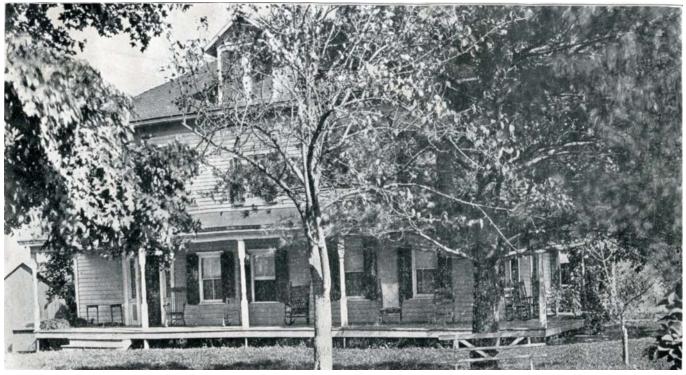


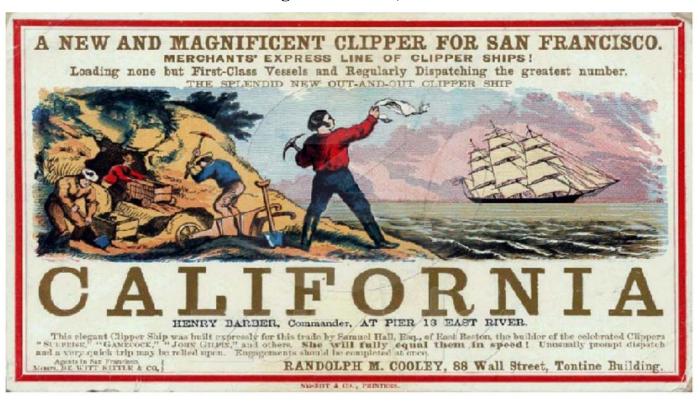
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Message from the President

I am glad I do not have to pay for the fun I get from tracking down clues that cross my desk. Not long ago the Society added a picture post card (Pleasant View Farm House, Cottekill, N.Y.) to its collection of Rosendale area cards. The collection already contained several other cards showing summer guest houses in Cottekill but this was a new card. A perfect candidate for inclusion in "Bringing it Back Home 2" the program for the Society's Annual Meeting in December. But if this new card was to be included I would need to know a little about the Farm House card as well as other Cottekill cards in the Society's collection. With all the various cards laid out in front of me I noticed that the Farm House looked a little like the Mountain View House but because the Farm House was mostly obscured by trees it was hard to determine. I then checked two little promotional booklets for a resort called Echo Lodge; one published by Charles Bishop and another by John Schaefer. Comparing the photos in the booklets to the post cards it was clear that Echo Lodge was the former Mountain View House. A review of newspaper clippings produced several ads placed by A. W. Deyo in 1907 and 1908 in the New York Times for the Mountain View House. So I had now tracked down three different owners of the same resort under two different names. But what about that first card that started this search, how did it fit in? I gave it another look and then realized that Abraham W. Devo indicated as Pub. (publisher) of the Farm House card was the Prop. (proprietor). It was time to re-examine the Farm House card with CSI techniques. There was one unique feature common to all the images, a small flat roof in the center of the building. All the other visible points not obscured by trees also matched. So now I knew that all these images created over a thirty year period were from the same guest house. Another question then arose, where was this guest house and did it still exist? The booklets said it was a five minute walk from the train station. I searched up and down Lucas Turnpike, east and west on Cottekill Road with no luck. Then one last trip, this time with Gayle Grunwald. She suggested we check Coxing Road. We were looking for a big house, wraparound porch and that small flat roof. It was dusk as we slowly drove north on Coxing Road when the reflection of gold leaf lettering on a small black sign caught our attention. THE ECHOS. There was no porch, but that small flat roof gave the building away. It was now dark outside but the kitchen was brightly lit and I could see Eva Dittmar who it turns out has lived in this house for over sixty years. Come to the Annual Meeting and you'll Dietrich Werner learn more.

Welcome New Members

548-I Tom Simalchick - Danbury, CT

549-I Laura Petit - Port Ewen, NY

550-F Julia, Stephen & Ben Gilman - Marbletown, NY

551-I Robert F. Delicio - Charleston, SC

552-I Morgan Gwenwald - Kingston, NY

553-I Bernice Dahlem Dolan - Albany, NY

554-I Catherine Cranston - Kingston, NY

555-I Patrick Kemple - High Falls, NY

556-I John Masten - Springtown, NY

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We still have a few copies of Peter Genero's book, *Thank Rosendale*, available.

The cost is \$16 and *The Industrial Archeology of a*Rosendale Cement Works at Whiteport
by Dennis Howe. \$20

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Additions to the Society Library

(New York State residents must add sales tax)

170 The Industrial Archeology of a Rosendale Cement Works at Whiteport. Dennis E. Howe. Whiteport Press. Kingston, New York. 2009. [Donated by Michael Pavlov.-]

171 Life on a Pogo Stick, Autobiography of a Comedian. Ken Murray. Introductions by Edgar Bergen, Bing Crosby and Chick Young. Holt, Rhinehart & Winston. New York. 1960. [Includes a chapter of living in Rosendale at the former Monkey Farm on Mountain Road.]

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174 Yesterday's Milwaukee. Robert W. Wells. E.A. Seeman Publishing, Inc. Miami, FL. 1976.

175 Limestone Locks and Overgrowth The Rise and Decent of the Chenango Canal. Michelle A. McFee. Purple Mountain Press. Fleischmanns, NY 1993

176 A Catskills Boyhood My Life Along the Hudson: **1908-1921.** Philip H. DuBois. Black Dome Press. Hensonville, NY. 1992.

177 The Old Eagle-Nester The Lost Legends of the Catskills. Doris West Brooks. Black Dome Press. Hensonville, NY. 1992.

178 Manufacture and Uses of Concrete Products and Cast Stone. H.L. Childe. Concrete Publications Ltd. London. 2nd ed. 1927.

179 Grey Powder A True Story. Charles Fuschino. Cosmos Publishing Co. New York. 1949.

A Busy Summer at the Snyder Estate





Wayne Russell and Julie Roseleus are wed by Brother John (Studio Stu) in a Celtic ceremony deep underground

Abandonedmines.net Picnic







On a nice sunny September afternoon young and old enjoyed a picnic BBQ sponsored by the folks from abandonedmines.net. Overheard at the Picnic. 1. "1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,......" There are 21 chow hounds in this picture. Can you find them all? 1a. Keeping a eye on the BBQ kings. Robert. Hurry, hurry up Frank." Frank. It would go faster if you had your apron on." The crowd is hungry." 1b. "WOW! Geocaching at the Widow Jane Mine and a free BBQ?" 1c. "OK, we are in line, so where is the food?" 2. Dan, Tim & son. 3. Tom. "Can I call and order a beer?" Frank. "No, Tom, you'll need a light cause the beer is hidden deep in a dark abandoned mine."



Rosendale Street Festival 2009

The Society used the Rosendale Wares Treasurer Bazaar on Main Street to meet and greet Society members, local and from far away. 1. Main Street looking west. 2. Gayle Grunwald (local) and Ron Weiss (North Carolina) wave to passers by.



Hate Not Your Brother

This summer parts of an original play by Ronit Polin with the working title "Hate not your Brother" was filmed at the Widow Jane Mine.







- 1.Cast in front of carriage house the temporary dressing room.
- 2. Soundman & cast.
- 3. Ronit Polin at the Widow Jane Mine.



Father Divine

A well attended lecture about the life and times of Father Divine in Ulster County was presented by Dr. Carlton Mabee at the Century House Historical Society's museum. Rob Walters video taped the lecture. You can listen to the complete lecture on YouTube.



19TH ANNUAL

SUBTERRANEAN POETRY READING



R. Dionysius Whiteurs photo: Alan Drake

Thunder, lightning and rain threatened to wash out the 19th Annual Subterranean Cave Poetry Reading. The poets gathered in the early afternoon under a cloudy sky in the Widow Jane Mine. The following featured poets read: Richard Rizzi, Carl Welden, T.G. Vanini, William Seaton, Alan Davis Drake, R. Dionysius Whiteurs, and Mikhail Horowitz. The following Openmike Poets also read: Jeff



Jeffrey Feller Photo: Dietrich Werner

Feller, Frank Boyer, Tommy Burns, Donald Lev, Bram Moreinis, Adam Bradley, Michael Platsky, Philip Guererro, and Alec Emerson. Also one mystery poet read but she didn't leave her name. Ron Whiteurs, ably assisted by Jeff Feller, organized this years (the 19th) Annual Subterranean Poetry Reading. Alan Drake has made Digital recordings and photographs from the day's event. They can be downloaded from Drake's literary on line magazine website at http://archaeZine.com.

Rosendale Banners fly over the Hudson

We noticed that several of the banners made for the Walkway over the Hudson's opening day celebration had a cement connection. Amadou, Mary, and son show off a banner that uses Snyder's Century Cement Manufacturing Co.'s masonry cement logo. Helen Dugan made the banner (in the center) based on the Rosendale Township Association's logo from the 1930s.

Amy Trompetter organized the Rosendale banner making. We hope to be able to display the Rosendale banners at the Society Annual meeting in December.



Amadou, Mary and son with Rosendale Rock banner



Amy with other Rosendale banners









Ice Cream Social

No Parasols but lots of Umbrellas!

Encouraged by the "Pig-Out" banner, all enjoyed the Ice-Cream Social held in August. Old-fashioned rainy day fun was supplied with baskets

of coloring books and crayons. Some like young Society member Tim Pavlov -Leiching (seen holding the plastic pig center piece full of flowers) and his friends, knew that fun couldn't get much better than jumping in the puddles left by the morning rain. Steve Sulko keep the beat going by spinning vintage 45 records.

Thank you Kirsten (The Ice-Cream Queen) who organized all the treats and to Stewarts Shops for the ice-cream donation and to all the volunteers who saw to it that everyone had a blast!





Rosendale Natural Cement for California via Clipper Ships

American manufactured natural cement, even if not manufactured in Rosendale, NY, was often called Rosendale cement. It is at times hard to determine if the cement was manufactured in the Rosendale cement region in Ulster County, NY or in some other cement manufacturing area in the United States.

A invoice acknowledging receipt of payment (fig. 1) dated December 8, 1868 clearly states that the San Francisco firm of De Witt, Kittle & Co. sold 100 barrels of Hoffman Cement (manufactured only in Rosendale, NY) at \$4.50 per barrel to Samuel Adams. Adams operated the Santa Cruz Lime & Fire Brick Depot on Market Street in San Fran-

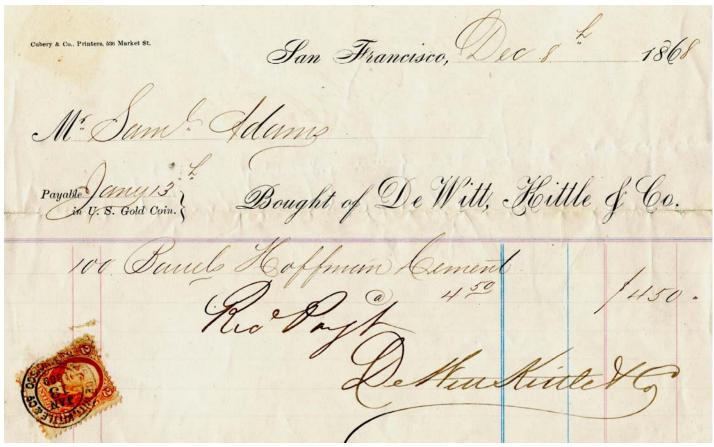


Fig. 1. 1868 Invoice for 100 barrels Hoffman cement

cisco. Adams had started a lime manufacturing business in Santa Cruz County (fig. 2) in 1858. Adams may have added the sale of cement to his lime and fire brick business. San Francisco had suffered a devastating earthquake six weeks earlier. The San Francisco Morning Star (October 22, 1868) reported that "The Santa Cruz lime and fire-brick depot of Samuel Adams sustained slight damage. The bricks were knocked down, and many of them broken." The Star also mentioned that "The fire-wall of DeWitt, Kittle & Co.'s building, corner of Califor-

Alfred De Witt

Alfred De Witt was born in New York City in 1818. His father Peter De Witt was a lawyer with offices on Nassau Street. In 1837 De Witt was employed as a clerk at the flour merchant firm of Eli Hart & Co. During the Bread Riot in February 1837 Eli Hart & Co.'s store was attacked by the rioters. As the rioters were rolling out barrels of flour into the street De Witt managed to save the firms records by carrying them to his fathers office. During the 1840s he had a seat on the New York Stock Exchange. In 1848 he sailed for San Francisco, which took 180 days, with a cargo of merchandise to sell. He founded the commission house of De Witt & Harrison which is listed in the San Francisco Directory as being located at 187 Sansome St. In 1854 De Witt returned to New York opening a branch of De Witt & Harrison which later became, De Witt, Kittle & Co. When De Witt retired in 1870 the firm name was changed to Kittle & Co. Alfred De Witt died at his country home in Staatsburg, NY in October 1899 only a few miles from the Rosendale cement region from which the cement that he shipped and sold in California had been manufactured in.

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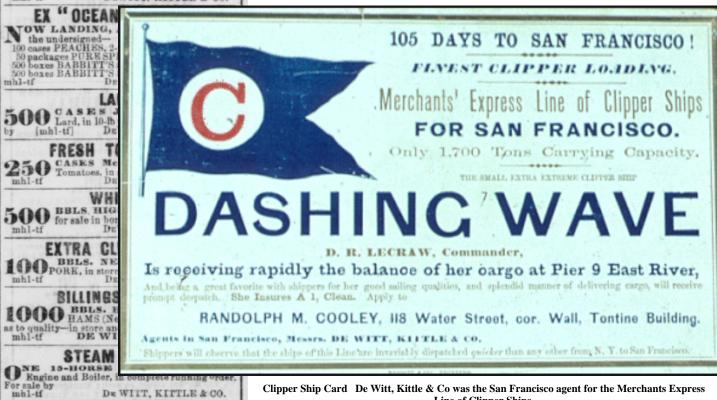


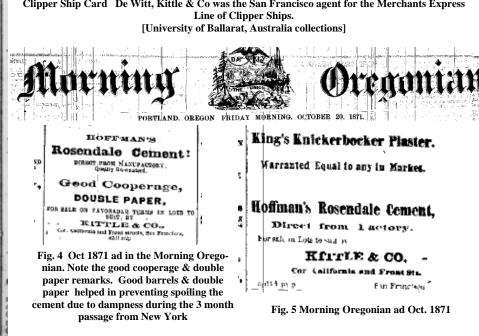
Fig. 2 Samuel Adams lime Kiln at Adams Creek. Photo by Frank A. Perry co-author of Lime Kiln Legacies The history of the lime industry in Santa Cruz County, California.

More info at www.limekilnlegacies.com



nia and Front streets, was thrown down." De Witt, Kittle & Co.'s suffered a total of \$2,600 in damages; \$500 to the two story brick building and the balance in other damages caused by the earthquake.





Kittle & Co. (the successor company's name after Alfred De Witt retired in 1870) advertised the availability of Rosendale cements (see figs. 4 & 5) in both California and Oregon newspapers. The Rosendale cement interests did not rely only on DeWitt, Little & Co to ship cement from New York to California. Wm. T. Coleman was another company that used Extreme

March 31 1867 Advertisement placed by De Witt, Kittle in the Daily Alta California (San Francisco, California) newspaper offering both Hoffman's Rosendale and Lawrenceville cement as well as a large assortment of other east coast items like New York dried apples and crushed sugar.

SUPERIOR ITALIAN SALAD OIL. IN QUARTS AND PINTS, EX RECENT arrivals from Bordeaux, in store and for sale in lots to suit by DE WITT, KITTLE & CO. BACON. 50 HHDS. EASTERN SMOKED BA-con, packed by Jewell, Harrison & Co. pust landed in fine order, and for sale by mbl-t Dz WITT, KITTLE & CO. GREEN CORN. CASES THOMPSON & TOT-100 ten's Green Corn. 3-lb cans, in fine order, for sale by [mhl-tf] Dz WITT, KITTLE & CO. PURE SPIRITS. 50 PIPES EXTRA PURE SPIRITS, shipped 88 above proof, now landing ex Invincible, and for sale by DR WITT, KITTLE & CO. DRIED APPLES. 350 HALF BBLS. N. Y. DRIED AP-ples, in good order, and for sa'e by mhl-tf DE WITT, KITTLE & CO. CRUSHED SUGAR. 300 BBLS. N. Y. CRUSHED SUGAR, mhl ti DE WITT, KITTLE & CO. CHAMPAGNE. THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BEEN appointed Agents for the sale of the celebrated CHAMPAGNE WINES OF MESSRS. BOUCHE FILS & CO., Now offer the Famous Brands-APOLEON'S CABINET. **BOUCHE'S CABINET** TO THE TRADE on liberal terms. DE WITT, KITTLE & CO.

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Tribune.

NO. 851.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 3, 1877.



Fig. 6 YOUNG AMERICA Clipper Ship Card [University of Ballarat, Australia collections]



Fig. 7 STORM KING Clipper Ship Card [University of Ballarat, Australia collections]

mined from an advertisement placed by Ladd, Reed & Co. (fig. 9) in the September issue of a Portland newspaper.

A year after DeWitt arrived in San Francisco (1848) he was recognized as running an efficient business. The Southern Cross, a newspaper published in Auckland, New Zealand published a short note

CEMENT.

DEST EASTERN ROSENDALE OBMENT
ex Dock or Warehouse, in lots to suit, for
sale by
WM. T. OOLEMAN & Co
20J California street, San Fruncisco

Fig. 8 March 31, 1871 Wm. T. Coleman ad in the Oakland Daily Evening Tribune for Rosendale Cement

Clipper ships to transport Rosendale cement (see figs. 6, 7, & 8) from New York to California. That cement was shipped from New York to Portland, Oregon as early as 1859 can be deter-

EX BARK INDUSTRY.

FROM NEW YORK.

100 Casks Combertand Coal.

100 kits No. 1 Mackerel.

60 bits Pitch.

10 bits Pitch.

10 bits Pitch.

10 bits Cakum. (span and navy)

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10 Fursal by (ADD R Emily & CO.

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Fig. 9 September 1, 1859 ad for cement shipped from New York on the Bark INDUSTRY placed by Ladd, Reed & Co. in the Oregonian

(November 9, 1849) about the difficulties of discharging cargo in San Francisco due to delays. They state that at De Witt & Harrison's wharf the barque "Ocean Bird", discharged its whole cargo (300 tons) in five days.

Cement was not manufactured in California until 1860 when the Benicia Cement Company began making a natural cement in Benicia, CA. Portland cement manufacturing did not commence in California until the early 1890s.

DEATH OF H. G. KITTLE. Kittle, a prominent merchant of this city, died suddenly at his residence, 1601 Franklin street, at an early hour yesterday. The deceased was born in Duchess county, New York, in 1824. He received a thorough mercantile training, and early in 1850 he came to San Francisco and entered business with the firm, of DeWitt & Harrison at 807 and 809 Sansome street. The firm was soon changed to DeWitt, Kittle & Co., but no change was made in the location until 1866, when the office was removed to 202 California street, corner of Front, where it now is. The next change of the firm name was caused by the retirement of Alfred DeWitt, when the deceased, his brother, John O. Kittle, and James Palache succeeded as Kittle & Co. During all these years the house has maintained a high character and the members have long been reputed to be possessed of ample means. The deceased was President of the California Powder Works, the Pacific Oil and Lard Works, and Vice-President of the Union Insurance Company. He married the eldest daughter of the late W. A. Scott and leaves her with six children. From the Daily Alta California Nov. 16, 1886

Earthquakes and other natural disasters where not the only hazards that the shipment of Rosendale cement faced. During the civil war Confederate privateers attacked some of ships transporting Rosendale cement. One such vessel captured in October, 1861, by the Confederate privateer SALLIE, was stripped of stores, set on fire, and sunk was the brigantine B. K. EATON. The B.K. EATON was a government charter carrying lime and cement from New York and destined for Fort Jefferson, Florida. Another vessel attacked by the Confederates was the Bark TYCOON which was carrying cargo valued at \$24,559, of which more than a third belonged to De Witt, Kittle & Co. The TYCOON, destined for San Francisco, was captured by the CSS Alabama (fig. 3) off the coast of Brazil April, 1864. (DEW)

From the Captain Semmes log of the CSS Alabama

Wednesday, April 27.--Weather fine; wind about E. by S.; current 16 miles N.W. Latitude 11 16'7", longitude 32 6'45". At 3 p.m. made a sail ahead, standing directly for us. At 5:40, having met, we showed her the United States colors. She responded with the same. Ordered her to heave to, and sent a boat on board and captured her. She proved to be the Federal bark *Tycoon*, thirty-six days from New York, for San Francisco. Got on board from her some provisions and clothing.

Thursday, April 28.--Weather fine; wind moderate from E.S.E. to E. by S. At 3 a.m., having received the prisoners on board from the prize, we burned her and filled away on our course. Current 15 miles W.N.W. Latitude 10 5'20", longitude 31 46'30". We received from the prize a number of Yankee newspapers, filled with the usual evidence of their insanity. Afternoon squally and rainy; wind N.E. to E.N.E.

From: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion. Washington, D.C.: G.P.O., 1896.

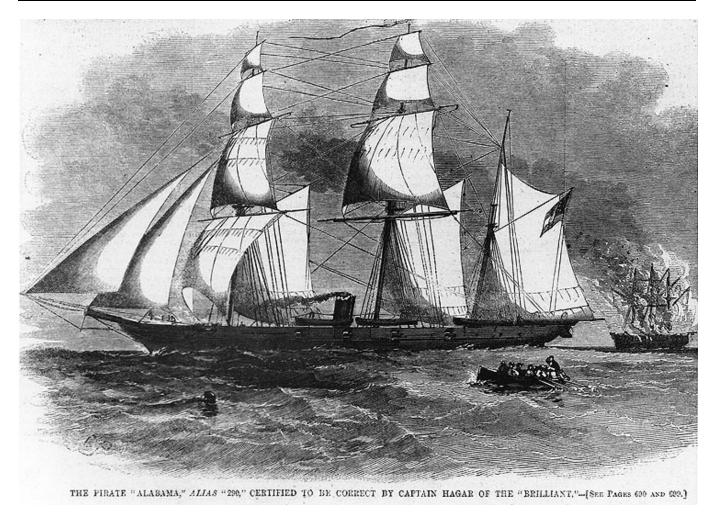


Fig. 3 From Harper's Bazaar 1862

Cottekill ~ Echo Lodge

"COTTEKILL as summer resort has unrivalled advantages which are widely known and esteemed. Located on the slope of the Eastern Catskills, in a region which forms the divide between the basins of the Esopus and Rondout Creeks, a climate remarkable for its dryness and healthfulness is attained. The remoteness from large bodies of water or marshy lands is shown by the topography of the surrounding country, affording an air absolutely free from miasmatic influences. Malaria is therefore unknown because the conditions for its development do not exist, and pulmonary, asthmatic or bronchial troubles are rare. To the sufferers from overwork and nervous disorders this dry atmosphere is greatly beneficial owing to its wonderful tonic powers. Inhabitants of the seaboard, large river valleys or the lowlands of bordering States, will find here a climate unequaled for its invigorating effects, while it affords the tourist and pleasure-seeker a resting place most inviting.

The village has the usual stores, post office, telegraph, telephone, electric light, hotel, churches, hall, etc.

ECHO LODGE is located on the outskirts of the village, only five minutes' walk from the station and post office. Located at an elevation. It commands a beautiful panoramic view of the charming Shawangunk Mountains a short distance to the south. To the west lie the Catskill Mountains, fanning the Lodge with their cool breezes in summer, supply-

Westchester County. is now open for the season, with Elegant New Addition, and presenting many unique and attractive features. THIRTY MILES FROM NEW YORK. PLUMER, Hudson River Countles School St the temperature having a marked uniformity will average from ten to fifteen TARRYTOWN-ON-HUDSOK. I guarantee to the visitor a pleasant outing during the heated term. MOUNTAIN VIEW HOUSE, Cottekill, N. Y.-Proprietor. own farm; hathing JERSEY. Atlantic City Solid Vestibule Trains, Buffet Parlot and Din-Cars. Leave West and Sr. 9.50 a.m. daily; 12.50 p.m. (Saturdays only); 3.50 p.m. daily (ext Sundays); a. so p.m. (Sundays only) eare Liberty St. 10.00 n.m. daily; 1.00 p.m. Saturdays only); J.40 p.m. daily (except Sun-

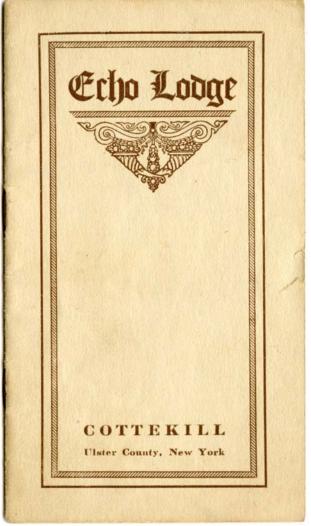
ing it with fine invigorating air all the year round, and inspiring the soul by the beauty and picturesqueness of the scenery that everywhere beautifies the prospect and gladdens the eyes.



Cottekill is distin-

Cover of a Echo Lodge publicity booklet published by Charles Bishop c1914 guished for the many clear and sunny days during the summer months, and

■ New York Times advertisement. August 12, 1907



degrees lower than that of New York. These favorable climatic conditions

New York Ontario & Western station at Cottekill, N.Y. 1920s A five minute walk from Echo Lodge and from where A.J. Snyder shipped lime and cement.

ACCOMODATIONS

ECHO LODGE has ample accommodations for thirty guests. The sleeping rooms are all large, have large windows affording plenty of light and air. They are neatly furnished, kept clean and sanitary, good beds and ample covering provided for the cool nights.

THE HOUSE is surrounded on two sides by a wide, well-shaded veranda, and a spacious well-shaded lawn surrounds the house.

NATURAL PARK

On the farm is a natural park several acres in extent, but a short distance from the lodge, where one can stroll or find a secluded spot in the cool shade of the pines, hemlocks and maples.

THE LAKE Binnewater lake is about twenty minutes' walk. Here one can hire rowboats at a moderate sum per hour for fishing, rowing or bathing.



Post card sent by Muriel Vinsk when Echo Lodge was called Pleasant View Farm House. Mailed at the Cottekill post office August 27, 1914 to Alma V. Jones, 383 Madison Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. She writes "Dear Alma, I am having a good time up here. With love from your playmate, Muriel Vinsk" Is that Mr. & Mrs. Deyo?

HUNTING There is good hunting throughout this section in season.

LIVERY Driving is a favorite pastime for our guests. Single or double rigs convey parties to numerous points of interest, including Lake Mohonk, Ashokan Reservoir, etc., at moderate charges.

THE MAIL There are several mails daily. The morning mail and New York papers arrive before breakfast. **CHURCHES** Methodist and Reformed churches are located in the village. Catholic and other churches, two miles distant. **THE TABLE** is provided with fresh milk, butter, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruit from our own farm and gardens.

"Mountain View House", Cottekill, N. Y.

An earlier view of the Echo Lodge when it was called Mountain View House. This card was mailed in July 1910 by Kitty Mae Krom to her parents A. D. Krom at Alligerville, N.Y.

Good home cooking, and the service is equal to that provided in the higher priced houses.

IMPROVEMENTS

The house is provided with modern improvements, bath, toilet, hot and cold running water, etc.

AMUSEMENTS The usual outdoor and indoor amusements are indulged by our guests. Piano and dancing. Also semi-weekly moving pictures and dancing in a nearby hall throughout the season.

SEASON Echo Lodge is open throughout the year. During the months of June, July and August a select crowd of summer vacation guests will be found at the Lodge. During the fall, winter and spring months, special attention is given to guests who need rest and quite surroundings. Location and conveniences cannot be surpassed for convalescents and those

wishing to recuperate. Hunting and fishing parties accommodated in season.

ROUTES N. Y. O. & W. R. R., Forty-second Street, New York, to Cottekill, coaches and parlor cars direct without change. W. S. R. R., Forty-second Stret, New York to Kingston, W. V. R. R., to Binnewater. H. R. D. L. Steamers, New York to Kingston Point, trolly to N. Y. O. & W. R. R. station, and N.Y. O. & W. R. R. to Cottekill.

BAGGAGE checked through from house to Cottekill or Binnewater.

CONVEYANCES meet trains at Cottekill and Binnewater if notified.

TRANSPORTATION No charge from Cottekill station. 25 cents each person from Binnewater. Trunks 25 cents each from either station.

BEST OF CITY REFERENCES

RATES \$7 and up per week. Transients \$1.50 per day. Special attention given week end guests. Inquiry and correspondence is invited. Information and specific particulars will be given with pleasure.

Address: CHAS. BISHOP ECHO LODGE COTTEKILL, ULSTER COUNTY, N. Y."

The above is the text from Bishop's little booklet, published c1914, extolling the merits of Echo Lodge.



A view of the south and east side of Echo Lodge from a booklet published by Charles Bishop. c1914.

Pleasant View Farm House, Mountain View House, and Echo Lodge were the names given to what had been a family farm on Coxing Road in

COUNTRY BOARD.

ECHO LODGE, Cottekill, N. T., a modern delightful place to spend the summer. For reservation booklet and terms address Chas. Bishop.

June 8, 1915 advertisement for Echo Lodge in the Kingston (New York) Daily Freeman

Cottekill, N.Y. A combination of newspaper ads, PR booklets, and postcards show that these three resorts

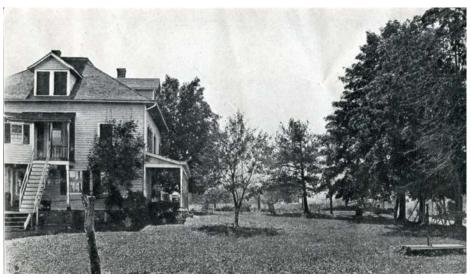
were one and the same. Abraham W. Deyo operated the resort under the name of Pleasant View Farm House and Mountain View. Charles Bishop updated the name to Echo Lodge when he acquired the farm. At the end of the fall season, October 1916, Bishop sold Echo Lodge to W. F. Ruppert and John M. Schaefer. Schaefer operated Echo Lodge and also became a business partner with Harry Snyder of a coal and feed depot just south of the O&W train station at Cottekill in 1922. The local press kept everyone informed on the happenings at the Cottekill resorts. The Freeman reported on July 20, 1922 that "There are a number of city guests in this village. Although the season is not quite up to last year. J. M. Schaefer, proprietor of Echo Lodge is giving a dance on his lawn every Thursday evening, and J. H. Skinner, of Pleasant View House is holding a barn dance once a week. With movies at Stone Ridge and Rosendale, also Friday evening dances at Stone Ridge,

and an occasional church social or supper, there seems to be no lack of amusement for our city guests as well as for our local people."

Things have slowed down in Cottekill since then. The hot spots in Cottekill are now the Fire House, post office, and Cross Roads Deli. (DEW)



The New Age — W. H. Rhinehart of Cottekill bought a 1916 Metz touring car like this from L. R. Conner who was the O&W station agent at Cottekill. The car arrived in March along with a foot of snow and zero temperatures.



A view of the north side of Echo Lodge from a booklet published by John Schaefer in the late teens or early 1920s much as it looks today.

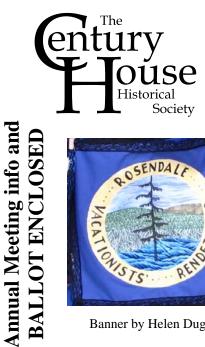
Bringing it Back 4*GENDA* Home

Selected images from rare collections that have come back to Rosendale through the efforts of the Society ~ by Dietrich Werner

Annual Meeting and Program Sunday, December 6, 2009 2 pm Rosendale Recreation Center

Call to Order/Welcome
Reports
Old Business/New Business
2009 Recognition Awards
Election
Recess/Penny Social
Adjournment
Program





The Snyder Estate Historic Site Rosendale NY 12472-0150

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Banner by Helen Dugan

CENTURY HOUSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY *EVENTS*

12th Annual Pickle Festival Visit the Society booth Sunday November 22 10 am - 5 pm @ Rosendale Recreation Center

C.H.H.S. Annual Meeting With Special Program Sunday December 6 2 pm @ Rosendale Recreation Center