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Brookview
Manor Inn



The Forks



Cliff View



The Glenmere
Hotel



Hillside Lodge



Laurel Grove
House



Linn Lake Lodge



Martinville Lake
Cottages



The Pines



The Pine Hurst



Pine Knob Inn



William Inn

Inns, Lodges, Cottages, Boarding Houses and Retreats of Barrett Township

With the demise of the tanning industry, due to over use of the once abundant hemlock and oak bark there was fear that there would be nothing left for Barrett Township. But, a new industry was starting. It began with the sportsman; fishermen and hunters, who found the pristine wilderness a paradise of forests and streams.

The first resorts were very different from today's version. Boarding houses were homes with a spare room or two and some families even choose to live in tents while renting their home to tourists. The desire for city dwellers to vacation in the Poconos was teased by descriptions that could be found in booklets such as Mountain Lake Resorts on the Lackawanna RR published in 1911. "In the dim, cool recesses of the forest, winding mountain trails lead through mile after mile of stately oaks and chestnuts, pines and hemlocks, spruces and maples. A view of the hillside ravines and tree-girt uplands when the laurel is in its glory is almost indescribable. Whole hillsides appear covered with great masses of billowy pink foam. And when the rhododendron, fairly towering among the trees, glorifies the humblest mountain road with its gorgeous blossoms set among its dark glossy foliage, the visitor is apt to feel that here indeed is Nature's own garden. Nowhere does the rhododendron attain such size and luxuriance as on the crest of the Alleghanies."

Also contributing to the growth of the tourist industry was the railroad making the area accessible to city people. In many cases Momma and children spent the entire summer in the fresh country air while Poppa stayed behind in the city during the work week and rode the train to join his family on weekends. At one time there were more than 50 resorts and boarding houses in Barrett Township.

Times have changed. No longer does the railroad bring over 1000 tourists, as it did one Saturday, to vacation in the Poconos. Many of the old resorts, mostly wooden structures, have met untimely deaths by fire or just sitting idle and molding away. Maybe the 21st century tourist desires a faster pace or travel further from the cities...but, just maybe, the pendulum will swing back and Barrett will again welcome scores of happy motorist looking for year round fun closer to home.

Do you remember any of these...?

Al-Jere' Lodge
Allen Price House
Applehurst Cottage
Ashover Cottages
Belvedear
Bender's Village Inn
Bessi's
Brewer Cottage
Brookside Cottages
Brookview Manor
Buck Hill House
Bungalow
Canadensis Hotel
Canadensis House
Canadensis Valley House
Caprioli's
Cliff View House
Cloud High
Cresco Hotel
Cresco House
Crestwood
Dawn Hill Cottages
Deer Mountain Camp
Del Wood Lodge
Dougherty's Forks Inn
Evergreen Lodge
Far View House
Fiabane Housekeeping Cottages
Flying W Ranch
Forks Inn
Frogtown Inn
Glen Cairn Villa
Glenmere Hotel
Goose Pond Run

Grey Craig
Griscom Hall
Heigh-Ho Motel *PARADISE*
Heller's Mount Airy House
Hemlock Grove Cottages
Henry Price House
Highland Villa
Hillside Lodge
Hotel Canadensis
Hotel Cresco
Ideal-Ease
Jeanac Farms
Krummel Hill House
Laurel Brook Farm
Laurel Grove Inn
Laurel Ridge Inn
Leon J. Werson's Bungalows
Levis Falls House
Linn Lake Lodge
Log Cabin Farm
Mabelle Cottages
Maple Grove Cottage
Maple Lawn Inn
Martinville
McCard's Cottages
Meadowbrook
Meadow Cottages
Merry Hill Lodge
Mo-Nom-O-Nock Inn
Mountain Cottages
Mountain Farm House
Mountainhome Inn
Mountain House
Mountain Lake House

Mountain Side Cottages
Mountain Top House
Mountain View Farm
Mount Monroe Lodge
Nan-Ro Cottages
Naomi Pines
Norwood Cottages
Onawa Lodge
Orchard Cottages
Pam-Lyn Colony
Pine Grove Cottages
Pine Knob Inn
Pines Hotel
Pleasant Ridge House
Pocono Mountain Inn
Poplars Boarding House
Pump House
Ravelli's Hotel Poplars
Real Knob Inn
Rippling Brook
Rockledge Manor
Rocky Glen
Roxana Cottages
Ski Run Lodge
Skytop Club
Spruce Cabin Inn
Spruce Mountain House
Starlit Lodge
Sylvan Lodge
Tambella Brothers
The Gallery
The Highlander Cottages
The Inn at Buck Hill Falls
The Lancaster

The Nearbrook
The Oaks
The Old Inn
The Overlook Hotel
The Pine Hurst
The Pines
The Pump House Inn
The Rudolph
The Woodlands
The Woodside
Top Hat
Towne Motor Court and Cottages
Valley View Cottages
Villa Brentini
Villa Caprioli
Village Court
Village Guest House
Vine Cottages
Vogt's Motor Lodge
White House
Wildwood Cottage
William Inn
Willow Cove Cottages
Willowdell Farm
Wisner Mountain House
Woodlawn House
Woods Acre
Woodside Retreat

BROOKVIEW MANOR INN



The Brookview Manor was built in 1911 as a summer residence for the McNulty family of Scranton. In 1945 Mrs. Harold Edwards opened its doors to the public as a guesthouse. By 1984 The Manor was once again sold. Marty and Gaile Horowitz purchased the property from Jim and Jane McKeon in 2001. Since that time it has remained open as a country inn with a restaurant and is located on route 447 in Canadensis.

THE FORKS



Allen S. Price, Sr. built The Buck Hill House hotel in 1878. After his death in 1901, he left the tavern to his wife Sarah. The family changed the name of the boarding house to Bucks Hill Cottage to reflect the residential use. Sarah left the building to her daughter Jennie. In 1927 Mrs. Anna Carleton purchased the property and named it The Forks Inn.

CLIFF VIEW



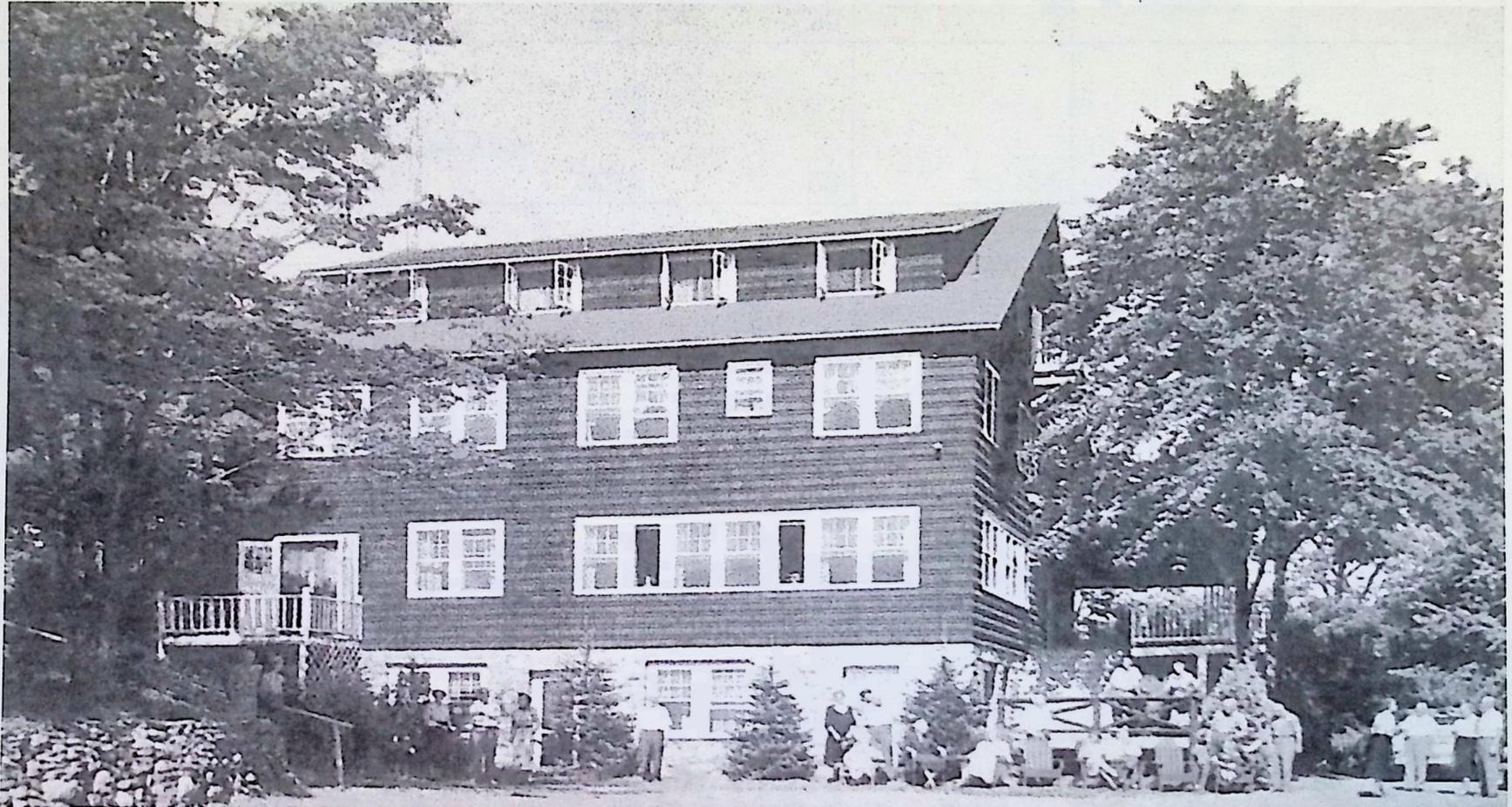
The Cliff View was built in the 1800's. Over the years it has had many owners. Located about one-half mile from the Cresco Station on routes 191 and 390. Many who arrived at the Cresco Station would stay at the hotel before continuing on to their final destination. The building was destroyed by a fire in 1995. Today it is rental units.

THE GLENMERE HOTEL



The Glenmere began as a private home to Laban Lewis, who came from New York in 1856. He decided to turn it into a paying proposition and thus The Glenmere was born. Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Brewer purchased it and then sold it to Milton Carlton. In the 1960's the Daniel's Family purchased the property and changed the name to Daniel's Top-O-the-Poconos. The resort is located on route 447 in Canadensis and continues as The Complete Year Round Resort.

HILLSIDE LODGE



Hillside Lodge, located on route 390 in Canadensis was built in the early 1900's. There were many owners of the property prior to 1947 when Hedwig Linder purchased a parcel of the current property from the First National Bank of Newfoundland. In 1958 she purchased another parcel from Italo Tambella. In December of 1976 John and Sylvia Linder took ownership of the property. The Linders' sold it to David and Sandra Klein in 1986. In January of 2001 Girishkumar and Pallavi Patel purchased Hillside Lodge. In October of 2012 it was again sold and is currently the Orthodox Monastery.

LAUREL GROVE HOUSE



Laurel Grove was built in 1886 by C. W. Bruton. It was owned by James Besecker by 1915. In 1936 Rapha Sieg sold his store and purchased the property located on route #447 in Canadensis. The resort was known as Laurel Grove Inn and Cottages. All activities were offered on the grounds of the resort including the Canadensis Golf Course. In 1955 Charles Sieg entered the family business and with his wife Emily operated the resort until it closed in 1986. The resort was recently purchased and is being renovated.

LINN LAKE LODGE



The original name for Spruce Lake Retreat was Linn Lake Lodge owned and operated by Fritz Dalton. It is located on route 447 about one mile west of High Acres Park, opposite the old Spruce Mountain House Pond. According to the "Scenic Poconos", it was a modern non-sectarian vacation resort with continental cuisine, informal, all sports, private lake and entertainment. All rooms with private baths. It is now a religious retreat affiliated with the Franconia Mennonite Group.

MARTINVILLE LAKE COTTAGES



Owned and operated by Eve Martin and later by daughters Kitty and Molly. The gift shop had "one of the finest collections of candles in the U.S.A.", according to an old postcard. This picture shows a different sign "Martinville Lake Coffee Shop". It is located approximately one mile north of the traffic light in Canadensis on route 390, Skytop Road.

THE PINES



Constructed of native hemlock by its original owner, Myron Price, "it is located in the most picturest section of the Pocono Mountains" according to Mountain Lake Resorts on the Lackawanna RR, published in 1911. It is now Pine Hill Retreat Center located between Dutch Hill Road and route 447.

THE PINE HURST



First owned by the Stright Family, it continued through a long line of owners until it reached the Gravels, who operated it until 1960 when it closed as a resort. It was also known as Mountain Cottage. At one point it housed the Coveville Post Office (Coveville was the original name of Canadensis). It is now rental apartments located on route 447 at the end of Golf Drive.

PINE KNOB INN



Although the original Inn met the same fate as many old structures, burning to the ground in May of 2005, this calendar of resorts would be incomplete without it. Built by Gilbert Palen, of Northrop and Palen Tannery fame, it was used as a boarding house as early as 1886, accommodating 30 people. It was also known as D.M. Crane's Brookside Cottage. The main house is gone but several cottages have been faithfully restored and are privately owned.

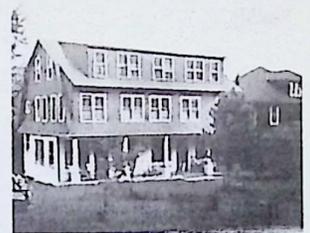
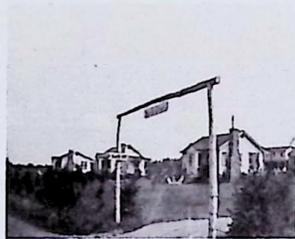
WILLIAM INN



As time passed, The William Inn went through several name changes; The William Inn, Bender's Village Inn, Old Village Inn and currently The Frogtown Inn and 6 Acres Restaurant. It was also the home of a business supply company. Located about one quarter of a mile north of the light in Canadensis, it can be recognized by the larger than life frog on the front porch.



Can you identify these inns, lodges, boarding houses, cottages and hotels?



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