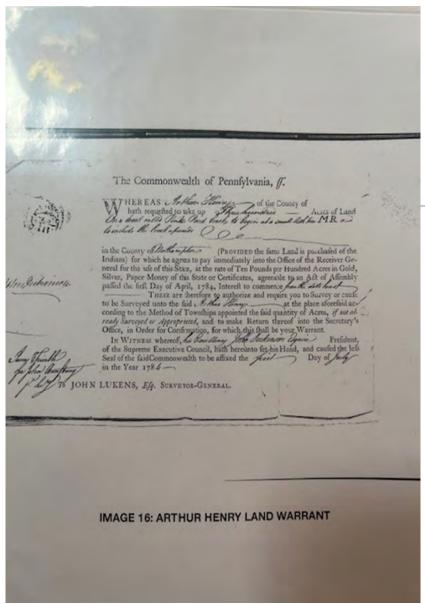
Story of Henryville House Trout & Fly Fishing

Peter Gonze

November 2, 2025

In the Beginning



Original Land warrant to Arther Henry; around Butz Run

April 5th 1784

300 acres for 30 pounds

Northampton County

"Provided it is purchase from the Indians"

Signed by John Dickinson, founding father

Timeline: Early Years

- 1836 Arthur Henry, Henry's Halfway House, along stage road
- **1842** James Henry expands & names it *Henryville House;* caters to travelers & anglers
- Mid-1800s Brodhead Creek gains fame as birthplace of American fly fishing
- 1901/1902 Paradise Brook Trout Co. PA's first licensed trout hatchery
- Early 1900s Fishing Clubs focus on the Brodhead and its branches
 - Growing popularity with vacationers escaping the big city
- 1920s-30s Hiram Brobst designs the Henryville Special fly pattern

Adult Caddis



Henryville Special

Designed to imitate the caddisflies hatching on the Brodhead Creek near Henryville

Timeline Summary

- 30's, 40's & early 50's Henryville House thrives
 - Transitions to families and fishermen
 - Guests come every summer at the same time.....Think: "Dirty Dancing"
- 1955 flood changes fishery
- Late 50's and 60's popular venue for family holidays
 - Activities appealing to all age groups
 - Peak of Pocono Resort industry
- Late 60's & 70's Decline and demolition
 - Route 80 changes everything

Six Generations of Ownership

James	Charles	Eugene	J. Russel	Eleanor	Alvin Jr. "Ziggy"
Son of Arthur	Brother	Son of James	Son of Gene	Niece of Russel	Son of Eleanor
1812-1888	1815-1850	1860-1926	1890-1968	1912-1968	1941-
				Alvin &	

Eleanor

d. 1965 & '68

Age: 59, 56

William Henry (b. ~1760) Ireland or Scotland Lived in Bucks/Northampton County, PA.

Revolutionary War Documents

Multiple William/Arther Henry's listed on Bucks & Northampton County Militia rolls in the 1770s-1780s

William b. 1760 appears to be Arther's Father

The Henry's

Arthur Henry (1782 - 1841)

is

James Henry's father

But the Land Grant is dated 1784

This Arthur would have been 2 yrs old

Conclusion:

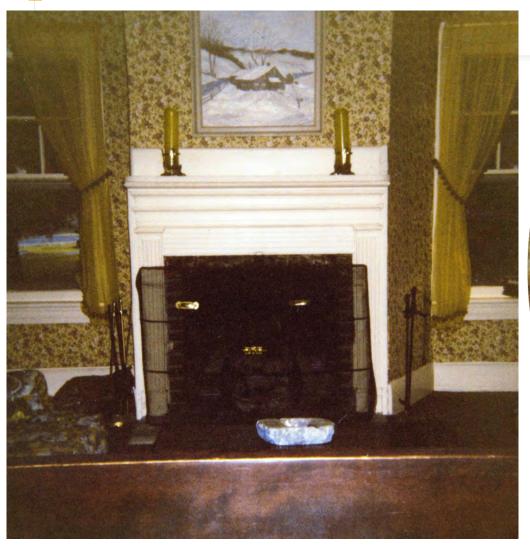
The **1784 land grant was to an earlier Arthur Henry** likely the grandfather of this Arthur; inherited the land

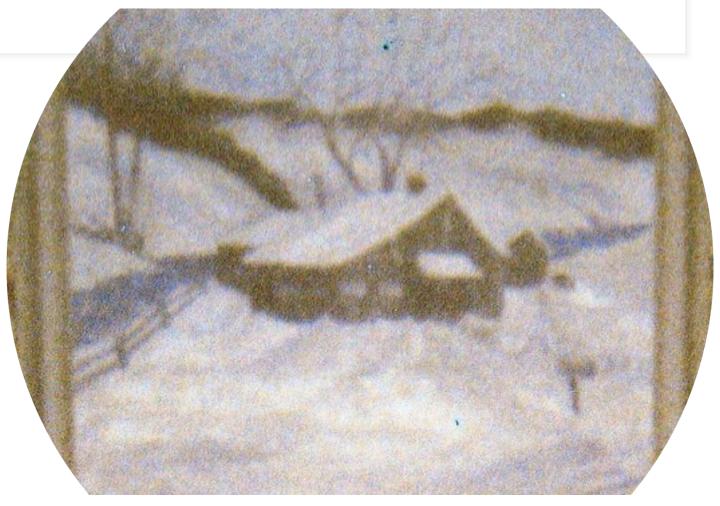
Timeline 1836

- Arthur Henry
 opens Henry's
 Halfway House
 (log inn) along
 stage road
- Spartan
- Center Hall facing the main road



Parlor Painting of the Halfway House





Henry's Half Way House

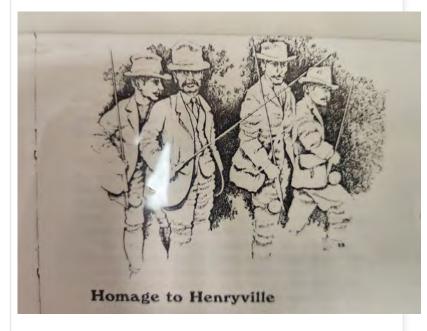
- 2 story structure, central hall facing the main road & stream
- Muleskinners carrying coal to Easton
- Stage Coach
 Roadhouse travelers
 & salesmen



Transporting Coal to Easton Canal



THE OLD MILL, HENRYVILLE, PA.

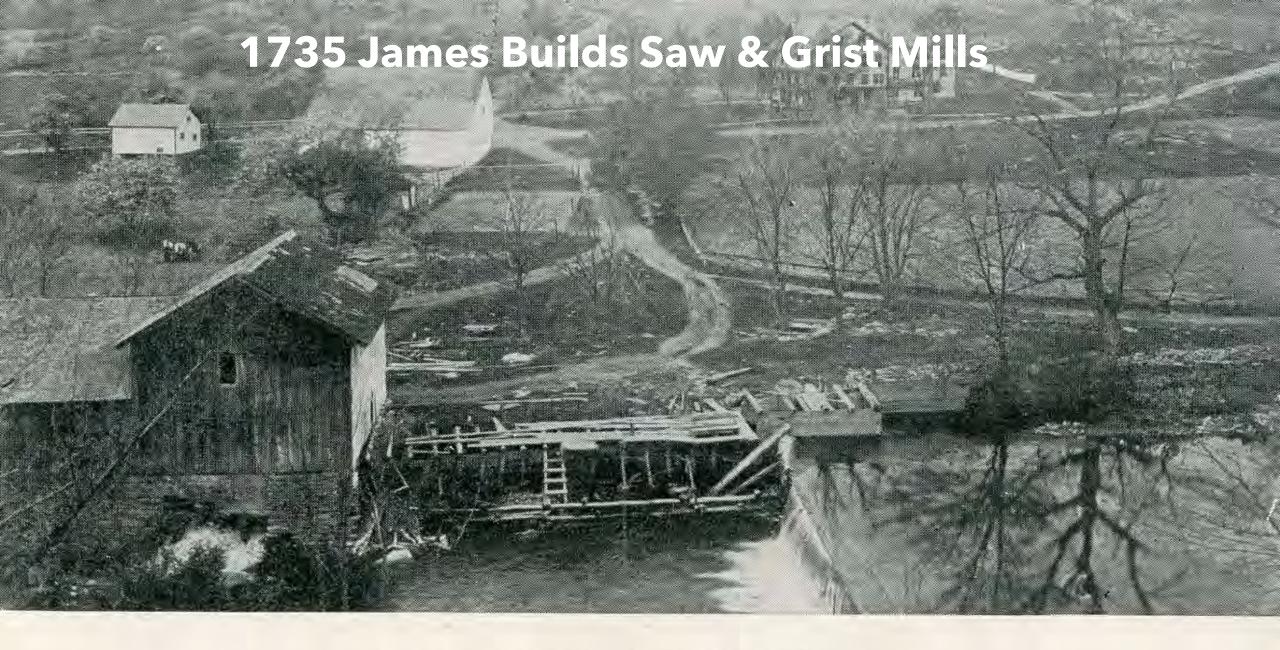


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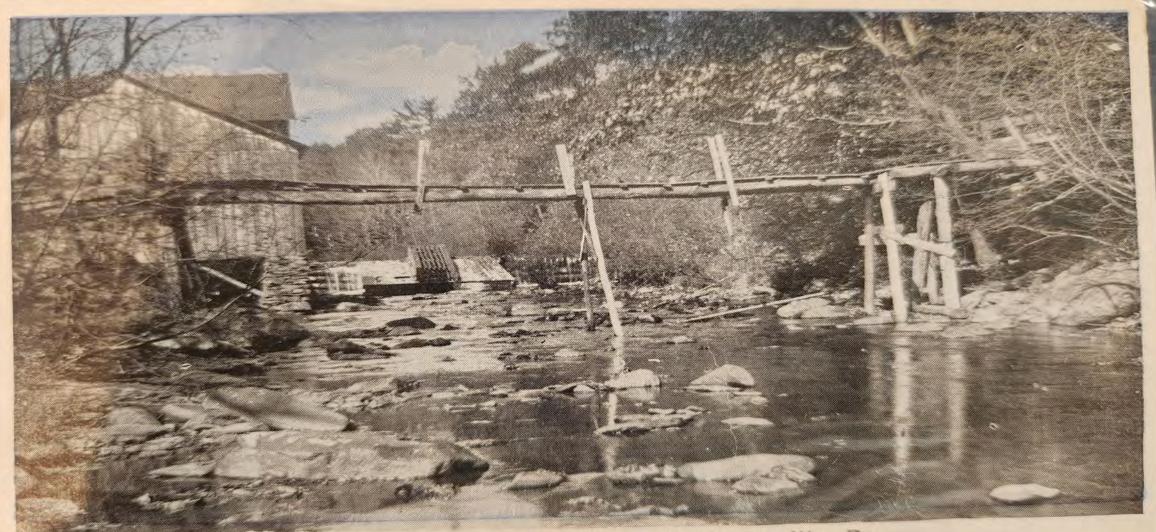
1835 James leaves homestead on Butz Run

Over the ridge sets up sawmill

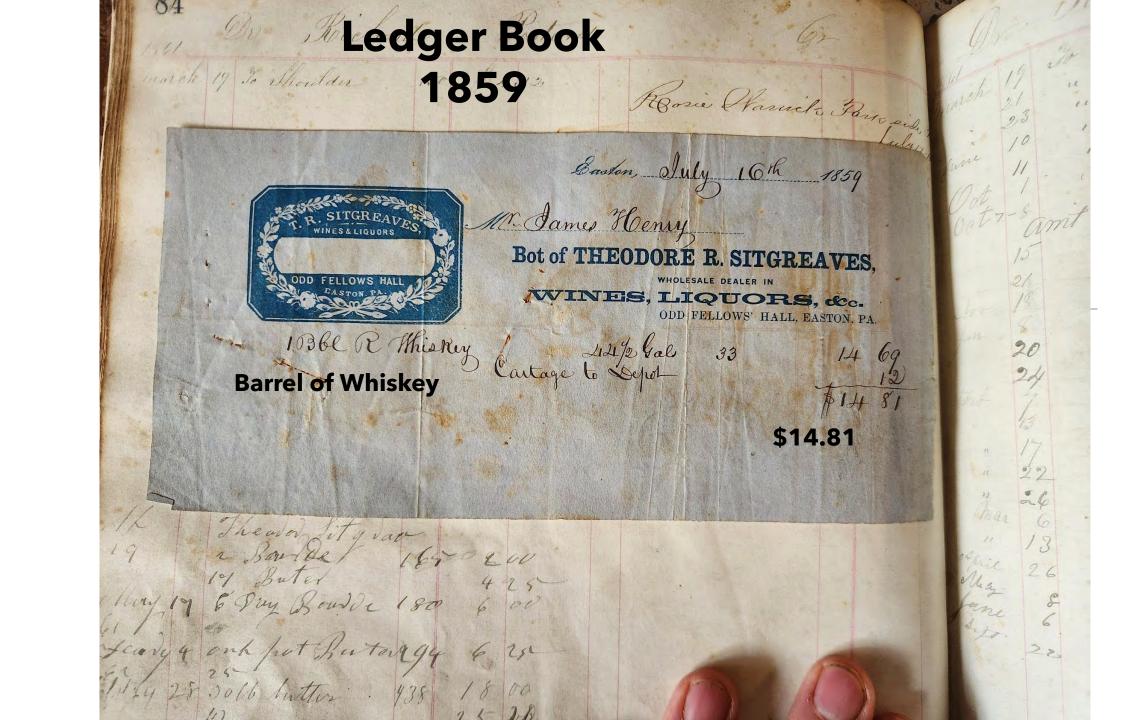
7 years later (1842) expands to establish a boarding house for for hunters & fishermen

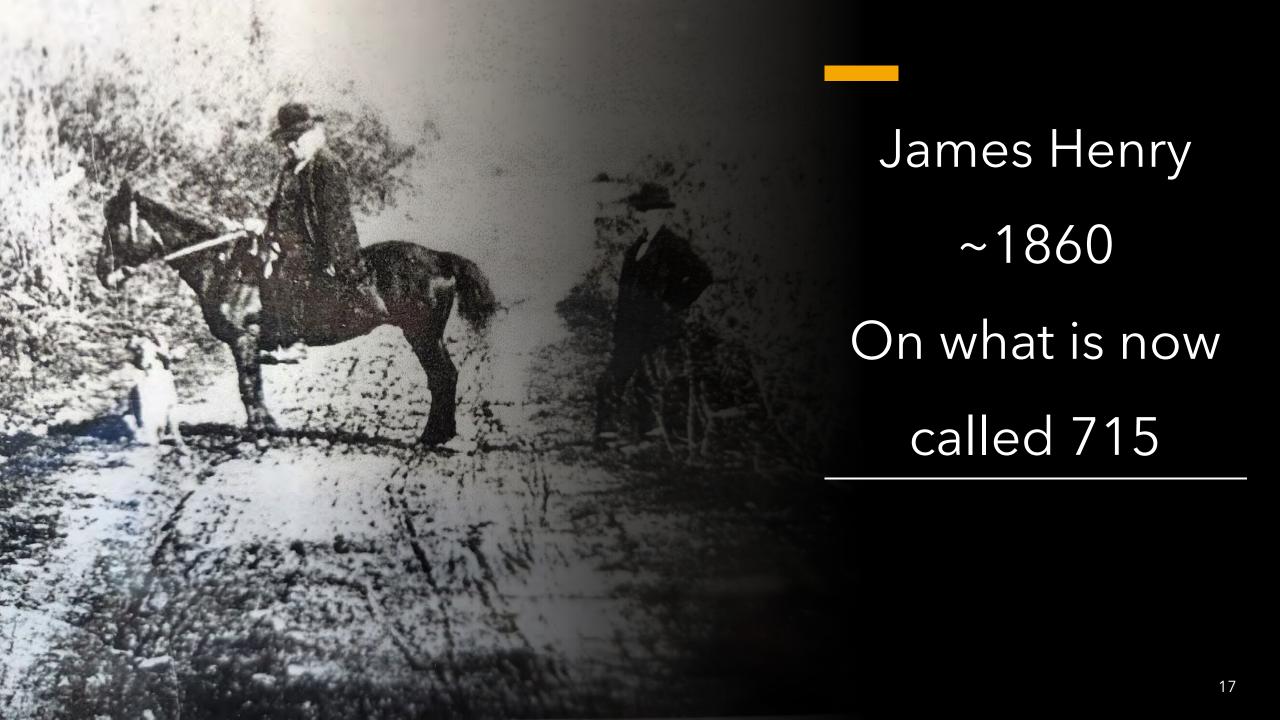


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Foot Bridge over Broadhead Creek, Henryville, Pa.



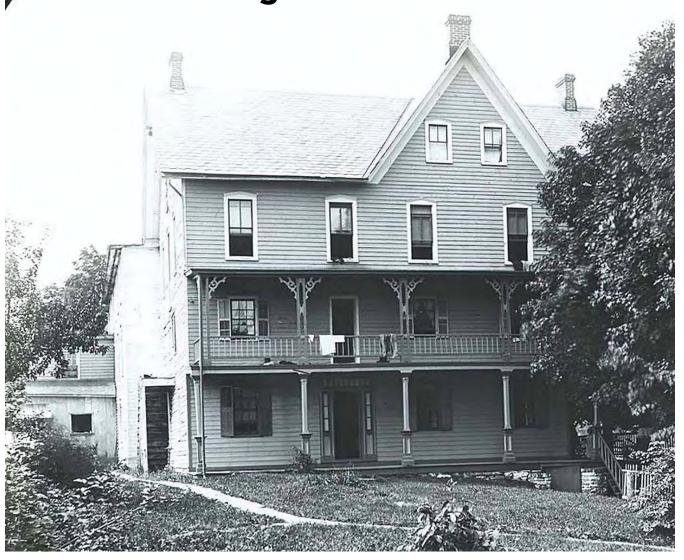


Timeline

1842

James Henry
expands and
renames it
Henryville House,
catering to anglers







Buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Monroe County, PA

clook on juge 2 14. House 90 HeNRYVILL



Source: original 1875 Paradise / Henryville plate in the University of Alabama's Beers Atlas collection



Henryville Train Station

- Freight wagons and canals were giving way to the Iron Horse
- Ushering in a new error for the area
- Boarding houses, Inns & Resorts would bring the tourist industry



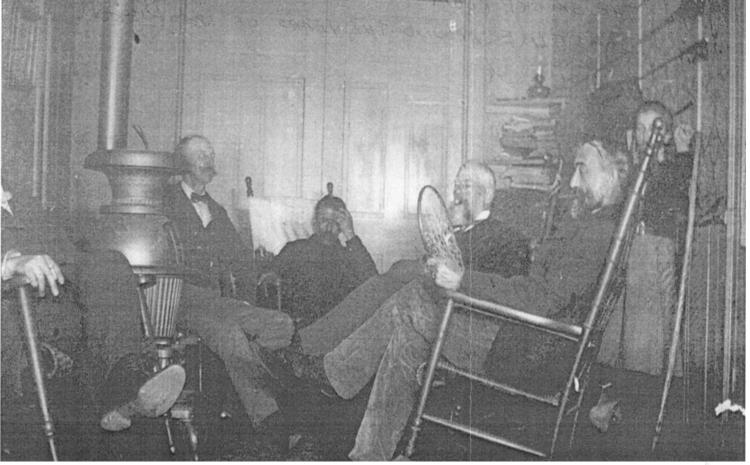






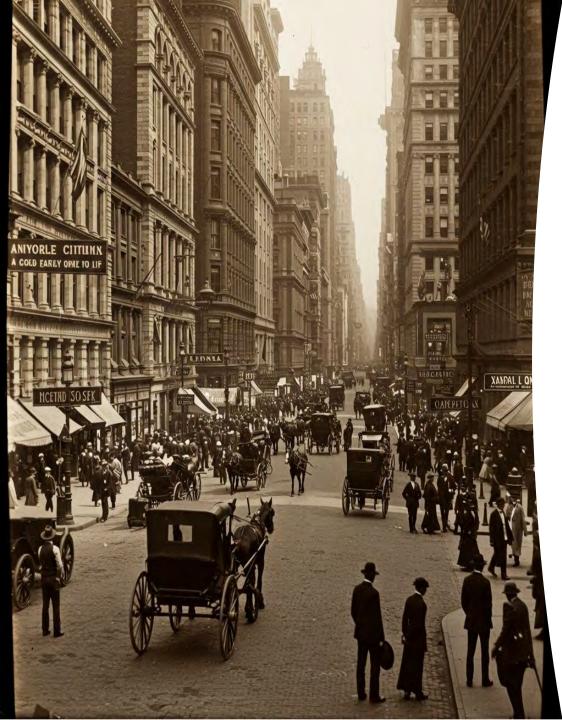






The Parlor

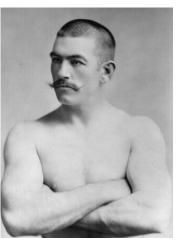
Gentlemen enjoying the Smoking Room

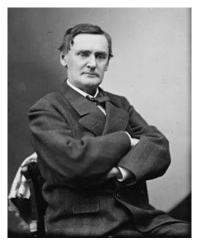


1900's

- Industrialization & rising wages
- Opportunities for **leisure**, especially for the growing Professions ... doctors and lawyers
- Coupled with degraded conditions in urban areas, pollution and noise fueled an interest in a return to nature
- Catalyst for the beginning of the resort industry in the Pocono's













Buffalo Bill Cody

John Sullivan

Joe Jefferson

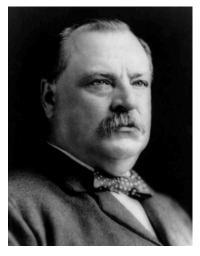
Gen. Sheridan

Benjaman Harrison

Lily Langtry

Notable Visitors To Henryville









Calvin Coolidge

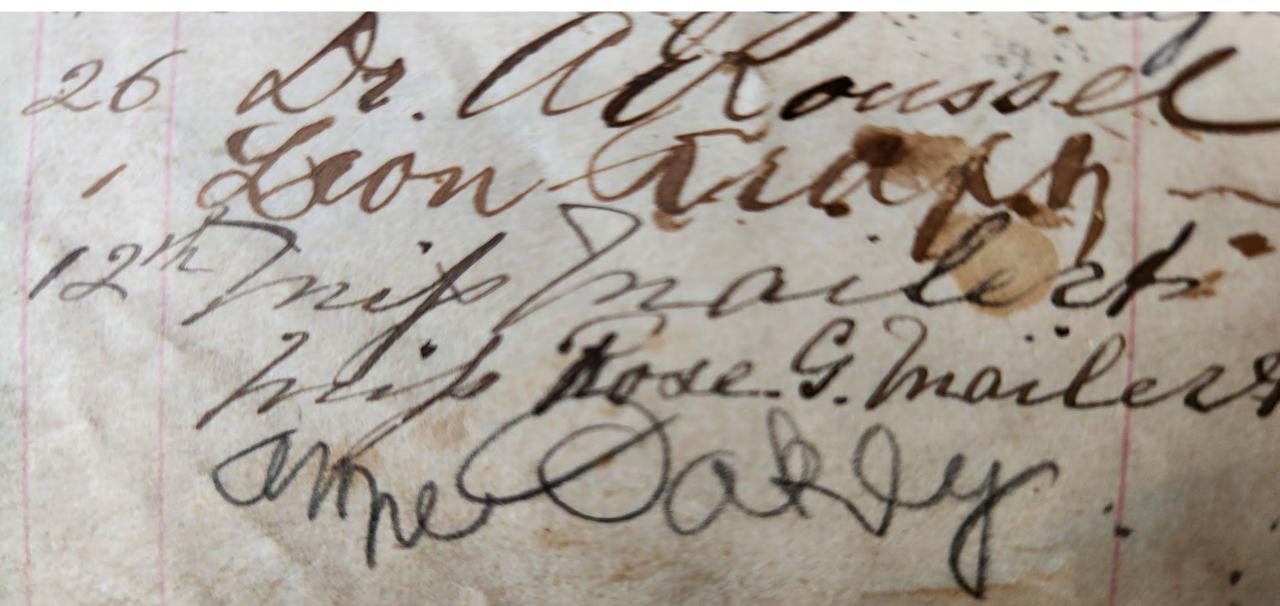
Grover Cleveland

Annie Oakley

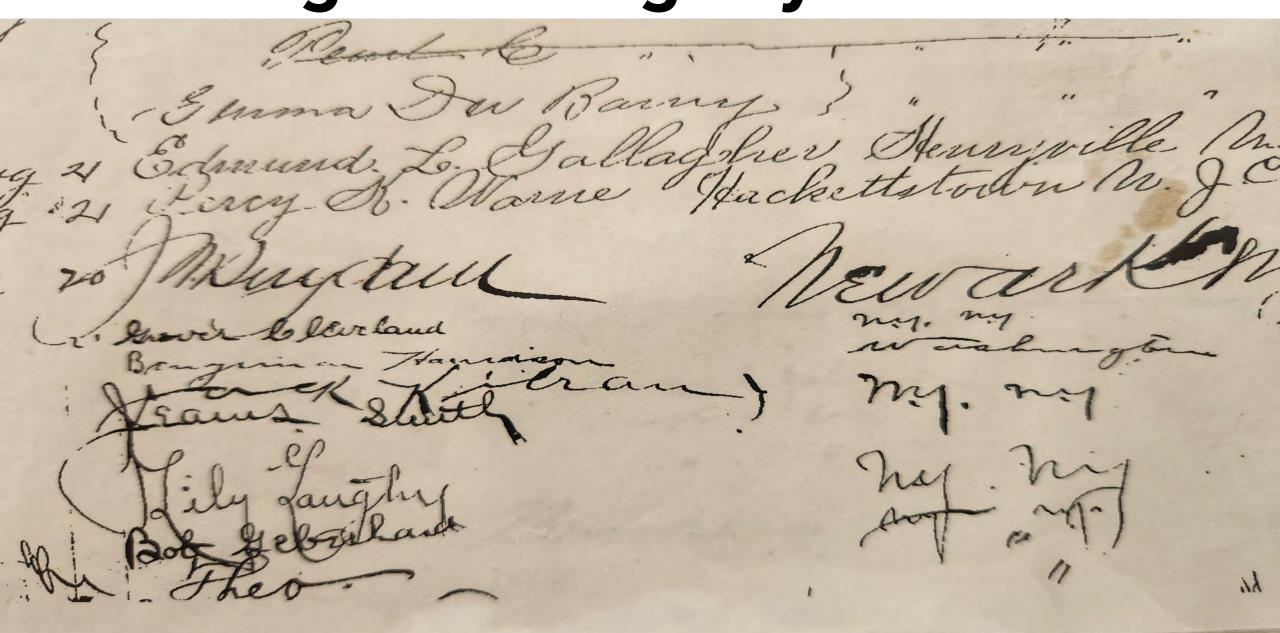
Gifford Pinchot

Notable Visitors To Henryville

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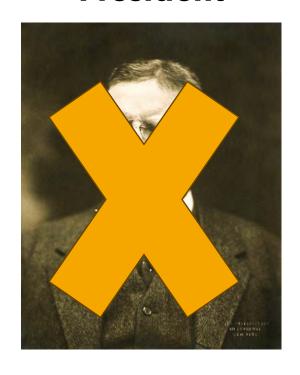


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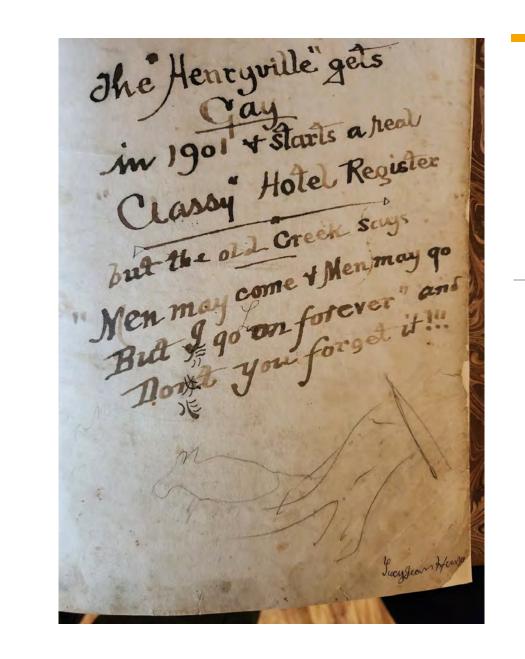
"Teddy Roosevelt" Guest at the Henryville House

President



General



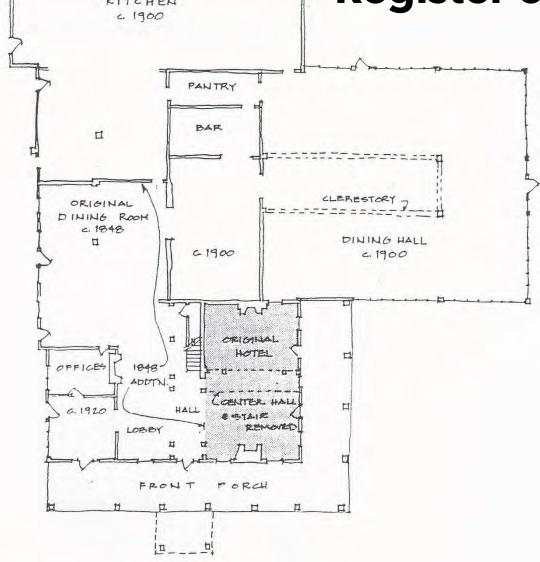


The Old Registration Book Get Replaced 1901

The "Henryville " gets gay
In 1901 & starts a real
"Classy" Hotel Register



- Original
- 1848
- 1900
- 1920



Philadelphia Inquirer May 1903

The Henryville House, one of the oldest houses established in this resort, has long been known as the fisherman's paradise. This house has recently been renovated and refitted. It is situated in a very beautiful spot and is surrounded by fine fishing streams. It is comfortable and homelike. A fine livery is attached.



Norris and Phillippe were joined in those halcyon days by other American anglers of considerable fame. Perhaps the bestknown was Chancellor Levison, whose first visit to Henryville is recorded in the register more than ten years before the Civil War. Levison was later a founding member of two organizations that have Olympian stature in American trout-fishing history: the Brooklyn Flyfishers' Club and the Anglers' Club of New York.

The West Branch of the Brodhead

First rate trout fishery & mecca for American Fly Fishing already recognized pre-Civil War

Brooklyn Flyfishers' Club Bryan's Deep: C. Bryan & Lodi Smith 1896 Birthplace of American trout fishing tradition

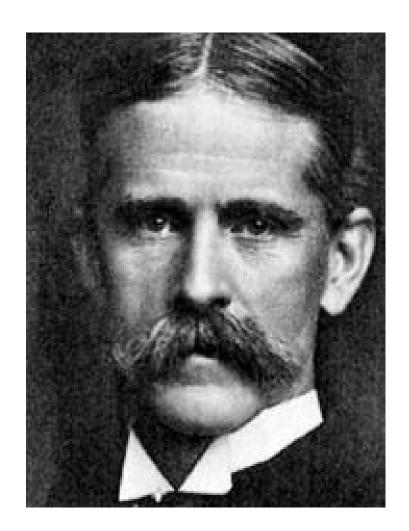
Paradise Valley home of 1st licensed trout hatchery in PA

The Brodhead & it's Branches

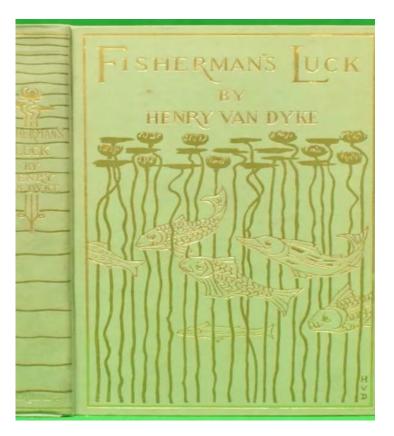


- Over fishing
- Brown trout from England introduced1889

Henry Van Dyke, influential fishing literature author helped romanticize the practice of fly-fishing



"Fisherman's Luck"



Over the hill to Henryville

"Tis oft' the fisherman's cry

for I'll catch a 14 incher

with an artificial fly

family spent the summer of 1848. Joe was the nation's greatest comic actor, portraying "Rip Van Winkle" on post-Civil War stages, and was fishing companion to Grover Cleveland. He wrote of Henryville House that summer: "Near by, a little river (the Brodhead) tumbled through mountain meadows and a forest cathedral with towering Pines and Hemlocks."

That self-same increasingly popular resort of sun and peace which drew Frank Forester to its meadows and woods in 1849. Forester was publisher of "Fish and Fishing" and the second angler-writer to visit this inn. Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, noted editor of "Game Fish of the North" visited Henryville House in 1862 — a time when freight wagons and canal boats were giving way to the railroad whose "iron horses" steamed into Parkside Station to debark the inn's vacationers.

That same established inn whose 1851 register contains the signature of Thaddeus Norris who wrote the "American Angler's Book" and who was the "Father of American Fly-Fishing."

James Henry was proprietor in 1864 when his son, Luther, used to accompany Norris on his Brodhead fishing expeditions.

That post-Civil War resort to whose peaceful bourne General Sheridan repaired to recuperate from his battle scars. The inn and its enfolding valley so impressed General Sheridan that he dubbed the area, "Paradise Valley."

Henryville House

West Branch of the Brodhead (1878 Paradise Creek) Noted for Fly Fishing in America

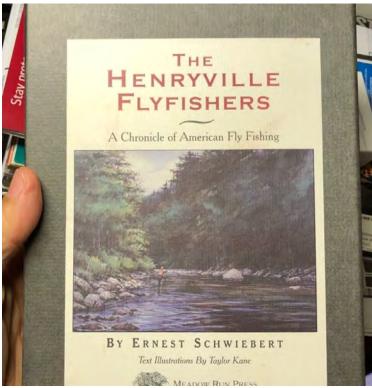
- 1849 Frank Forester, publisher of Fish and Fishing
- 1848 Joe Jefferson, fishing companion of Grover Cleveland
- 1851 Thaddeus Norris, Father of American fly fishing in America
- 1864 James Henry proprietor
- Post Civil war General Sheridan came to the Inn....dubbed the area "Paradise Valley"

"Homage to Henryville" Ernest Schwiebert

- 1965

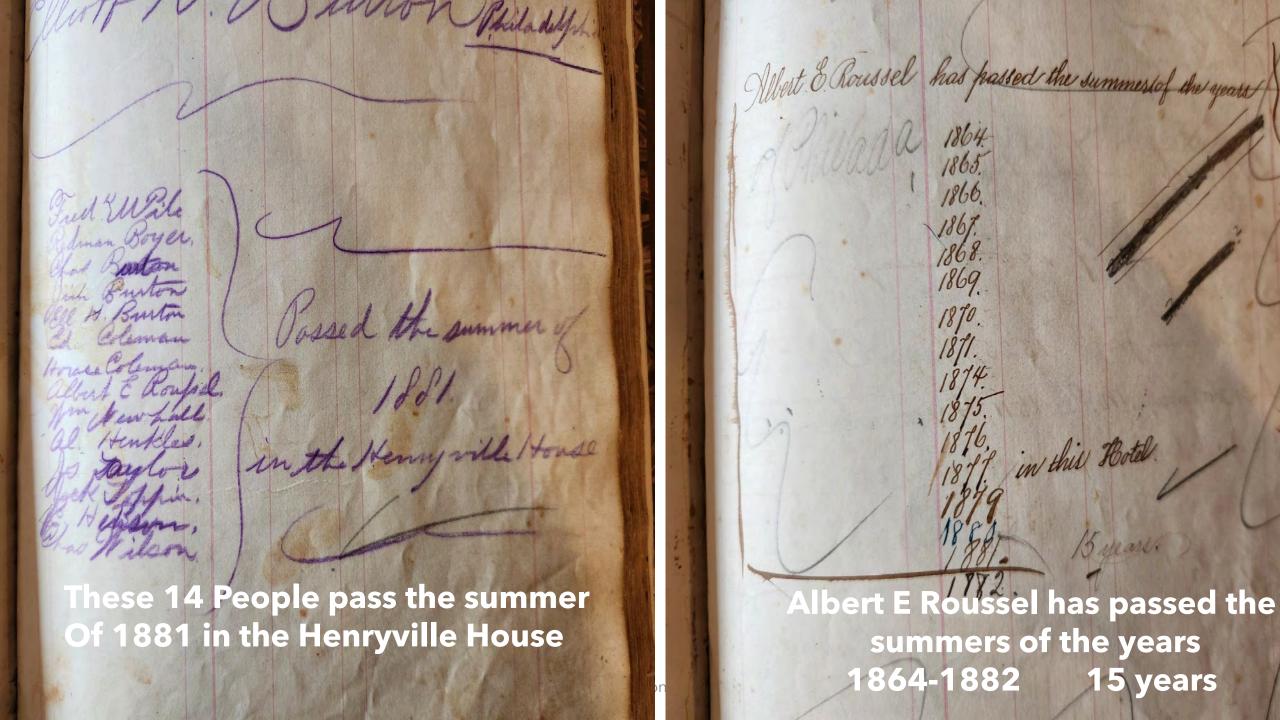
- Pioneer in the fishery conservation movement
- Involved in the founding of Trout Unlimited
- "Preponderance of evidence supports that the Paradise and Brodhead are the epicenter of trout fishing & Henryville House is the oldest fishing hotel in America"





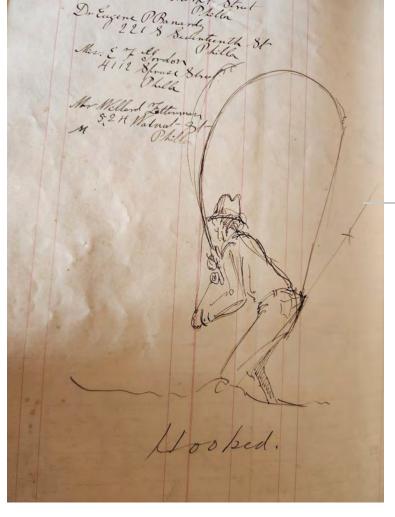




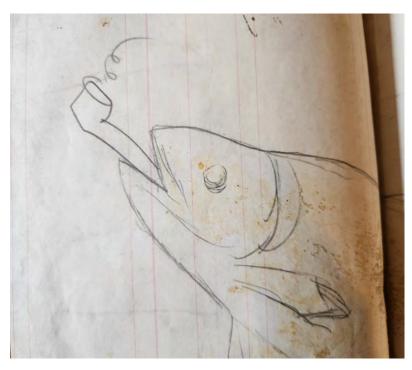








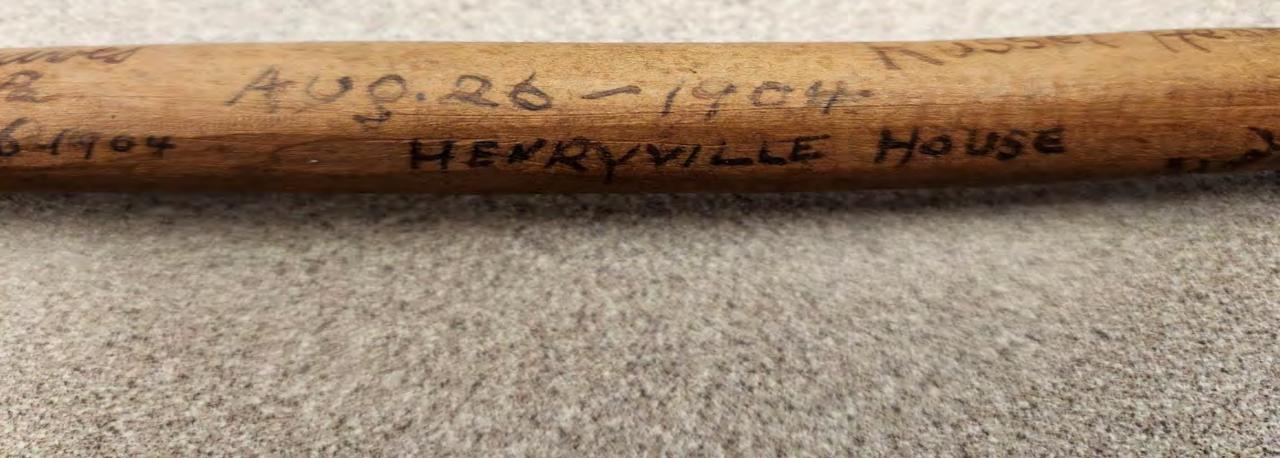
Eugene Henry's Sketches In the Book

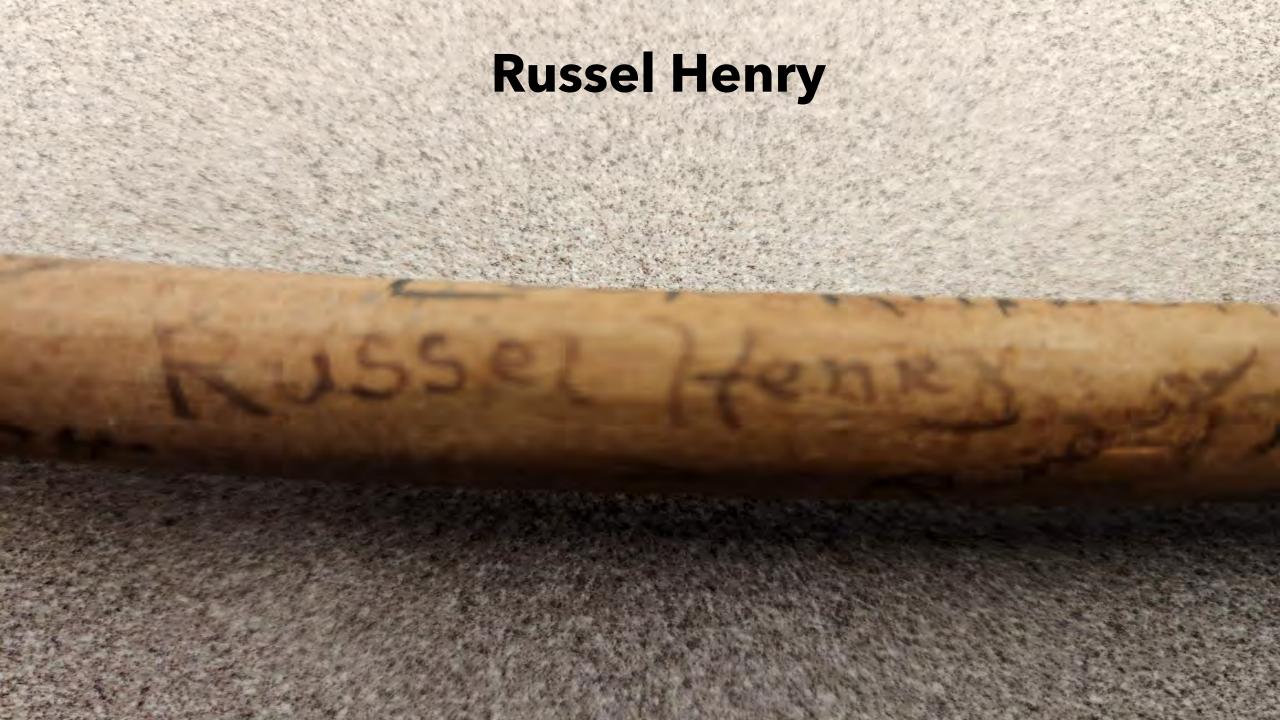


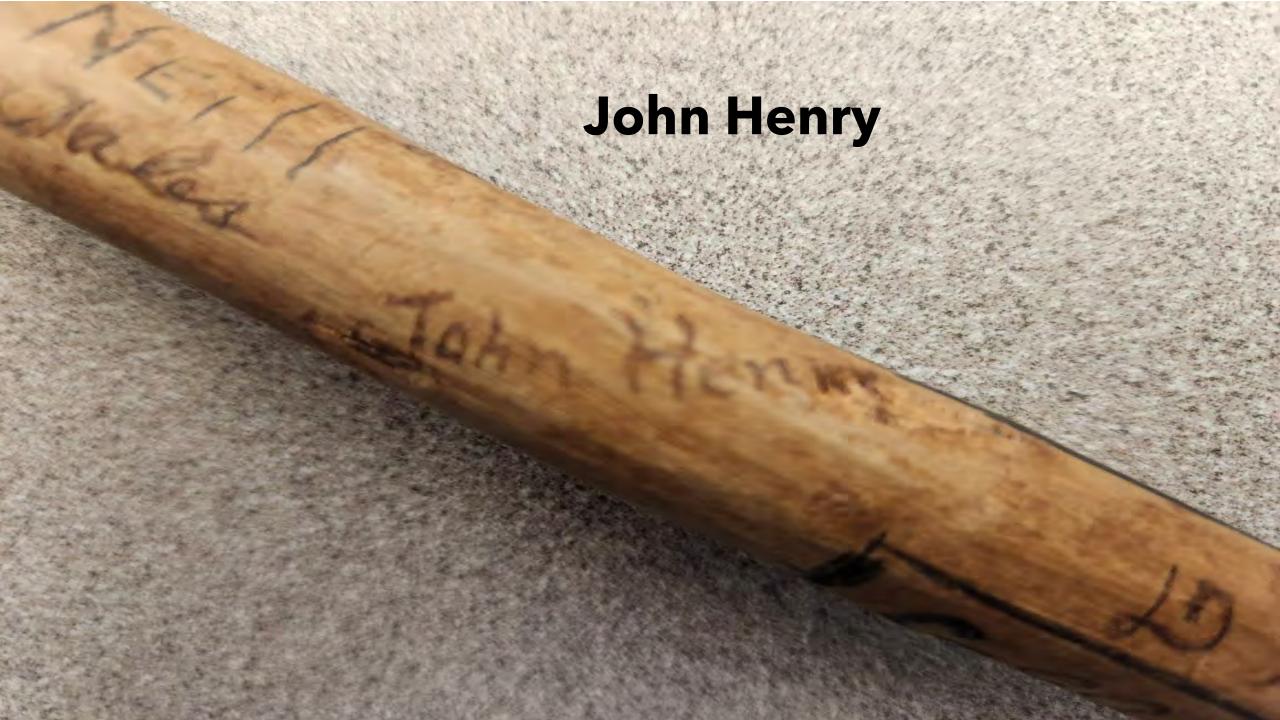
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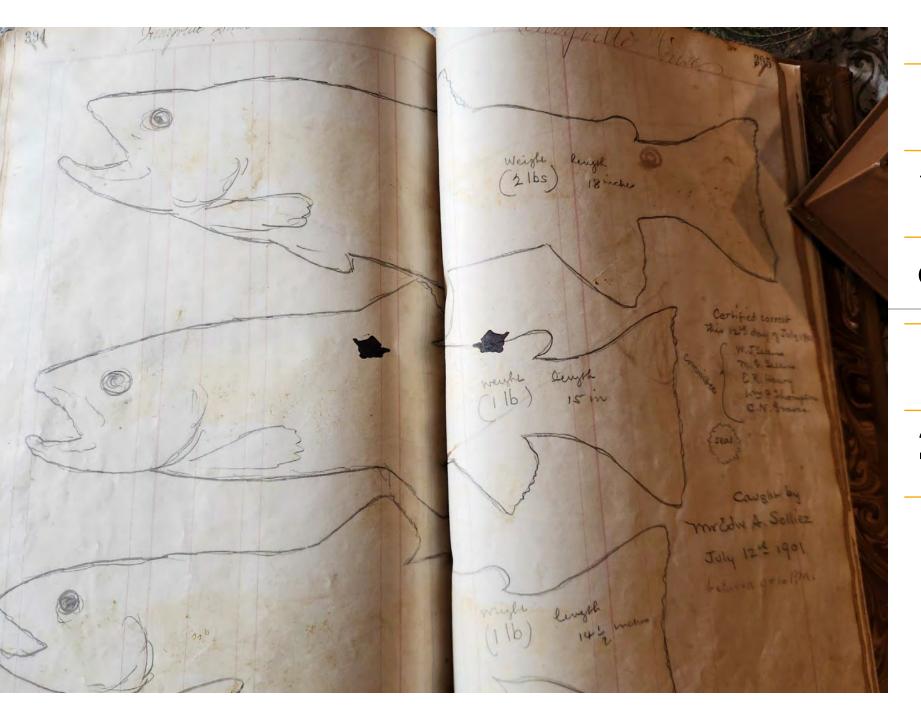


August 26, 1904 Henryville House









Between

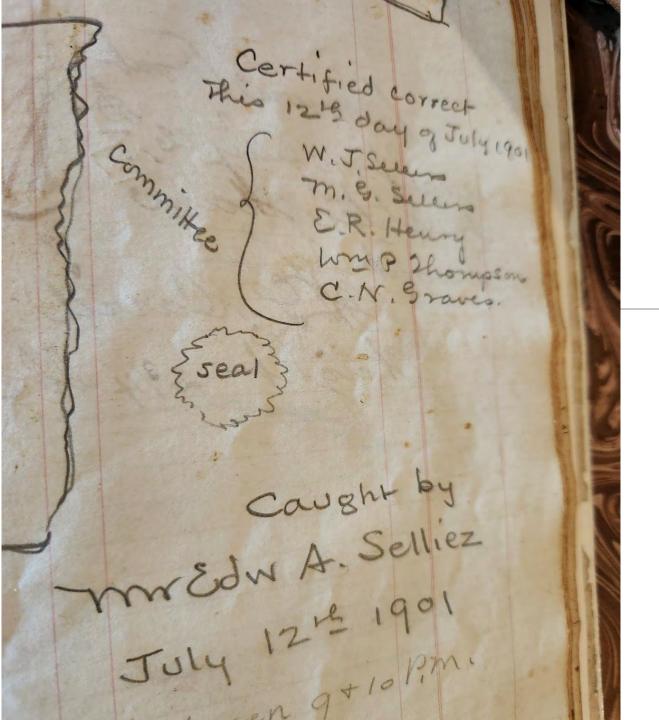
1891 and 1928

over 60 catches

over

25" and 6 1/2 lbs

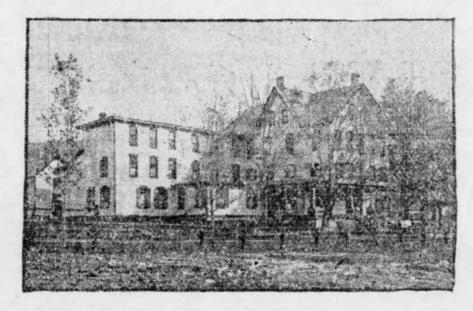
were traced



The Committee:
Certified Correct on
July 12th 1901
18" 2 ½ lbs.

49

Henryville House Henryville, Pa.



Situated in the heart of the Pocono Mountain. High elevation. Beautiful drives and walks. Good boating, bathing and fishing. Fine tennis lawn, bicycle track. Excellent spring water. Table unexcelled. Special rates for June. Write for terms.

EUGENE HENRY

Parkside P. O.

Henryville, Pa.

Eugene Henry Proprietor

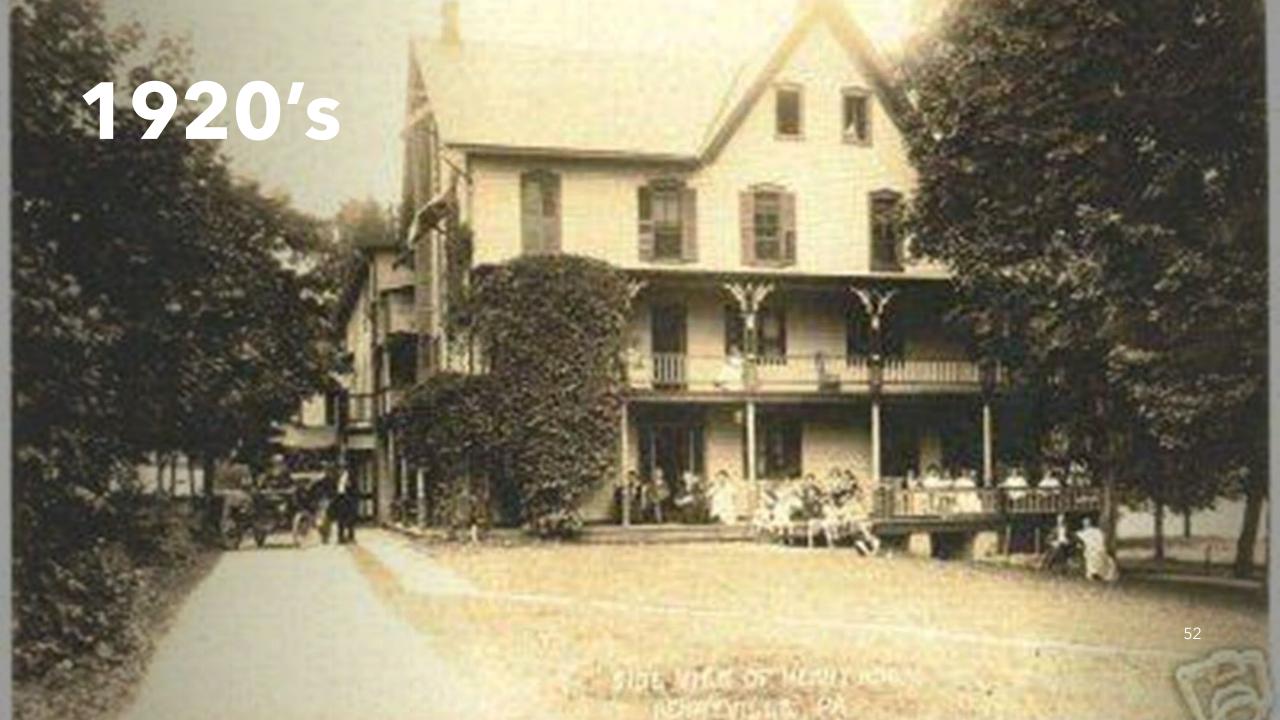
Post Card Promotion

- Featuring beautiful drives & walks
- Boating, bathing & fishing
- Fine lawn tennis, bicycle track
- Excellent spring water
- Table unexcelled
- Special rates for June

Seasonal Advertising

- 2000 feet above sea level!!!
- Trout fishing
- Spacious porches surround the house, always a refreshing breeze
- House is substantial, having been recently enlarged
- The daily rate \$1.50/day or \$7 to \$9.00/week

Henryville House, Henryville, Pa. One of the prettiest spots in Pennsylvania is Henryville, Monroe county, and at the Henryville House people who come to stav a week often find themselves 2000 feet above sea level, surrounded by mountains and gridironed with streams, it is, indeed, an ideal The streams furnish trout fishing for sportsmen many winding bridle paths and beautiful drives are delightful. The house is well built and substantial, having been enlarged and thoroughly improved throughout this season. Spacious porches entirely surround the house, under shade may always be felt a refreshing People go to the Henryville House year after year and never seem to tive of the pleasures afforded by their The rate is \$1.50 a day or from The view from the hois one of the finest in the vicinity.



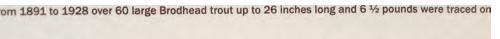


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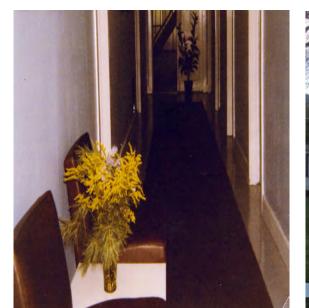


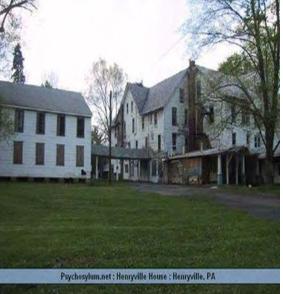


1920' & 30's Conservation Efforts

- Increased pressure on trout fishery
- Private fishing clubs acquire stream rights
- Efforts to conserve the fishery take hold
- The Inn charged a fee for fishing in its room charge and set limits on the catch

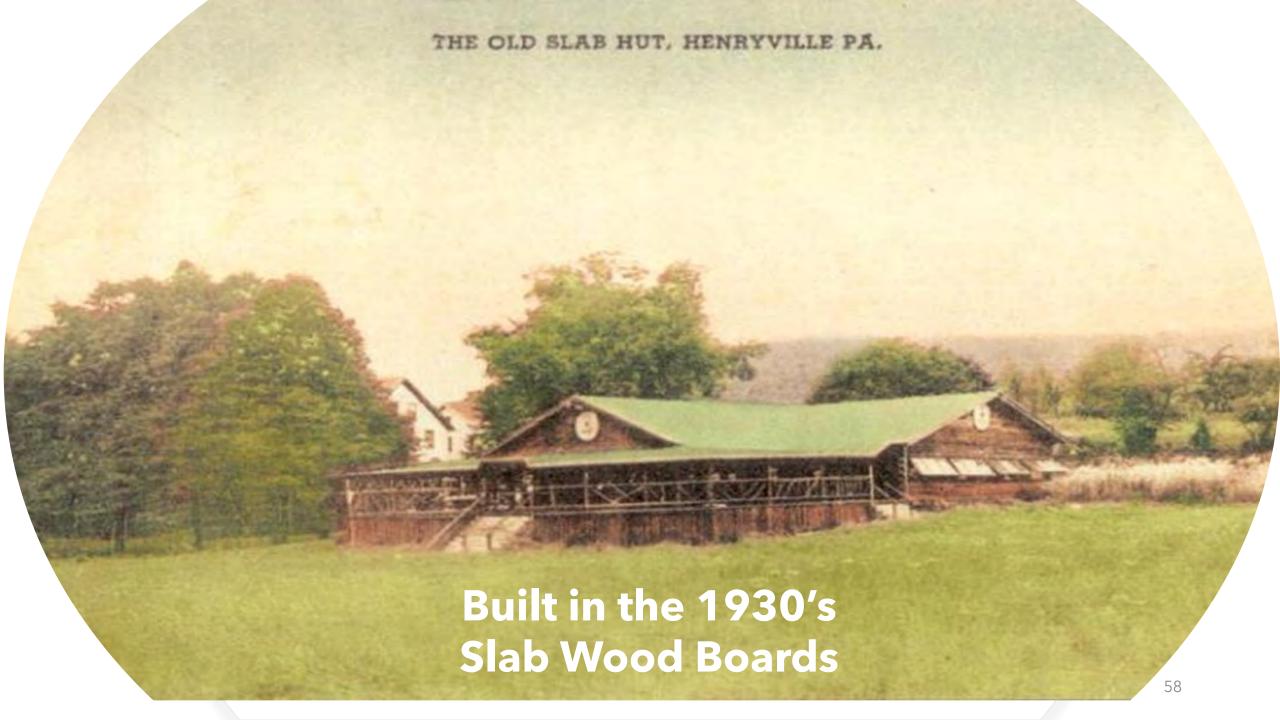






The Annex

- Built in the late 30's to accommodate more guests
- 60 guests
- Originally 3 floors
- On each floor 3 men's showers and 3 women's showers





Henryville House in the 40's and 50's



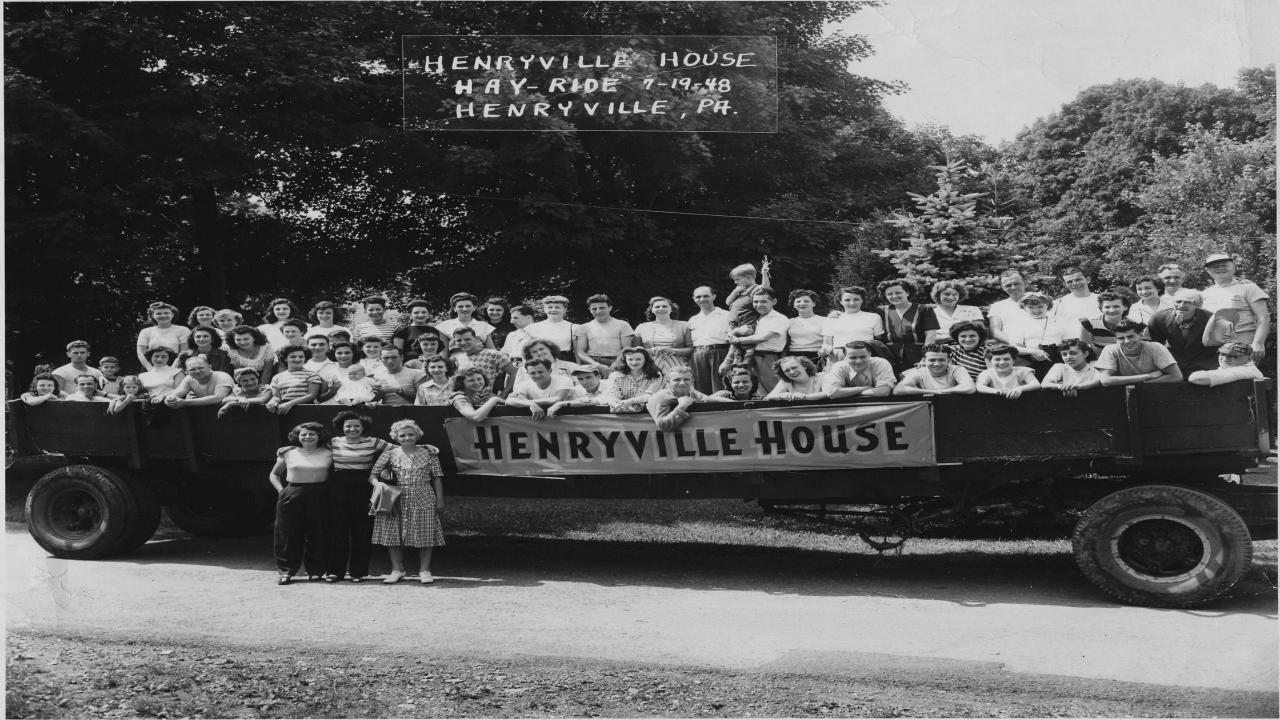


J. Russell Henry

The elderly man with white hair in the top row center has been identified as one of the Henry family





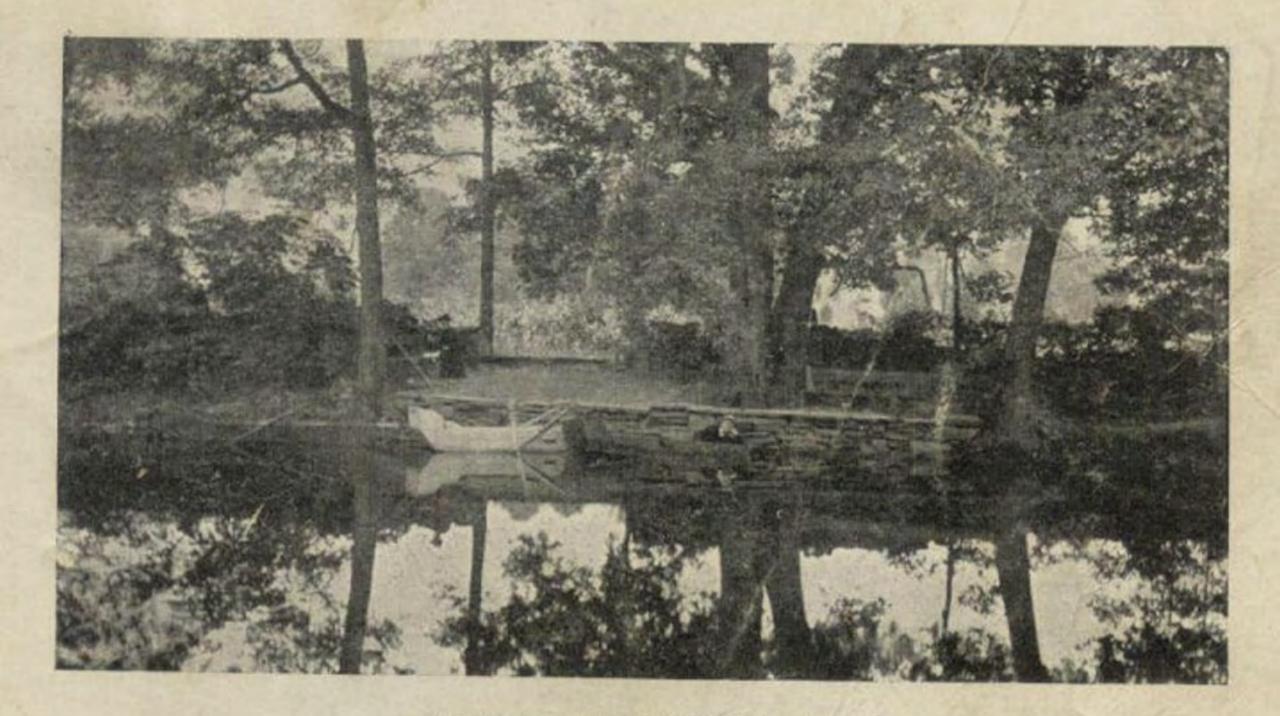








Old Pool Prior to '55 Flood



LLE HOUSE (above) was recently acquired by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ziegler of Allentown, The 1 m. The madensis residents secured 250 quest hotel from J. Russell Henry.

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-To-Read bers Are To Make

legary, post your house to the hotel.

sh Appeal Alvin Zieglers Purchase e To Open | Historic Henryville House

The Henryville House, historic Monroe County resort, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ziegler, of Atlentown, formerly of Canadensis. Mrs. Ziegler is a niece of J. Russell Henry, the previous owner, and

represents the fifth generation of Henrys to own the property. It was first operated as a hotel by James

Henry, Mrs. Ziegler's great-grandfather. The Henryville House now accommodates 250 guests.

The Henry family is well-known in hotel circles, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Henry, Mrs. Ziegler's mother and father, own the Woodside in Cresco, and the Hibiscus House and Hill Crest in St. Petersburg, Fin.

J. Russell Henry, formerly of The Henryville House, is proprietor of the West Coast Inn in St. Petersburg, and an nunt and uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Angstadt, operate the Lighthouse in Henryville, across from the hotel.

During the past several seasons Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were managers of the Healing Springs Hotel In Ashe County, N. C.

The new owners are contemplating many improvements in accomuses have official street modations and recreational facili-But finding the num- tles, and will personally supervise mething else again, If food preparation and service. At to be found when a tele- present they are beginning cones announcing you're the struction of a golf course adjacent



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Etc

Acquired from J. Russel Henry

Alvin & **Eleanor Ziegler buy** the Inn from J. **Russel Henry**

250 Guests

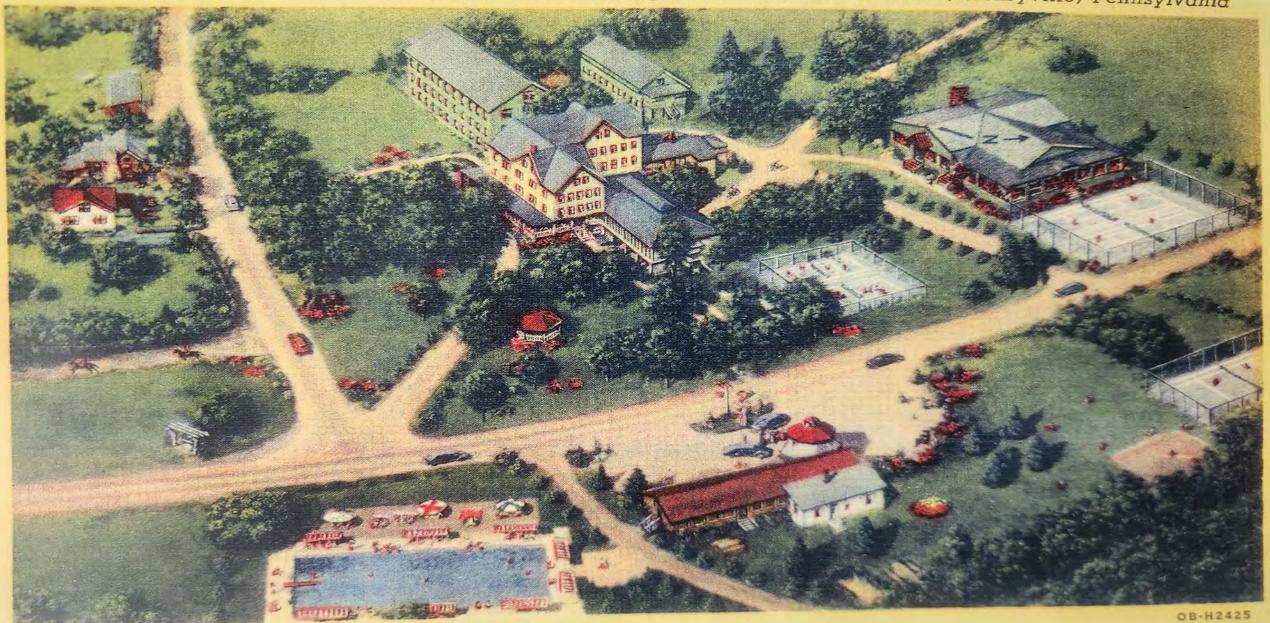
Purchased in early 1953







Bird's-Eye View, Henryville House and Grounds, Henryville, Pennsylvania





The "Hoboken Girls"

Regulars Every Year!

Light House, Henryville, Pa.

5B-H1084

Mobile Gas Station across 191 Adjacent to old Pool





The Lighthouse 1955 Flood

The Lighthouse was owned Aunt Lucy Henry Raimond (brother Russell)

Destroyed in the 1955 flood and never regained the prominence it once had



A Memory from Betty Rine

Taken from the Henryville House Facebook page

- Lucy Henry Raimond built the Lighthouse with her first husband, a Mr. Stogsdale
- Interesting character
- Lucy graduated from E. Stroudsburg Normal School (ESU)
- Store/bar/dancehall & post office
- After '55 flood repaired the Lighthouse, then sold to Kathy Carpenter
- Eventually sold to the Henryville Fly Fishers' Club ~1990

A Memory from Sally Byrne

Taken from the Henryville House Facebook page

Aunt Lucy was the post mistress for Henryville for many years.

My Dad said folks called Aunt Lucy, "Goosey Lucy" and I guess she was somewhat wild.

My grandmother, Mable Henry Rushmore, was a serious tee-teetotaler and just ignored the fact that her baby sister ran a bar and dance hall.

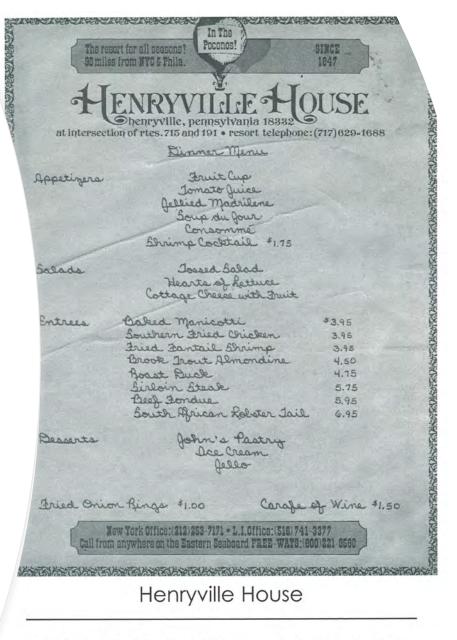
I worked at the hotel in the early 60's as part of the day care staff. It was not unlike the scenes in Dirty Dancing.

There was square dancing on Tuesday and Friday nights and polka, etc. on Wednesdays and Saturdays with "Smiling Sam, the Rubber Legs man."

We danced with guests until they were tired and then entertained them with square dancing and polka's with each other.

My maiden name was Sarah Ellen ("Sally") Rushmore.

Menu from the late 50's



- Dinner Menu –
 Handwritten
- Apps \$1.75
- Entrees from \$3.95 to \$6.95
- Carafe of wine\$1.80
- New York office& a Watts line !!!

A menu used at the Henryville House from the late 1950s.

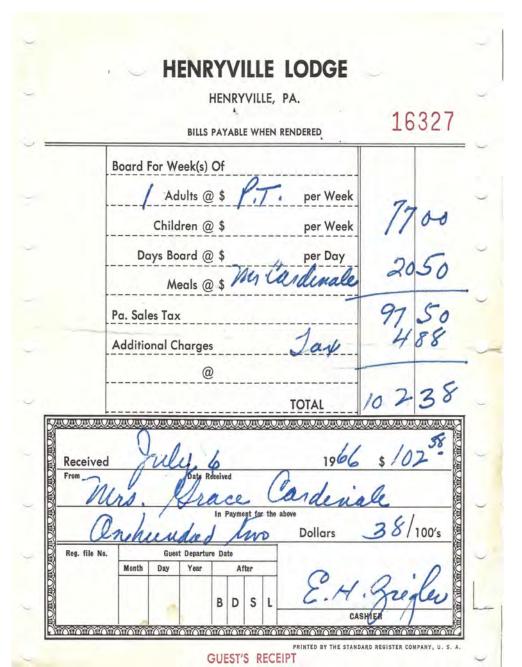
AUTHOR'S COLLECTION 78



Note the Name

\$77.00

- Receipt Dated July 6, 1966
- One Week
- Meals (B & D) \$20.00
- Signed by Eleanor Ziegler





repeat customers **Family Vacation**







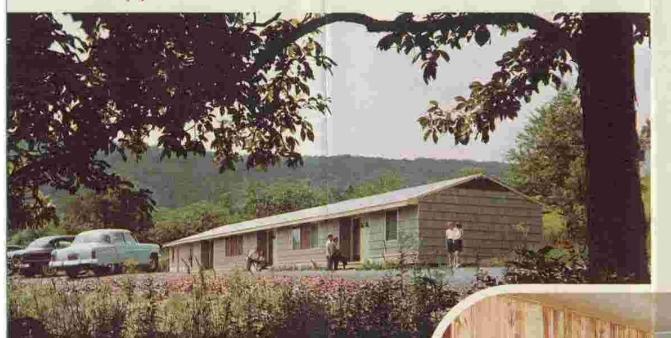
Modern rooms & ...Cabanas

Spacious dining room

Focus on food

Sketch of the fisherman!

Apple Hill Cabanas ... a modern touch in a rustic setting ...



These fine accommodations, situated just a short walk from the Lodge, affer convenience and the charm of gracious living — plenty of walk-in closet space, modern furnishings and comfortable beds. Cross ventilation assures plenty of fresh mountain air; always a cool breeze. Thermostatically controlled heat is at your fingertips for cool seasons.

Perfect Honeymoon Location . . .

Apple Hill Cabanas, modern and luxurious in every detail, were planned by an interior decorator for your honeymoon; each with an attractively decorated combination living room-bedroom and private tiled bath.

The seclusion of Apple Hill Cabanas, combined with the complete facilities of the Lodge, outdoor activities and the rustic Club House, assures a complete honeymoon or vacation.

Henryville House

- Family Resort
- Year round
- Trout fishing
- Alvin and Eleanor Proprietors





ready for your kind of vacation fun!

We have been pleasing vacationers for many, many years, and we've developed a sound philosophy (through experience!). It's this — give your guests complete facilities and a well-rounded social program, and they'll fit themselves into it for maximum enjoyment.

That's what we offer at Henryville. Spacious acres, all sports, exciting social activities, **plus** a beautiful, two-mile stream teeming with trout. Come and see!

Your Hosts — Alvin & Eleanor Ziegler

Complete Facilities for Enjoyment



Planned activities at Henryville Lodge .
softball games, hay rides, wiener roasts, ga
quainted parties, masquerades, round and squ
dancing, sight-seeing trips, etc.

In the Club House you will find a play room, cozy cocktail lounge and a patia-grill for snacks and sodas.

Dozens of facilities such as booting, swimming in our new pool, shuffleboard, archery and tennis are available on our grounds.

On Sundays there are Catholic and Protestant Church Services.

A children's day comp on our grounds provides supervised play for the younger set.

Dining Excellence . . .

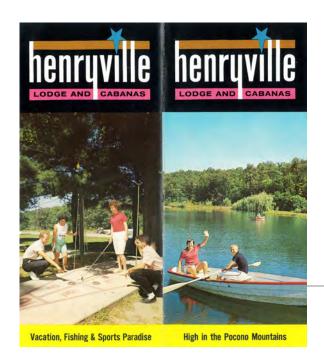
The atmosphere of the spacious dining room encourages oleasant dining. Henryville Ladge food, delicious and abundant, orepared by the finest chefs and bakers. We serve three commeals daily. Atmosphere is entirely informal, but we do re-





Luncheonette and gift shop Jay & Mary











Family Fun









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Reading the paper on the porch
Ahhh Heaven!

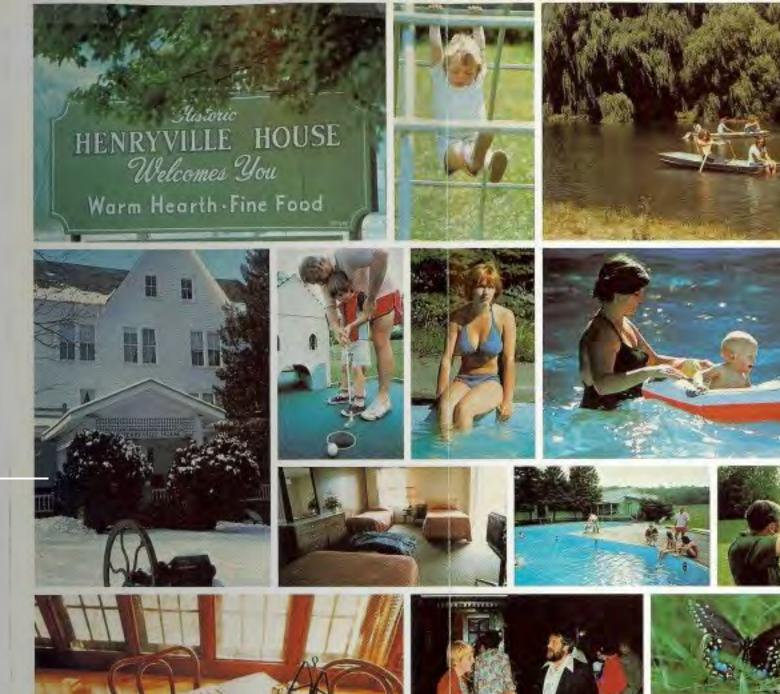
Attilo & Grace Cardinale

Henryville House.

The last of the great Pocono resort bargains.







Timeless & Peaceful as the Years Pass By





reat fishing once lured greats







OL AND INVITING — Lolling vacationer lounges on cool, shady

Roof on the Annex Collapsed with Snow February 15, 1994



David W. Coulter/Pocono

The roof of the Henryville House annex, at left, collapsed Monday under the weight of snow

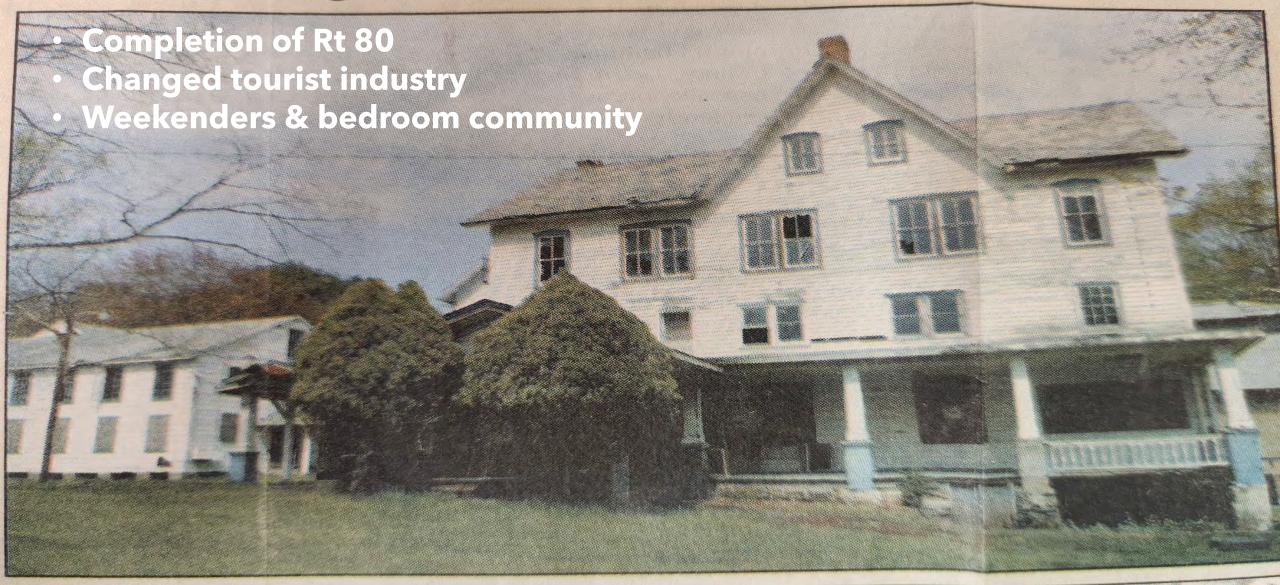








Poconos' fading history



Historic inn slated



If you believe in ghosts Listed as one of the five spookiest places in the Poconos

One story tells about a hotel maid who died by hanging herself in the inn.

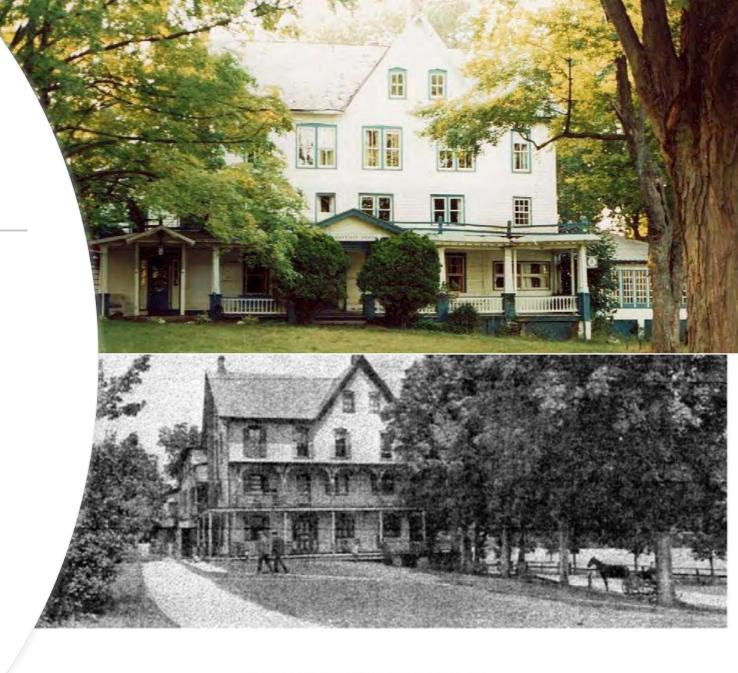
She became one of the "guests" of Henryville House

The Inn is shown here in 2000, shuttered



The Inn Closes, the Memories Continue

- Oldest trout fishing hotel in America
- Last Henry ownership 1970
- Closed in the mid '80s
- Torn down in 2004
- An amazing 148-year history



Henryville House

Henryville House Past, and always part of our township

More than a landmark, it's our common ground

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