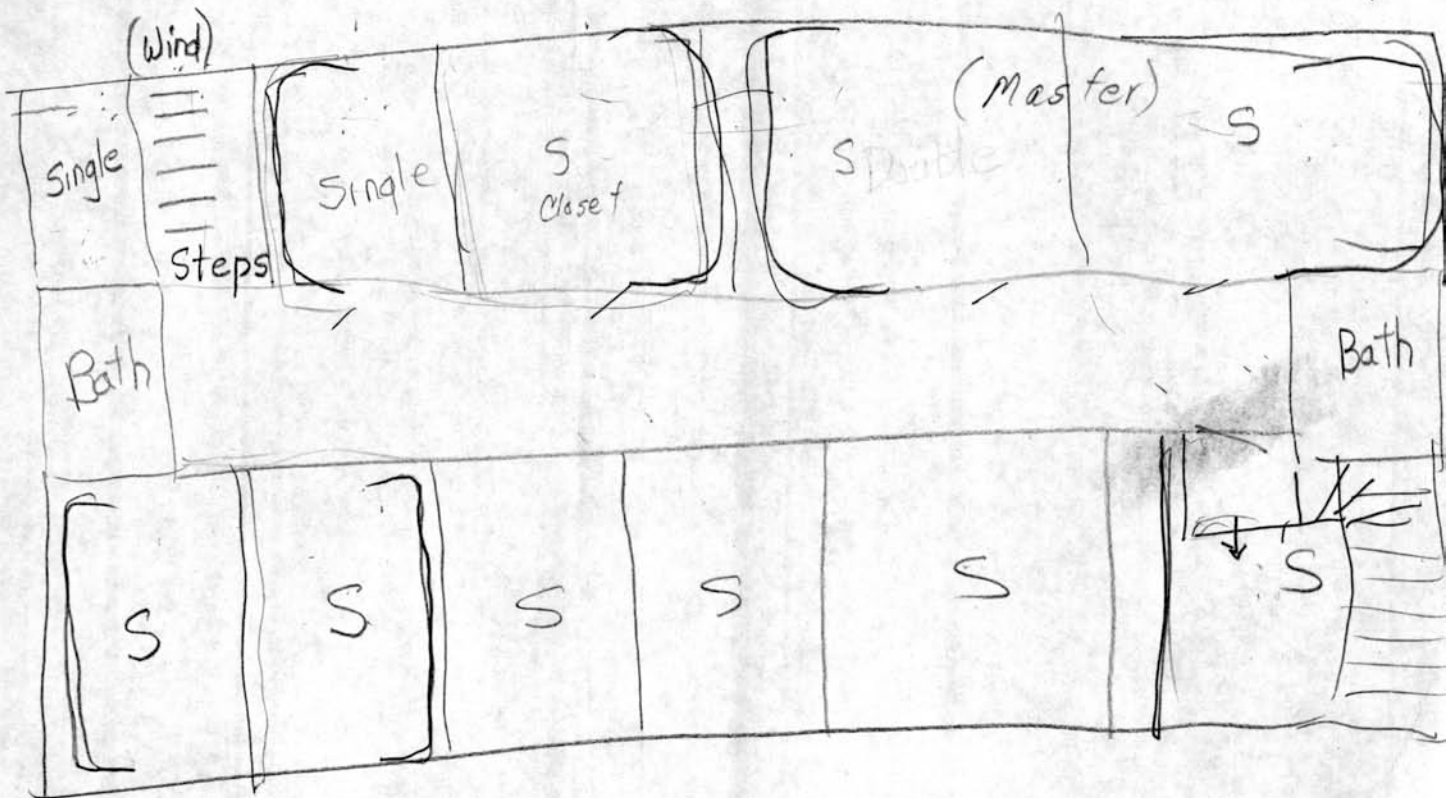
1928

1928 Some Social
Hall Rms

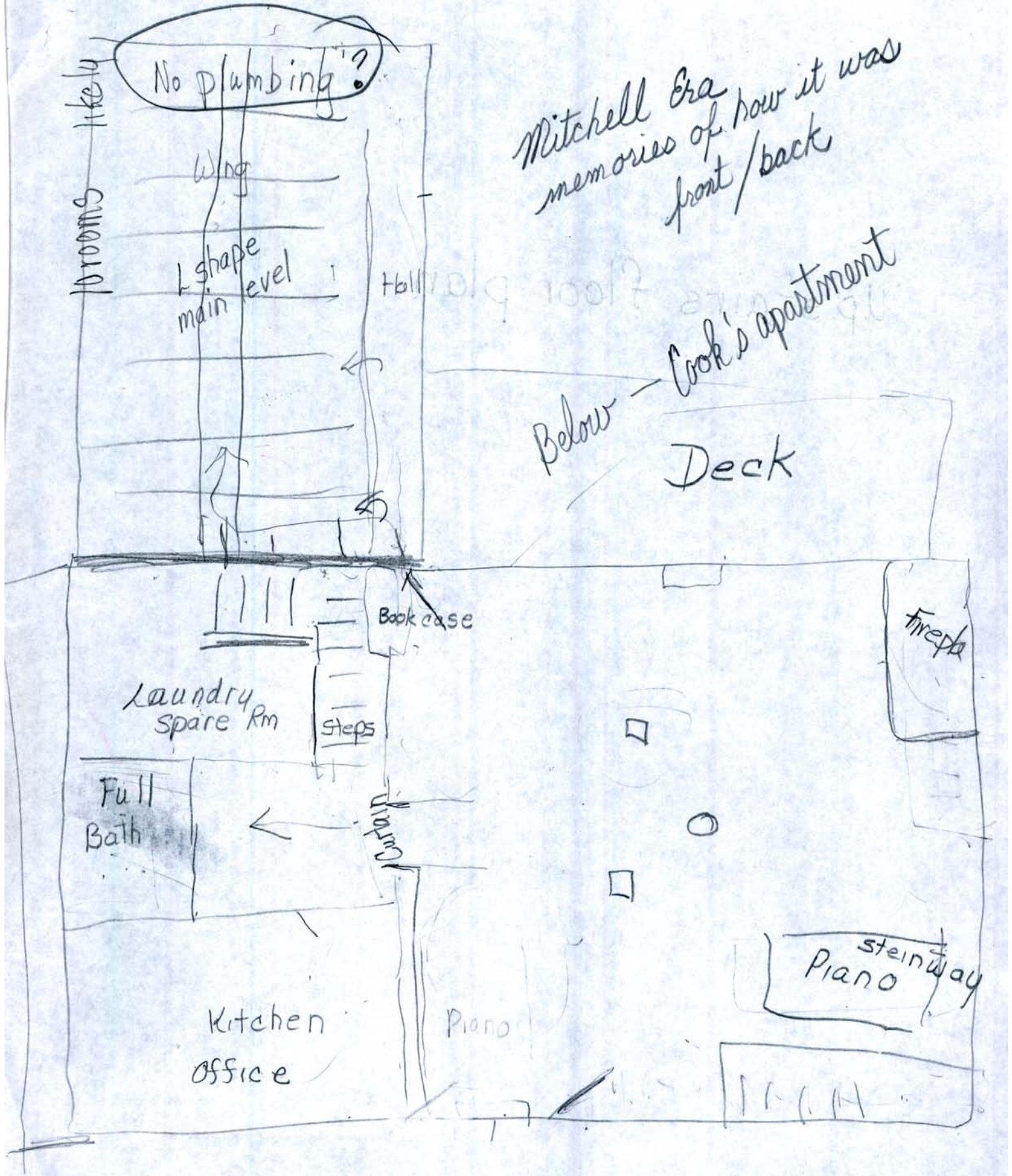
INTERIOR FLOOR PLAN



Up stairs floor plan



Main level floor plan



Mitchell Era
memories of how it was
front/back

Below -> Cook's apartment
Deck

No plumbing?

Wing

L shape
main level

Hall

likely
Brooms

Book case

Laundry
Spare Rm

Steps

Full
Bath

Steps

Kitchen
office

Piano

Steinway
Piano

Fireplace

Basement Floor Plan

NESTLEDOWN - 1946-51 + or -

basement
Dining room & kitchen

Handwritten notes at top left.

Handwritten notes at top center.

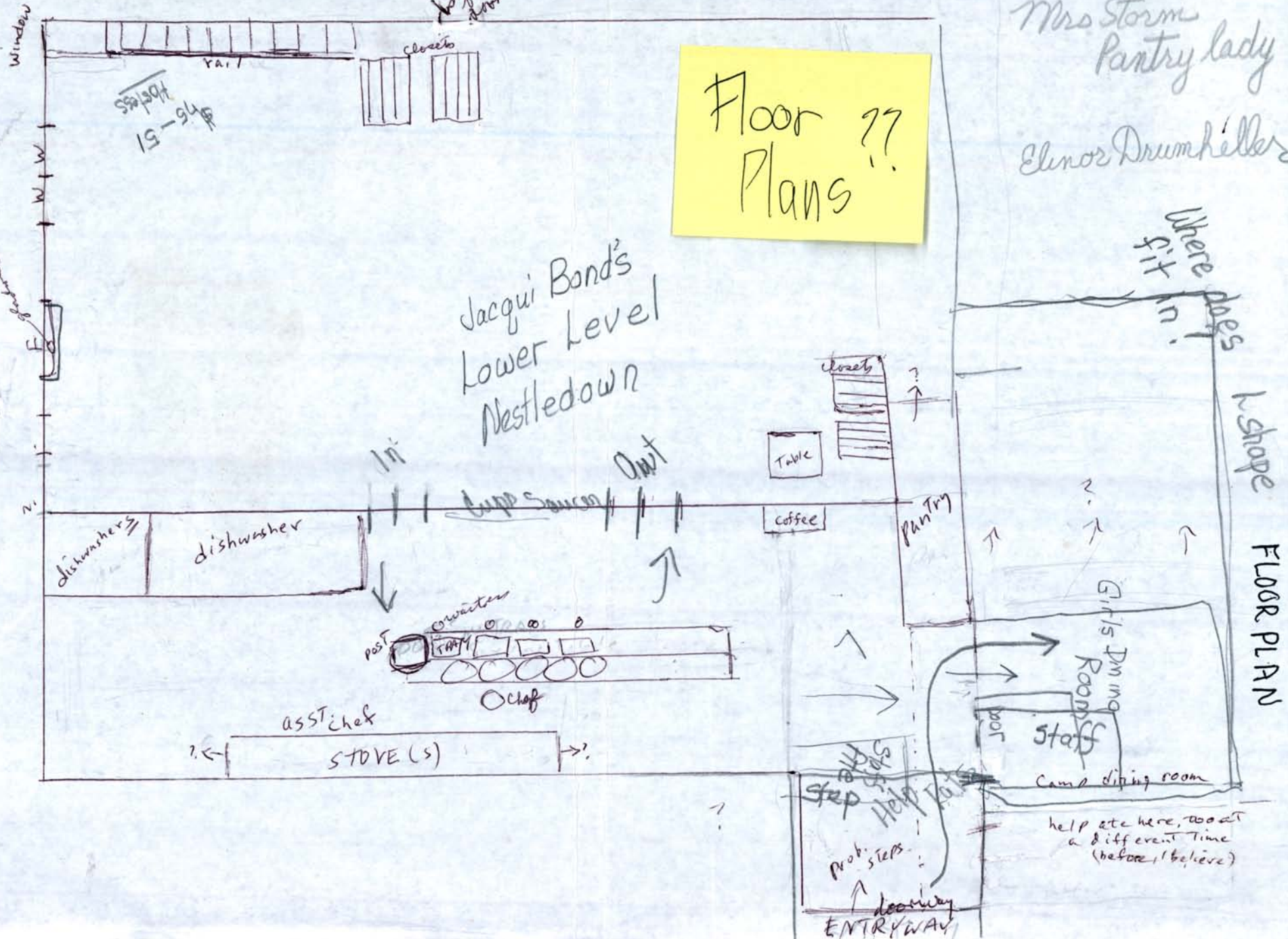
Floor ??
Plans

Mrs Storm
Pantry lady

Elinor Drumheller

Looks like bike rack

heavy mirror
hanging in



h shape FLOOR PLAN

More post in

FLOOR PLAN

Jacqui Bond's
1-305-433-0411

floor plan
Complete please

door to porch
Did not remember this

How get to
Laundry rooms?

Full

Stairs
to
2nd
floor
rental
rooms

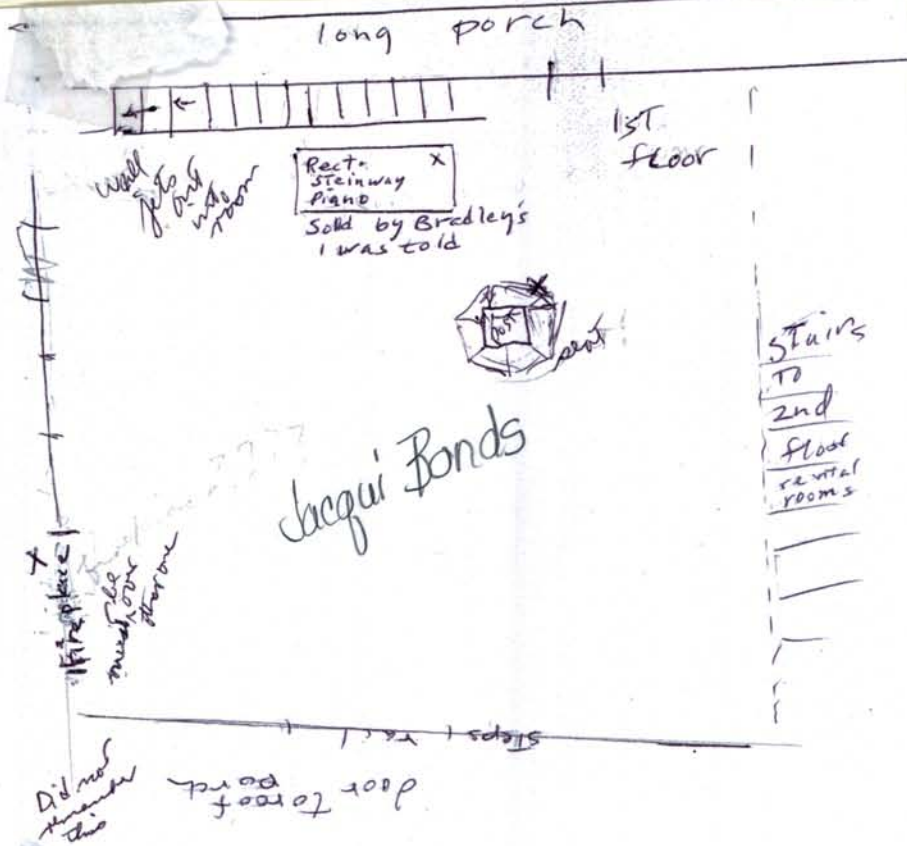
Main

Fireplace

Present Nestledown
office

Rect. Steinway Piano
Sold by Bradley's
I was told

Nestledown long porch
Upstairs Floor Plan



long porch

1st floor

wood
floor
rental
rooms

Rect. Steinway Piano
Sold by Bradley's
I was told



Stairs
to
2nd
floor
rental
rooms

Jacqui Bonds

Fireplace
X
must
over
stairs

door to porch
Steps / rail
Did not remember this

FLOOR PLAN

