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Canadensis Methodist Church

Thought to be the oldest church in Canadensis, it was located in a wooded area just beyond what was Pine Knob and opposite the Canadensis Methodist Cemetery on Route 447. It was built by Northrop and Palen who owned and operated the tannery. It cost \$1,200.00 to build and the deed is dated 1863.



Cresco Hotel or House

This information is taken from "Ringed Axes and Rocking Chairs" by Peggy Bancroft. Built in 1886, this is one of the oldest hotels in the area. An estate sale in 1890 listed 36 acres, a 3 story frame hotel, a slate roof, attached kitchen, and out buildings including a barn and livery stable, icehouse, milkhouse, wagon shed, and well. We have documentation that the railroad purchased the Hotel to use as a waiting room for ladies but this never happened. It was located opposite the Cresco Station on the other side of the tracks.

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W. A. Long's Store

Eventually becoming Humphrey's Drug Store, standing at the intersection of Rts. 447 and 390, this store was a connecting link between the Canadensis of the 1900's and 1970's until it was burned in May of 1974. Built by Ira Edwards, it was traded to William Long for a hotel that the Longs owned. The Longs operated it as a General Store, as did Richard Manhart. It also saw service as a meat store, clothing store, and the Post Office. It was bought in the early 1930's by Harry and Margaret Humphrey and operated as a year-round drug store and in the 1950's when it was only open in the summer.

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W. A. Long's Story



Looking north from the road in front of the hotel, this picture is undated. The boxcar is on the branch to Mountainhome; at the extreme right is Seguire's Department Store. Note the stove in the station visible through the open door.



Bush's Store, Canadensis, Pa.

Bush General Store was across the street from the Indian Trading Post in Canadensis. The upper floor at one point was used as added classrooms for the Canadensis High School with an apartment in the back portion of this upper floor.

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.



This view looking east from Spruce Cabin Road shows the lower end of Krummel's Pond. To the right was the Shafer and Rinehart sawmill which was powered by a water wheel. Much of the cut lumber was taken to the railroad siding in front of the Methodist Church for shipment. The pond provided a great winter skating place for the residents of Mountainhome.

The pond was already gone prior to the 1955 flood. Looking west over Krummel's Pond toward the Shafer home.

Most of the building still remains. The smaller cottage to the left once housed the Oakland Post Office.



POCONO INDIAN VILLAGE, CANADENSIS, PA.

Opened in 1936, Fred Schaefer's Indian Trading Post quickly became well known for southwest native American Indian handcrafted items. Sixteen Hollbrook Arizona Navajos lived and worked around the store.



Hundreds of Barrett Township residents attended the opening of the dedication of the school on Armistice Day in 1927. Issac E. Walter, of Cresco, was named the supervising principal of the 16 room school building.



This picture is from an undated postcard, but probably from the 'teens, based on the automobiles. The crowding of the parking area is evident. Seguire's Store and Post Office is at the left. The hotel is hidden behind the trees, but a part of the "widow's walk" is visible. A few horse-and-carts are still around, but automobiles dominate the scene. From a postcard in the BTHS collection.



IN THE POCONO MOUNTAINS MOUNTAINHOME, PA.

The Log Cabin Room opened in October of 1940. Prior to this, a roadside stand across the highway rented bicycles and sold ice cream and soda. The Log Cabin Tea Room served breakfast along with sandwiches, fresh fruit sundaes, milkshakes and banana splits. Bike rentals also continued. Most of the business came from the three resorts in close proximity—Onawa Lodge, Pleasant Ridge House and Monomonock.



Winter sports at Buck Hill Falls, PA. In the Pocono Mountains where a group of New Yorkers spent the Lincoln birthday weekend. (Circa 1933)

BARRETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY Welcomes You to Visit

The Cresco Station Museum is housed in the old Cresco Station (circa 1880's) which was built and used by the Delaware Lackawanna and Western Railroad. The building has been carefully restored and since 1999, our society has been its steward. This collection uniquely tells the story of Barrett Township Pennsylvania through its thoughtfully curated displays. Items have been carefully selected, organized and presented. Many of the artifacts have been donated by local families and businesses.

In 2018, the Library and Research Center opened in a building built in 1928 that originally housed the Cresco Post Office. The public is welcome to visit or to seek help with researching our local history. The Library and Research Center is located across the road from the Cresco Station. The Weiler Family Foundation very kindly leases both of these historic structures for our use.

HOURS

Station Museum

Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 March - October

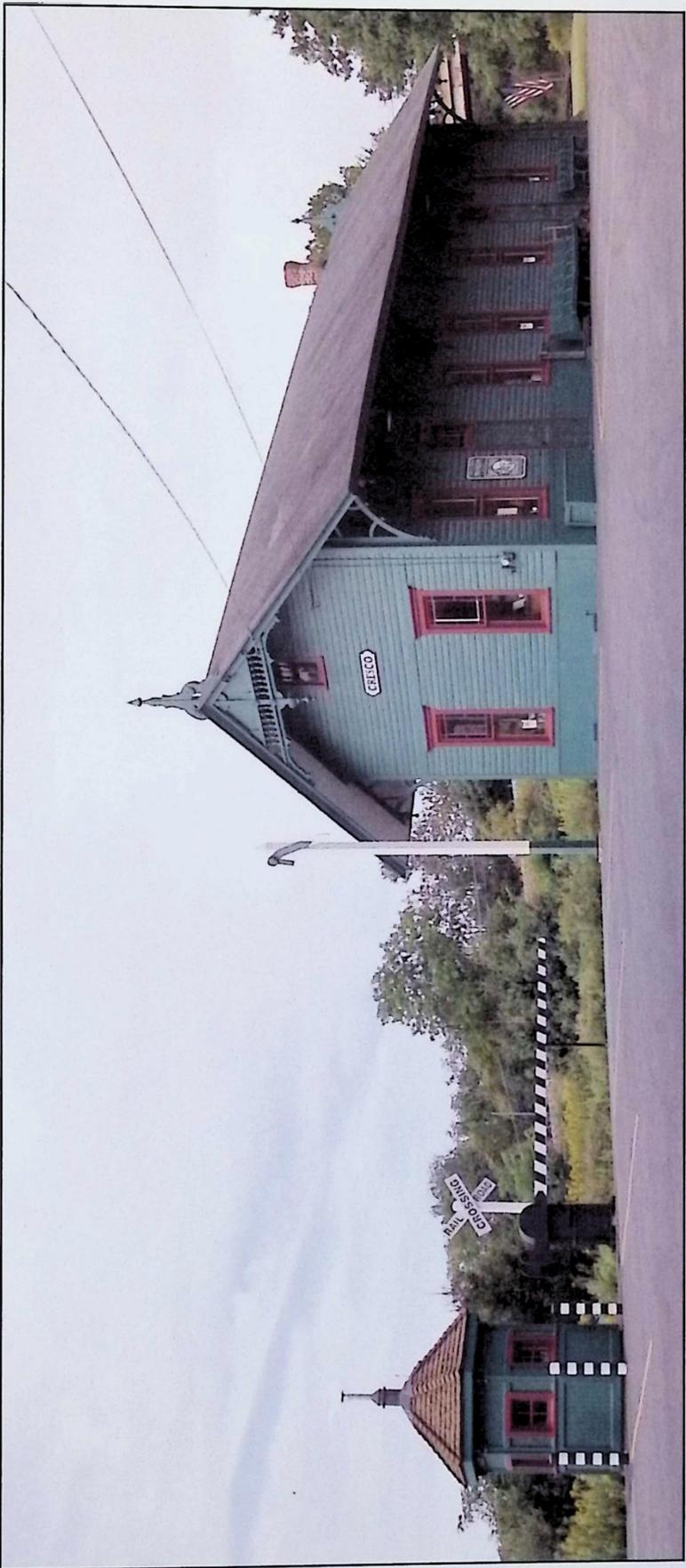
Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 November - February 2nd Sunday of the month

Library and Research Center

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