



*Hobart-in-the-
Catskill Mountains
New York*



OVERLOOKING HOBART

HOBART-IN-THE-CATSKILLS

Location

Hobart is situated in Delaware County, New York, on the Western slope of the world-famed Catskill Mountains, fifty-five miles from the Hudson River. By rail Hobart is one hundred and fifty miles from New York, and seventy-five miles from Kingston, the Eastern gateway to the Catskills, and thirty miles from the city of Ossuneta, the gateway on the West. It is on the main line of the Ulster & Delaware Railroad, and has an elevation of 1,637 feet above tide water. The Delaware River flows through the village.

Improvements

Hobart is an incorporated village having a resident population of about six hundred. Nature has done much for Hobart in the way of location and in the diversity of its attractions, and her people have taken up the work of civic betterments in a progressive and enterprising spirit, making a town in keeping with the perfect surroundings. The town



CLIMAX OF THE TOWN BROOK

is proud of its system of improved water-works, complete system of sewers with sewage disposal works, electric lighting, state roads, walks of flag stone walks, National Bank, fine stores and residences, opera house, churches, High school, library, civic and fraternal organizations, fire department, weekly newspaper, telephone exchange, automobile garage, foundry, milk and butter factory and by-products plant, experienced physicians and dentist.

Hobart has excellent railroad, express and telegraph service; also local and long distance telephone. There are three incoming and outgoing New York mails daily. Daily papers arrive at 8:45 and 10:55 a. m. There are no saloons.

Climate

From the standpoint of climate the advantages of Hobart's location are manifold. The region contiguous to Hobart forms the divide, or height of land, which separates the Delaware from the Schoharie and Susquehanna basins. No salt air from the Hudson valley can reach it, the high crest of the Catskills preventing its approach; the remoteness from any large body of water is an assurance of dryness of atmosphere, and the prevailing winds being westerly, insure equality of climate. There is in this territory no swamp nor marsh, giving absolute freedom from any malarial influences. The air is pure, dry and invigorating. The summers are delightful and the winters equally so, but clear and cold. In summer the average temperature is 75, while in winter it is about twenty above zero. Although the thermometer in winter frequently reaches a much lower point than this for brief periods, the cold is not penetrating owing to the dryness of the atmosphere.



AT THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

Sanitation and Water

Generally the first inquiry of the prospective settler, or of people seeking a summer or winter home, is regarding the healthfulness of the locality. Hobart and vicinity is noted for its healthfulness. Its percentage of illness is very low. The high elevation, perfect drainage, pure water, all conduce to the healthfulness of Hobart. The Romans taught that a point of first importance in building a town or a dwelling, is to select a site upon healthy soil. Medical science has in recent years given much attention to this vital question in hygienic conditions. Whatever of excellence the external features of a place may possess, or however beautiful may be its surroundings, bad drainage is a menace to health and renders it unfit for habitation. This fact has been recognized by the citizens of Hobart, and the subject of drainage has received the attention it deserves in the construction, at an expense of \$10,000, of a complete system of sewers with sewage disposal works—a most important factor in the matter of healthfulness and cleanliness of any village. There are few, if any, villages of the size of Hobart in the United States with this advantage.

The village is also fortunate in being supplied with the purest water, brought from clear mountain springs, aerated and filtered, for household use and fire protection. The water system is a corporate business enterprise and cost upwards of \$40,000. The plans for both the sewer and water systems were approved by the State Department of Health and State Conservation Commission, and the works constructed under the careful supervision of able engineers, which is a



A GLIMPSE OF MAPLE AVENUE

guarantee of protection and safety. Both these progressive steps have been taken by a mountain village of only 600 inhabitants, and attest the superiority of the town as a healthful place, and speak volumes for the public spirit of its citizens.

As a Summer Resort

Hohart is an ideal place in which to spend the summer. It is not a summer resort in the sense in which the term is ordinarily used. It has several good hotels and boarding houses, open to the better class of summer guests, and the number of its summer visitors is showing a steady and substantial growth. Every effort is made to avoid the undesirable element so often found in mountain resorts. To those who desire a summer outing in the country with all the advantages of comfort, rest and quiet, not obtainable in the fashionable resorts, Hohart should appeal most strongly. The village itself lies in a lovely valley surrounded by the foothills of the Catskills. No photograph can portray the beauty of this part of New York State. The section is famed the world over for its healthful climate. There are no mosquitoes, no malaria, no swamps or marshes. The soil is sandy and the drainage perfect. While those in crowded cities are suffocating with heat, the people in this vicinity are enjoying breezy air and cool breezes. There is seldom a night when one can sleep comfortably without blankets. The air is always cool, fresh and invigorating. Children and grown-ups alike, thrive in this climate. The abundance of oxygen in the air sends the blood dancing through the veins, giving brightness to the eye, elasticity to the step and strength



MAIN STREET

to the tired body. This village has a perfect and complete system of sewerage, the purest water, brought from mountain springs. The streets are lighted by electricity. The main street is macadamized and all the roads are good. No intoxicants are sold here, and great care is taken to make the place attractive to a refined and cultivated class of people. The drives about Hohart are many and varied, affording lovers of this form of amusement an almost endless source of pleasure. The livery stables supply good horses, comfortable carriages and experienced drivers. There is also a garage, with public automobiles to rent at reasonable prices.

Services are held every Sunday in Hohart churches. The denominations represented here are Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian. The last named society is now constructing a \$10,000 church edifice.

To Sportsmen

To sportsmen this section is one of great interest. In their season woodcock, partridge, rabbits and squirrels can be found. Pishing is a great attraction. Trout are plentiful in the mountain brooks. The finest pickered fishing is found at Oxell Lake, two miles from Hohart.

Moral Tone

For its size Hohart is unsurpassed for its wholesome social atmosphere, high moral tone and ready hospitality. The churches are actively represented by their social and aid societies. The Woman's Civic Club and the Citizens' Association have an active combined membership of nearly



HOBART HIGH SCHOOL

150 and both organizations exert a splendid influence over the community, socially and morally. These organizations also are devoted to the work of civic improvements, keeping the streets clean and the village working along progressive lines. Hobart has four fraternal organizations, all doing active work. They are St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 289, P. & A. M.; Hobart Lodge, No. 61, I. O. O. F.; Hobart Valley Lodge of Rebekahs, No. 470; Boy Scouts of America.

School

Hobart takes a just pride in its splendid school. Hobart High School takes rank among the foremost in the State, a fact which gives this village a decided prestige and is one of the incentives toward the increasing population. Students are prepared for Normal School and College and in the grades unexcelled educational advantages are afforded. Many students from neighboring villages attend school here.

Cottages

Hobart has a number of cottages, both furnished and unfurnished, to rent for the summer or by the year, most of them having up-to-date improvements: furniture, electricity, bathrooms with sanitary plumbing, etc. Telephones may be rented at a small cost. The expense of living here is less than in the large cities. Meat and groceries are about the same in price but fresh



MT. BOBB BUNGALOW SITES

vegetables in their season, poultry, eggs, milk and butter are much less. The markets, grocery stores, bakeries and confectioneries can nowhere be excelled for the quality of goods sold. Supplies are delivered and orders called for.

Bungalow and Cottage Sites

Hobart has splendid sites for either all-year-round homes or summer bungalows and cottages. These sites include fine locations within the incorporated limits of the village, as well as very desirable sites in Maple Park and on the side of Mt. Bobb, the latter being especially desirable for bungalows.

To those desiring locations near the village for poultry raising and truck farming there are many fertile and well adapted locations. No person desiring a home in the mountains, combining healthfulness, accessibility, fine climate, opportunity for investment, employment or recreation should fail to visit Hobart.

Stores and Foundry

Fine store buildings and attractive and complete stocks of goods add no little to the desirability of Hobart as a place for a summer or permanent home. All branches of merchandising are represented here, and in the quality of the goods offered and in moderate prices the business houses of Hobart will be found to be above the average. Hobart has a foundry, where sleigh axes and other castings are made, and where general machinery repair work is done.



STATE ROAD LEADING TO HOBART CAMP AT ODELL LAKE

To Tourists
The problem of roads is fast being solved in and around Hobart. A considerable mileage of State road has been built and extra effort is being made by county superintendents to keep the dirt roads well drained, smooth and free from ruts, thus making the section attractive to automobile tourists. Hobart is easily accessible by good roads from Chenango, Cooperstown, Richfield Springs and the Lake George and Lake Champlain regions. The Kingston-Chenango-Binghamton State highway is now being completed. A spur of this highway, leaving the main highway at Stamford, leads to Hobart.

There are a number of excellent boarding houses in Hobart, each with a capacity of from eight to thirty people. **Boarding Houses** Prices range from \$7 to \$15 per week, according to the arrangements desired. Good farm board may also be secured at reasonable prices. Rates for camps may be had at Odell Lake.

The rinks, the drives, the facilities for base ball, tennis, croquet, skating, hunting, auto-skiing, etc., all tend to arouse interest in outdoor activities. In the winter time sleighing, skating, snowshoeing, and fishing for pleasure through the ice take the place of summer amusements.



WORK OF HOBART'S BOYSCOUTS



A DELAWARE COUNTY HERD

Garbage Removal

Hobart maintains a garbage removal service at stated periods. The village Board of Health is active in maintaining and enforcing the Health Regulations prescribed by the State Department of Health. Careful sanitary inspection is made twice yearly and at other times as required.

Agriculture and Dairying

Hobart is in the heart of the best of all agricultural and dairying regions. Its pure water from living springs and its unrivaled pasture and meadow lands, have made Delaware County the finest milk and butter county in the world and no other section of country can compare with this part of old Delaware in the quality of these products. The dairyman finds a ready market in New York. The land is also splendidly adapted to the growing of potatoes, cauliflower, and other vegetables, the growing of small fruits and berries and to general farming.

Poultry Raising

This section is also admirably suited to poultry raising. Markets for eggs and chickens are within easy reach. This section of Delaware county is also noted for the production of maple sugar and syrup of the finest quality. Fine productive farms, suited to general farming and dairying, poultry raising, etc., may be bought or rented near Hobart at reasonable prices.



WEST MAIN STREET

Taxation

Taxes are not high in Hobart, but exceptionally moderate. The county and state rate ranks among the five lowest of the 19 towns in the county, while the village and school taxes are extremely low compared with other villages in this part of the State. These advantages of taxation should be favorably considered by persons seeking a location having all the advantages of a modern up-to-date village.

National Bank

In the National Bank of Hobart the people of Hobart and vicinity have an exceptionally valuable, as well as one of the most reliable institutions of its kind in this part of the state. A bank is a most valuable adjunct to any community and the Hobart bank has always played a large and influential part in the upbuilding and advancement of the village and surrounding territory. It was incorporated in 1891 with a capital of \$50,000. The institution has had a conservative but constant growth. Today it has a surplus of \$80,000, its deposits total \$200,000, and its loans reach \$250,000. In addition to a general banking business it has a savings department, paying three per cent. interest on deposits.

A Word to Capital

Hobart offers splendid inducements for capital to come here and invites capital to investigate the advantages afforded. There is an opening for a Building and Loan association. Hobart needs more houses with modern improvements. There is also opportunity here



RIVER STREET

for a summer hotel, box factory, cigar factory, hand laundry, bakery, shoe-repair shop and a cauliflower farm. There is always opening for first class contracting carpenters, masons and plumbers. There is also a steady demand for farm labor at good wages.

The Citizens' Association invites correspondence along any of these lines.

What Hobart is Not

It is not a mountain village with a station, side-track, a store and a hotel, but a thriving live-wire town inhabited by live-wire people, with fine railroad facilities, water, sewers, electricity and other modern improvements and necessities.

It is not a place where men never die, where one may abuse nature with impunity, but is on the Western slope of nature's great sanitarium where exhausted vitality is restored.

It is not anywhere near the seashore, but miles inland, among the wonderful mountains of the Catskill range.

It is not a village of rustic simplicity. Its citizens are broad-minded and progressive. They keep in close touch with the outside world, if indeed the "world" can be called outside, since it is so closely connected with the region by wire and rail.

All that can be said of the citizens of the town itself, can equally be said of the farmers in the surrounding environs. Here the farmers have their daily mail and New York papers, their connection with



FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MASONIC BUILDING

the local telephone exchange, and sometimes electric lights. They constitute the most enlightened farming-community to be found anywhere.

It is not far from the centers of national prosperity and is easy of access. You may ride to Hobart the year round in a Pullman Car.

It is not out of touch with the day's news, for the Onondaga, Albany, and New York papers reach here at 8:45 and 10:55 A. M.

It has no malaria.

It is not full of half-dead people, but is alive with energy and ozone, a stimulus to mind, body and estate.

It is not a dead town, but has many fine opportunities for investors, a splendid High School, good roads, good air, land and building lots at reasonable prices, all materials for making cement blocks for building purposes, a lumber yard. In a word Hobart is a strictly modern town embracing an intelligent and hospitable population.

Hobart only needs more people, capital and industries to become a larger and more progressive town. We have the natural advantages and few, if any, serious disadvantages. Help us and we will help you.

The Leading Industry

No butter and milk country in any part of the world can compare with Delaware County when it comes to quality of product. It has already been said that Hobart is in the heart of the best of all dairying regions. Its hills and valleys provide the richest and most abundant



SHEFFIELD FARMS-SLAWSON DECKER PLANT

pastures, and water, pure water flows in unlimited quantity from thousands of springs, springs that never go dry and where the typhoid and malarial of low lying waterways are unknown. Where pure water and fine pasture lands exist the healthiest kind of cattle are found, and both abound in unlimited quantity about Hobart.

To get the product of the dairies of this section into the hands of the consumers in New York and other cities and have it retain its purity and wholesomeness comprises one of the leading industries of Hobart. Nearly all the milk, cream and butter from this section goes to the city consumer through the Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker Company, one of the largest retail dairy products concerns in this country. This company has its largest creamery plant at Hobart, as well as a subsidiary plant, manufacturing the by-products of milk. The two plants employ forty men, represent an investment of more than \$100,000, and in connection therewith an experiment farm of 440 acres is conducted, where advanced scientific methods in dairying and farming, cattle breeding, etc., are tested out for the benefit of the farmers of this section.

Every safeguard is thrown around the handling of milk, cream and butter to the end that its absolute cleanliness may be maintained and that it may reach the New York consumer pure and wholesome. The cows in every dairy sending milk to the creamery of this company are regularly inspected by the company's veterinarian; the cow-stables are required to be always sanitary, and the milking and transportation to the creamery is followed under strict sanitary regulations. At the creamery plant the methods of handling the



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The creamery plant itself is scrupulously clean and equipped with every sanitary device and safeguard to maintain absolute purity of product. The workmen wear clean white suits and all machinery is maintained under rigid sanitary inspection. Not only are the regulations of the New York City Board of Health complied with, but the company's own regulations governing the purity, wholesomeness and high standard of its products are strictly enforced. The milk, cream and butter shipped from this plant is absolutely pure and wholesome. It comes in the first place from healthy cows, maintained in sanitary dairies; then in the handling, bottling and wrapping every safeguard is thrown around the product. A large quantity of the milk shipped from here goes direct to hospitals and other institutions in New York for the use of children and invalids and this in itself commends beyond words the high standard of the product.

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A GROUP OF HOBART RESIDENCES



HAYING TIME ON THE FAIRM

Information Bureau

For the convenience of the general public an Information Bureau is maintained. This Bureau will gladly furnish any information possible regarding any subject relating to Hobart and vicinity. Particulars as to summer board, cottages to rent, bungalow and cottage sites, village real-estate, farm property, business opportunities, automobile routes, etc., will be cheerfully given. Address Star Information Bureau or Secretary Citizens' Association, Hobart, N. Y.

How to Reach Hobart

The facilities for reaching Hobart are of the best. Through parlor car trains run from Philadelphia and New York via West Shore and Ulster & Delaware Railroads. The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad trains to Rhinecliff (opposite Kingston) connect with the U. & D. at Rondout by ferry. Albany Day Line Steamers from New York make connections with the U. & D. at Kingston Point. The Rondout and New York Night Boats connect with early morning trains on the U. & D. for Hobart. Hobart has transportation facilities to and from the north and west via the U. & D. at Ossona, where the D. & H. and the Otsego & Herkimer Railroads have connecting lines.



THE OLD MILL DAM

HISTORICAL

Hobart Village

The Village of Hobart, nestling in the lap of the Delaware among the beautiful western foothills of the Catskills, is one of the old historic settlements of the Empire State. To visit it now in the age of wonderful modern growth and improvement, a stranger could hardly realize that a hundred years ago it was, as things were reckoned then, a busy commercial and manufacturing center for a large region of country about. Today the village of 600 inhabitants, still quiet and homelike and retaining much of the quaint, old-fashioned character of by-gone days, is pulsating with business activity, and progressing steadily in civic and economic achievement. It is the busiest all-year-round town in upper Delaware county.

The village has beautiful streets, a fine school, three prospering churches, an efficient fire department, many handsome residences, a prosperous creamery, and many business enterprises, etc. But better than all these, as a commentary upon the integrity and uprightness of its inhabitants, it takes pride in never having had a jail or lock-up within its limits. The churches include historic Old St. Peter's of



COMMERCIAL HOUSE AND MAIN STREET

which Rev. W. N. Hawkins is rector; the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. August George, pastor; and the Methodist Episcopal, the Rev. F. St. John Colman, pastor.

Founding of Hobart

The first settlers came here before the Revolution, but returned to their former homes during the war. Soon after peace was declared, the falls at this place, as a means of water power, attracted settlers, and soon the hum of machinery was heard. The earliest name of record is Waterville, by which it was called earlier than 1790. In 1828 this was ordered changed by the Post Office authorities, there being another and larger Waterville in the State. "Rosedyn" was suggested, but some village wag one night made that name seem ridiculous by printing "Goslin" in large letters upon a conspicuous fence. The leading citizens of the village at the suggestion of Rev. Philander Chase, rector of St. Peter's, then decided to confer upon it the name of the good Bishop Hobart whom they all loved—and so it remains to this day, and will remain.

Pioneers

The first tavern in the village was kept by George Foote, where the Commercial House now stands. Others were opened before 1795. The first store in the place was kept by Cyrus Beers. Andrew Beers built the first grist mill, and it now remains after many changes. The carding mill and the woollen mill were built by George Foote, where the Robinson foundry now stands. Foote, who seems to have been somewhat of a monopolist in



THE OLD RESERVOIR

the matter of manufacturers, who built a distillery, a saw mill and a foundry. John Poole was the first blacksmith. The pioneer tailor was one Gregory. The first lawyers of the village were J. B. Beman and Andrew Hines, the amateur maker. The first physician was Dr. Justin H. Treat, who was also the first judge of Delaware County. William Trotter was the first postmaster.

Hobart in the old days was the business center for Keertright, Harpersfield, Roxbury, Iocvia and Stamford. The manufacturing interest of the place was so large that fire dams were required upon the river to supply the power.

Incorporation of the Village

Before Delaware County was set off, that part of the village of Hobart lying east of the river was a part of Ulster County, and that west of the river was in Orange County. For some years there was a controversy as to the advantages of incorporating the village, and one when brought to an actual vote the project was defeated. In 1888, many former opponents of the project having changed their minds a meeting was held on Thursday, April 26th and by a vote of 72 to 26 it was decided to incorporate the village. Articles of incorporation were filed with the County Clerk and at the election held at Weeks' Hotel on Saturday, May 26th, 1888, Wm. W. Keer being clerk, officers of the corporation were elected as follows: President, John K. Odell; Treasurer, C. Ostrander; Collector, Oscar B. Barlow. The



THE NEW HOBART

present officers are: President, A. Lindsay O'Connor, esq.; Trustees, Charles R. Dixon, William R. King; Treasurer, Miles C. Bates; Collector, M. Knapp Kenner.

There are still standing many of the old buildings

Old Buildings

mill at the lower dam, St. Peter's church, and the residence of the late Miss Shury C. Poole—the old Poole homestead. All remaining over a century of years. The last of the old houses is now the rear part of the Commercial House, other old houses are the old Hoath place at the foot of Church Hill, owned by the Pys- byerian society; the H. J. Kuchers house, a part of which was the home of the farmer whose farm was near by; the Dr. Stanford place, now owned by George W. Stanger, Sr. Peter's rectory, the J. Lawrence road, formerly belonging to Ransford Baldwin; the home of the Poyers, now owned by Mrs. Daffery; the old Martine home, now a stable on Mrs. S. J. Lamb's place; and the Andrew Hines place, part of which remains in the residence of David P. Dixon.

Schools

Hobart has always excelled in its attention to the education of the young. The first graded school in the village was widely known as Waterville Academy and was situated on the present site of Loam's Hill Cemetery. It became very efficient under the management of Mr. Kingsley. The building, second story of which was used as Masonic Hall, was erected in 1865 and was burned in 1876. The old school building still remains, though



AN IDEAL FARM RESIDENCE

removed from the original site. It is now the cottage on Maple Avenue, belonging to Mrs. E. G. Hanford. Formerly it stood on Church Hill and was occupied by the Masons. As Hobart Seminary this school gave the advantages of education to many of the youths and maidens of early days. In 1845 a building known as Hobart Academy was erected on Church Hill for Frederick Hanford. This became a flourishing school of 100 pupils. The building, since removed, has been used as a blacksmith shop and later as a dwelling and is now owned by Charles W. Post. It is an interesting fact that here Jay Gould, then a poor boy, received his education, working his way by bookkeeping. There is also remembered a private school kept by Miss H. E. Rollins 35 years ago. The district schools about the village have always been very efficient.

Today Hobart High School stands as a worthy monument to the desires of the people of this village to receive the benefit of a liberal course of study. The school has a well-earned reputation, not merely local, gained by excellent work in all departments and good results in examinations. The building, erected in 1887, has been greatly enlarged and in 1894 was remodeled and fitted with all modern requirements. It contains a useful library, to which additions are being constantly made. The present number of students is 136, all under the management of G. Everett Patrie, B. S., as principal. The Board of Education is F. M. Lyon, President; Fred More, Secretary; Hector W. Cowan, Henry T. Conkling, John O. Hillis. The treasurer of the school is James B. Rich.



A DELIGHTFUL FARM HOME

Fraternal Organizations

St. Andrew's Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 299, was chartered April 12th, 1796. Andrew Beers was the first Master. The lodge flourished until 1832 when it temporarily slept until awakened in 1852, since which time it has prospered. It ranks second only to St. Peter's Church among the oldest institutions of the village. For some years after 1805 the lodge room was located on the upper floor of the old Academy building, in the present cemetery grounds. Afterwards there was a Masonic Hall for many years on Church Hill, the building later removed to Maple Avenue in the Hanford property. From 1852 the Odd Fellows Hall was used until the present handsome Masonic Hall was built on Railroad Avenue. The hall now contains many relics of old times. The present master is Miles C. Daley, Charles E. Dixon is secretary and John Triford treasurer.

Hobart Lodge, No. 61, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was instituted at Hobart, March 7th, 1848. The old Odd Fellows Hall is, therefore, one of the historic buildings of the village. The first Noble Grand was C. C. Cole. The present officers are: Noble Grand, Charles Tompkins; Secretary, Dr. H. E. Cunningham; Treasurer, George J. Gallup.

Hobart Valley Lodge of Rebekahs, No. 470, was organized in 1911 and today is in flourishing condition. The officers are: Noble Grand, Mrs. Alex. Mihalko; Secretary, Miss Ora Chickering; Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Dart.



METHODIST EPISCOPAL

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Railroad

Prior to 1884 the only means of travel between Hobart and the outside world was by the slow and tedious stage. The village needed sadly just the impetus that only the modern methods of travel could impart. During 1883, after strong efforts, the necessary amount of bonds was subscribed and early in 1884 the right of way was secured and work began on the extension of the Ulster and Delaware Railroad from Stamford to Hobart. On Monday, September 1st, 1884, the rails and ties had been laid to Hobart station and the first engine was run between this village and Stamford amid great rejoicing on the part of the villagers. A number of prominent citizens of the village received the privilege of riding on this first engine trip. In the general enthusiasm over the great event a holiday was declared, buildings were decorated and noisy demonstrations of delight were made in the streets. The record of the diary of one young man upon this happy day says: "Spent the evening firing guns, ringing bells and blowing the engine whistle. Powder gave out at 11 p. m." The first passenger train was run over the road to the fair grounds, near the village, early in the month of September. Now the road has been extended until its terminus is situated in the city of Ontario. During the summer season there are twelve passenger trains daily.

The Cemetery

When Mrs. Andrew Beers died early in the last century, her body was laid away in a piece of ground belonging to Mr. Beers. This with some ground around it was afterwards deeded to St. Peter's Church to be used as the church burying ground. A part of the Glebe land belonging to the church was afterward added to this, as the "City of the



GATEWAY AT LOCUST HILL CEMETERY

Dead" begun to grow, and still later in that century another plot was purchased to increase the ground.

In the last decade of the century past it became necessary that something be done to preserve the burying ground, and provide for perpetual care of the lots. A corporation to be known as the Locust Hill Cemetery Company was formed in December, 1896, and on June 7th, 1901, St. Peter's Church deeded the burying ground to this association. Other land has since been added, and the beautiful cemetery which we now possess is the result.

The Fire Department

Hobart has always taken pride in having good and sufficient protection against fire. In the early fifties there was in use a little old hand fire engine, whose brakes could be manned by four men on each side. The water was poured from buckets into a hopper on the machine and by the efforts of the men was thrown to a considerable height. This engine must have been in use in the first half of the last century. It was so small that it was known as the "pocket engine." It was long since destroyed.

The Clinton Fire Engine Company was organized February 26th,

1867, at which time D. C. Sharpe was secretary. Through Mr. Sharpe's efforts the present engine was obtained from New York, and Mr. Sharpe became foreman. The Star Hose Company was organized July 30th, 1886, as an aid to the Engine company, as there were then no hydrants to which a hose could be attached. On JANUARY 8th, 1892, after the present handsome hose carriage had been purchased, the name was changed to Cascade Hose Company, No. 1. C. A. Hoyt was the first foreman.

The Fire Department building was erected in 1884 and in 1892 the addition was made to accommodate the Cascade Hose Company. The building contains besides the accommodations for engine and hose carriage, pleasant reading and club rooms for the fire laddies of both companies. Charles L. Shackelton is the present efficient chief of the Fire Department, and Harry Vroman and W. J. H. Robinson are the foremen, respectively, of the Engine and the Hose companies.

The Hobart Fire

Before there was any special fire bell in the village the bell of Old St. Peter's always gave the fearsome alarm, from the highest point of the village, calling the flames. At one o'clock in the morning Thursday, January 24th, 1884, the bell was rung vigorously for the most destructive fire the village has ever known. The blaze was first located in the Lawrence store. Soon the whole building became a mass of leaping, devouring flames—other buildings nearly caught the rushing destruction until it seemed that the very heart of the village was being eaten out by an irresistible power. But the village firemen were not found wanting in this great emergency. The engine was placed upon the ice of the mill pond, the hose laid and the brakes manned, and, by such hard work, aided by the stillness of the night air, a considerable part of the business section was saved, which at first had seemed doomed. The Public Square, during the progress of the fire, was filled with household goods and merchants' wares taken there for safety. At one time there was a great explosion, caused by the fire reaching a stock of kerosene and gun powder. It is said that the loss sustained reached a total of \$28,000. The energy of the villagers soon afterwards replaced all losses caused by the ravages of the fire—the best testimony to this being a sight of the fine modern buildings today standing where the old ones had been.

Hobart Business Directory

Classification and Firms Arranged Alphabetically

Attorneys-at-Law:

O'Connor & O'Connor.

Automobiles, Supplies and Repair Works:

Russell F. Clark.
Hobart Garage.
R. W. Hume.

Banks:

National Bank of Hobart.

Barber Shops:

A. W. Kellerman.

Billiard Halls:

F. E. Weeks.

Blacksmiths:

Russell F. Clark.
Orville Foss.

Boarding Houses:

C. E. Burroughs.
Eden Burroughs.
J. P. Gregory.
C. W. Ives.
R. J. Lamb.
J. C. McMurtry.
Margaretry Homestead Farm.
F. H. Ouel.
O. C. Reed.

Carriage and Wagon Repairery:

E. L. Foss.

Carpenters:

D. Burroughs.
A. M. Cartwell.
D. L. Gallup.
F. W. Hillis.
C. A. Hoyt.
C. L. Shackelton.
Peter Stoenberg.

Contract Blocks and Pasts:

Margaretry Homestead Farm.

Churches:

Episcopal.
Methodist Episcopal.
Presbyterian.

Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes:

G. A. Backe.
A. J. Lawrence.
J. B. Hoch.

Coal Dealers:

VanBuren & Conkling.

Crocery:

Shackel Farm—Stawson-Decker Company.

Dentist:

Dr. R. H. Cunningham.

Dress Makers:

Miss Rita Baker.
Mrs. William Briggs.
Miss Laura Hillis.
Miss Elizabeth McMurtry.
The Misses Palmer.

Drug Store:

C. E. Handford.

Expressmen:

John Barker.

Electricians:

John Shackelton.

Flour, Feed and Grain:

J. H. Hancock.
VanBuren & Conkling.

Foundry:

Estate of John Robinson.

Spelt and Grand Banker:
C. W. Iron

Montgomery Homestead Farm:
Schools:
Robert High School.

Shoemakers:
Robert McCallum.

Tailors:
G. A. Hicks.

Telephone and Telegraphs:
Howe Telephone Company, (com-
municating with Ball Springs),
Western Union Telegraph Com-
pany.

Women's and Children's Stores:
G. A. Doolittle.



MONTGOMERY FALLS

Optician:
J. B. Doyne

Opera House:
H. Stone Grant

Painters and Decorators:
H. T. Robinson

Physician:
Dr. W. R. Darr,
Dr. G. L. Hubbard,
W. T. H. Robinson,
Harry McPherson.

Real Estate:
H. A. Ackley.

Lumber and Building Supplies:
VanFurde & Coelling

Male Dresser:
A. M. Adams

Massages:
Frank Crawford

Hair and Hair Dresser:
Jay MacIntosh,
Albert Shuck,
John Wilford.

Millinery:
Mrs. A. H. Allen,
G. A. Becken,
Miss Estlin A. Knapp.

Milk and Cream:
Bethel Ice-Product Company.

Music Teachers:
Kaiser Dorey Farm

Manic Teachers:
Miss Theron Brown

Male Dresser:
Mrs. H. A. Robinson,
Miss Martha V. Lyon,
Miss Isabelle Rose.

News Dealers:
A. A. Bennett

News Papers:
I. B. Hill,
Robert Howard (Weekly),
Common Star (Daily).

Restaurants Public:
Edmond A. Ackley.

Novelty Stores:
Edmond A. Ackley,
H. C. Doolittle,
Anabelle Bennett,
Paul M. Lyon,
Robert McPherson,
O'Connor & O'Connor.

Hotels:
H. L. Spring.

Graces:
J. C. Mahony.

Hardware and Plumbing:
A. R. Cornell,
E. B. Howe,
Fred Howe.

Hair and Hair Dresser:
E. L. Peck,
G. B. Swan.

Ice Cream:
C. H. Bennett,
C. L. Robinson.

Ironers and Cleaners:
E. L. Peck,
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Meat and Fish Market:
R. H. Thompson,
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THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

HOBART, N. Y.

May 15, 1913.

To the General Public:

This booklet has been prepared under the auspices of the Citizens' Association of Hobart. Every effort has been made to make its contents brief, authoritative, accurate and comprehensive.

Inquiries addressed to the Association requesting authentic information have convinced us of the manifest interest in Hobart and surrounding country, and that such a booklet as this will be welcome to those seeking permanent location or summer homes.

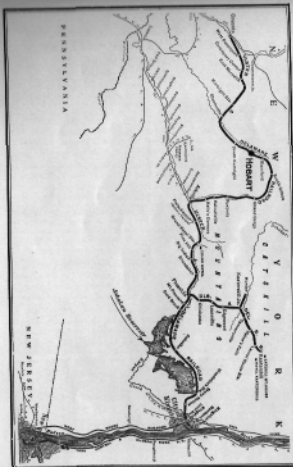
We desire to say that the public may fully rely on the contents of this booklet as being a conservative resume of the resources and opportunities offered by Hobart, and that the Citizens' Association will be only too glad to supply more exhaustive information on any topic herein discussed or that may occur to the interested reader.

The mission of the booklet is to present facts, and the Citizens' Association extends an open invitation to the public to visit Hobart and determine for themselves the many advantages offered here, to examine into our resources and to inspect the results of our industry.

We invite capital, as it may be invested here with splendid results; the agriculturist and dairyman, because we can assure him adequate return for his labor; the skilled mechanic, because the opportunities here are good; the poultry raiser and small fruit grower, because the territory is suited to these enterprises and the markets are within easy reach; the business man, because this is a prosperous section, with a large purchasing population.

Hobart is prepared to welcome progressive citizens and lend a helping hand. We ask that you give the contents of this booklet your earnest consideration and come to Hobart.

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