

*Summers County  
Communities  
Rural Areas*

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**West Virginia Commemorative Stone – 1885  
Washington Monument spiral staircase, 200ft level  
Washington, D.C.**

**From the National Park Service website, Presentation titled:  
The Washington Monument  
A Technical History and Catalog of the Commemorative Stones**

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**Name:** West Virginia

**Level:** 200-ft.

**Donor:** State of West Virginia

**Dates:** 1885/1885

**Original material:** sandstone

**Dimensions:** 2' x 4'

**Sculptor/Carver:** not known

**Original inscription:** Tuum Nos Sumus Monumentum West Virginia. [abbr.]



**Documented material history:**

- 1885: “A letter from [W.K.] Pendleton to Horatio King on January 7, 1885: ‘The stone is now ready to be shipped . . . The stone we have had prepared is a very fine specimen of the Old Conglomerate Sandstone which is the underlying bed of West Virginia coal, may be regarded as characteristic stone geologically.’” [MR]

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**The West Virginia commemorative stone that was used in the construction of the Washington Monument came from the quarry of sandstone at New Richmond (Sandstone) that was located on the homestead of John A. Richmond. The location was near the present Junior High School.**

**While W.K. Pendleton was acting as State Superintendent of Public Schools, the Governor of West Virginia, Jacob B. Jackson, requested him to select and suitably inscribe the West Virginia Memorial Stone for the Washington Monument in Washington, D. C. This stone may be found at the two hundred foot landing of the monument. In 1885 the stone was completed and shipped to Horatio King, former U.S. Postmaster General and Secretary of the Monument Society. Pendleton had the phrase “Tuum Nos Sumus Monumentum” which translates to “We Are Your Monument” inscribed above the State Seal.**



**Edgar Bowles, Harvie Fox, and Mr. Mullins – ca 1890**  
**Pictured with Anchor Lumber Company at Keeney's Mountain near Sandstone.**  
**(Photo courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



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**Freight and Lumber Yard – 1890**  
**Near C&O RR Station – Sandstone, WV**  
**(Photo courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



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**J.A. Deeds General Store – 1894**  
**Some family members on left side of photo.**  
**Jumping Branch, WV**  
**(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



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## Pence Springs Hotel – 1895

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## Barger Springs Hotel - 1900

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**Bennett's Store and Post Office – ca 1900**  
**Valley Heights, Pence Springs, WV**  
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# Coiner Hotel - ca 1900

## Pence Springs, WV



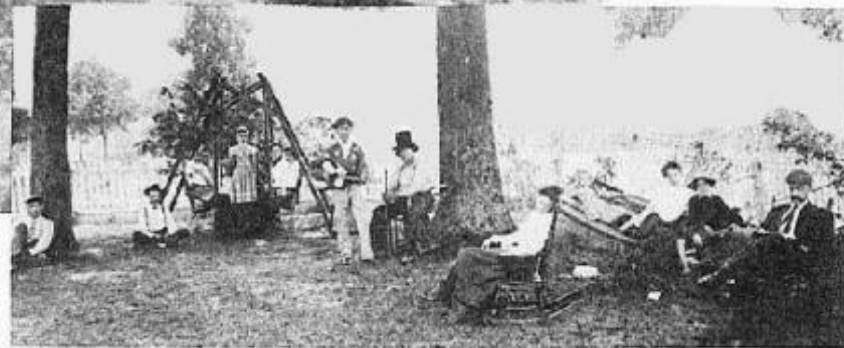
# Hines Boarding House Pence Springs, WV - ca 1900

## *Summer Outing*

*At Hines Boarding House — Pence Springs ca. 1900*



*Mrs. J. L. Hines, Prop.,  
Pence Springs, W. Va.*





**Hines Boarding House  
Pence Springs, WV - ca 1900**



**Jumping Branch Postcard**  
**Jumping Branch, WV - ca 1900**

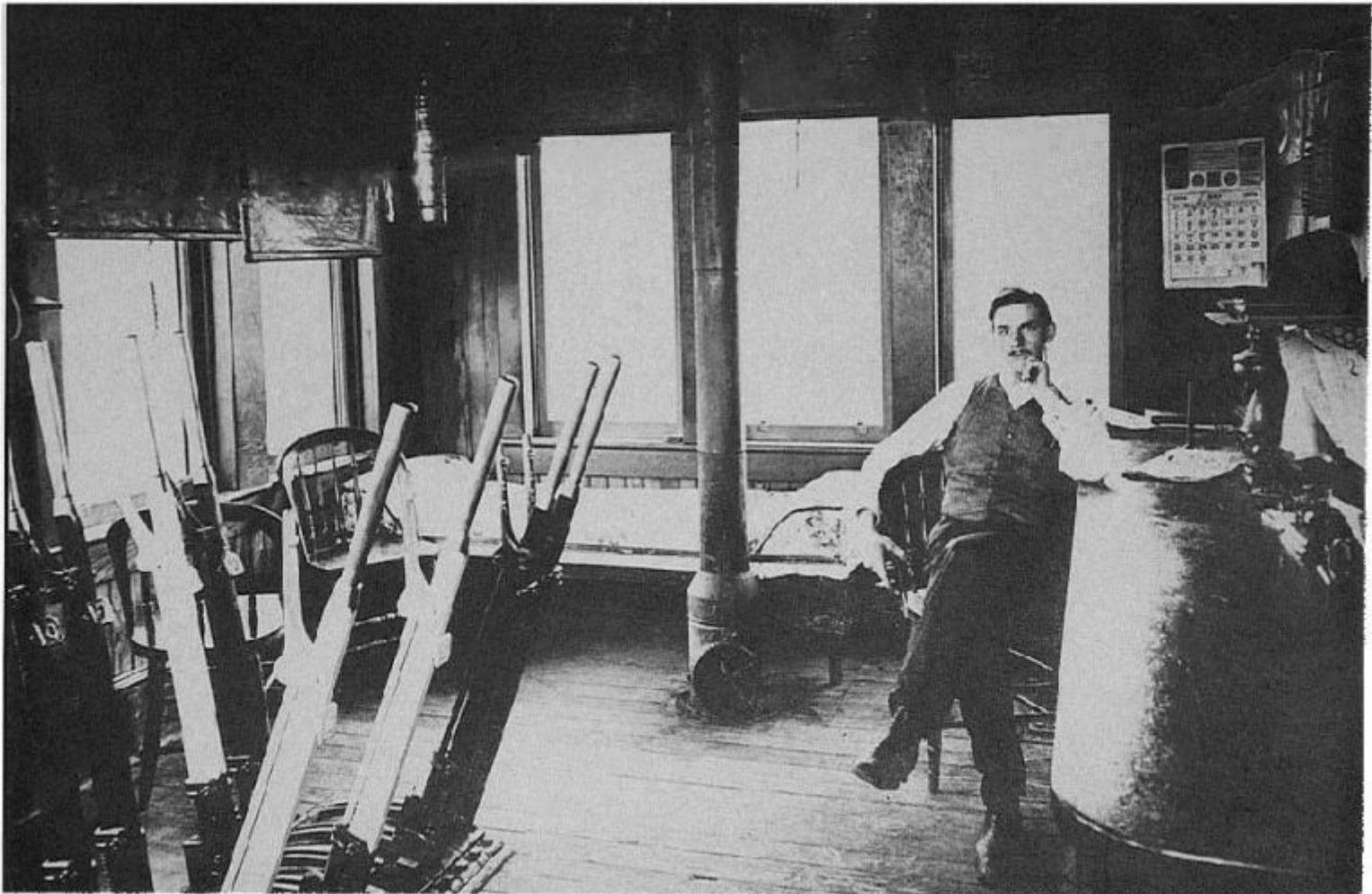




**New River Ferry at Meadow Creek – ca 1900**  
**Meadow Creek, WV**



**C&O Railway Company - CW Cabin Telegraph Station  
West End - Hinton - 1904  
Wyatt Morris - Telegraph Operator**



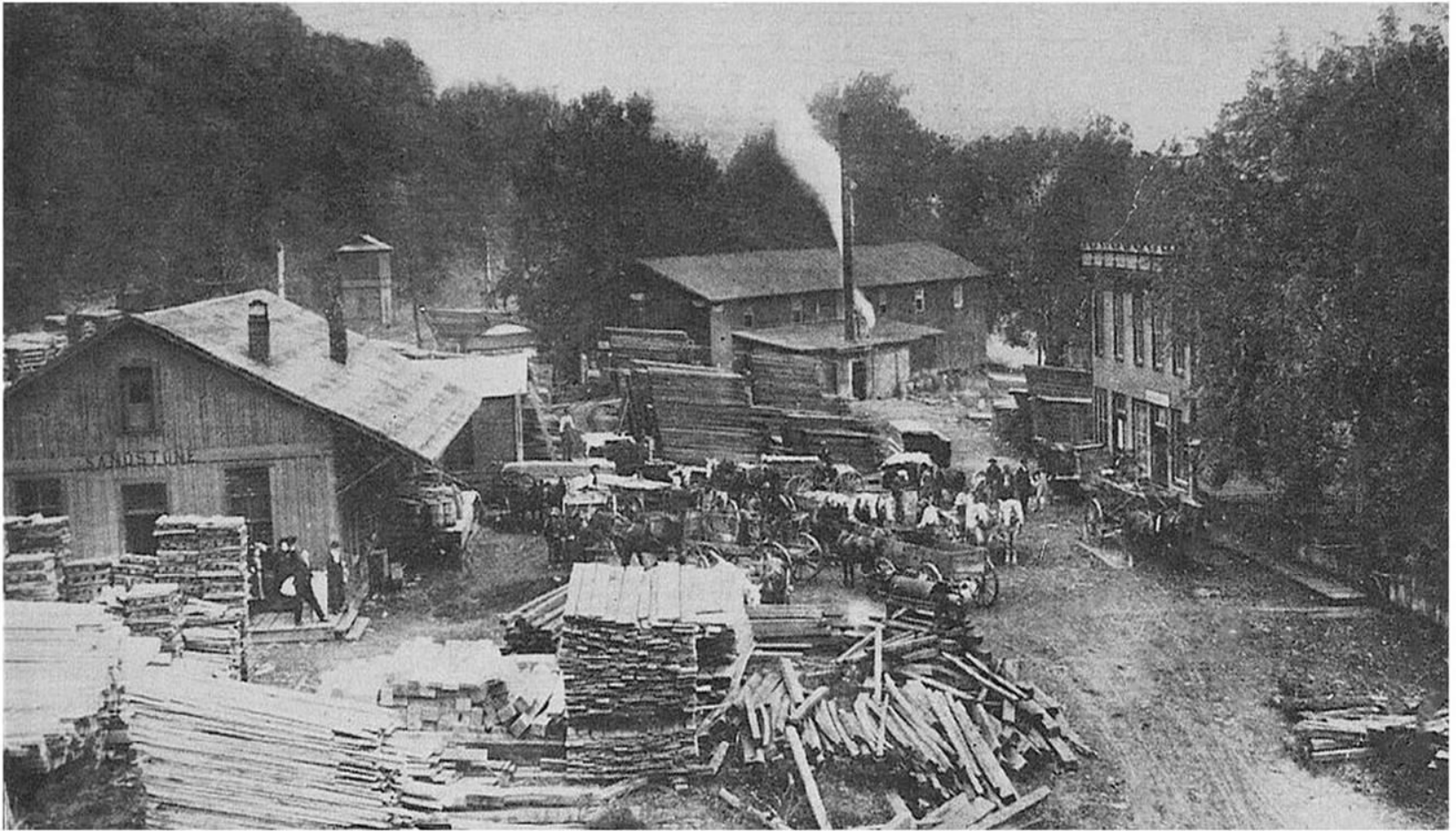
**Shannon Rose with Rose's Drug Store Advertisement – 1905**  
**Southside near Madams Creek, WV**

(Photo courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center)





**Mills and Yard of Sandstone Planing Mill Co.  
Sandstone Station, C&O Railway Company  
(Formerly New Richmond, WV) – ca 1907**



# Dedication of Confederate Monument Forest Hill, WV - 1907



October 15, 1907 dedication of monument at Fairview Baptist Church,  
Forest Hill, honoring Civil War Confederate Soldier Mike Foster.



# The Spring at Greenbrier Springs Hotel Barger Springs - 1908



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Barger Springs - 1908**

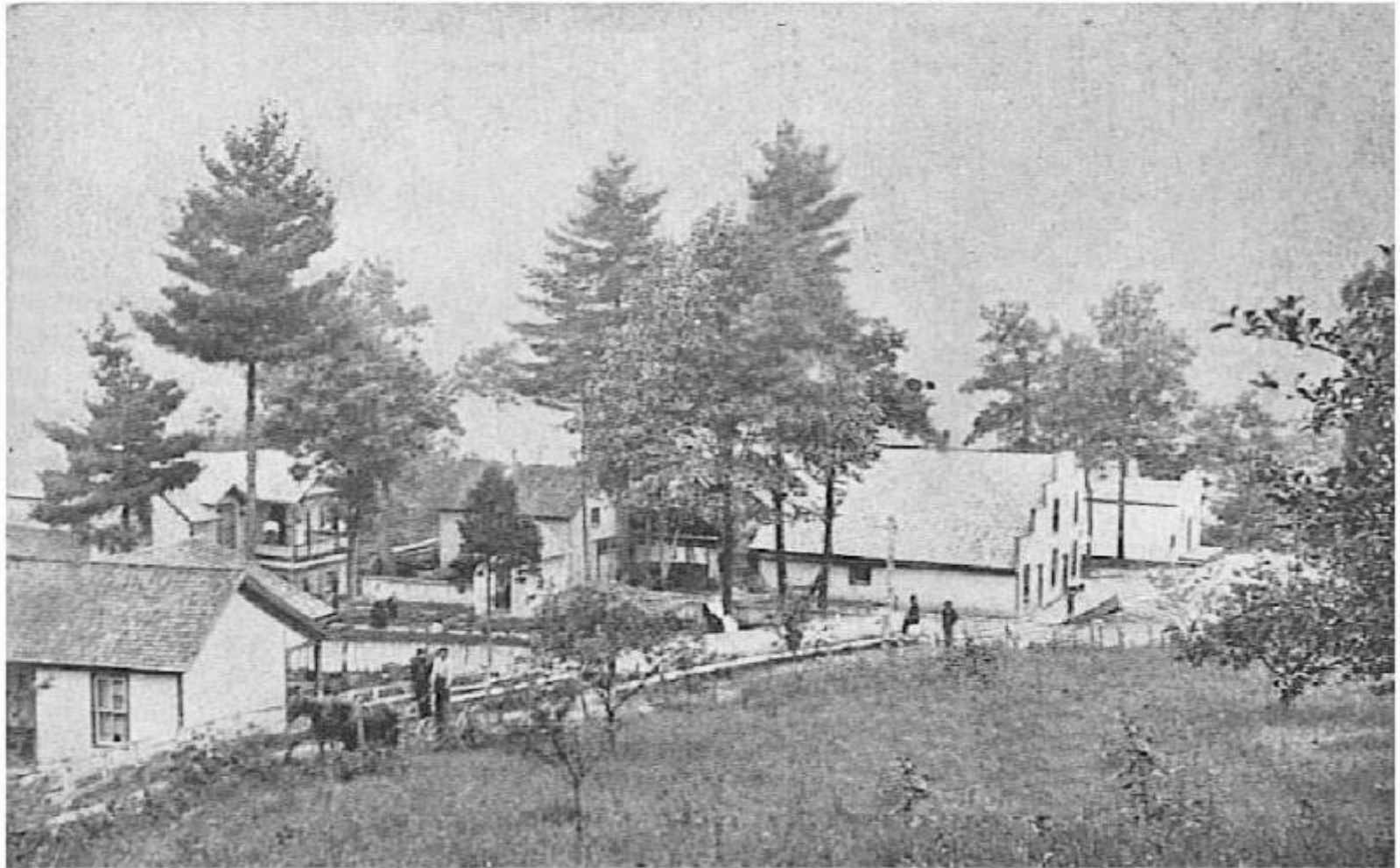


**Redmond, Pauley & Co.'s Store  
and Dr. D.M. Ryan's Office  
Indian Mills, WV - 1908**





**O.T. Honaker Lumber Company  
Sandstone, WV - Postcard - 1908**

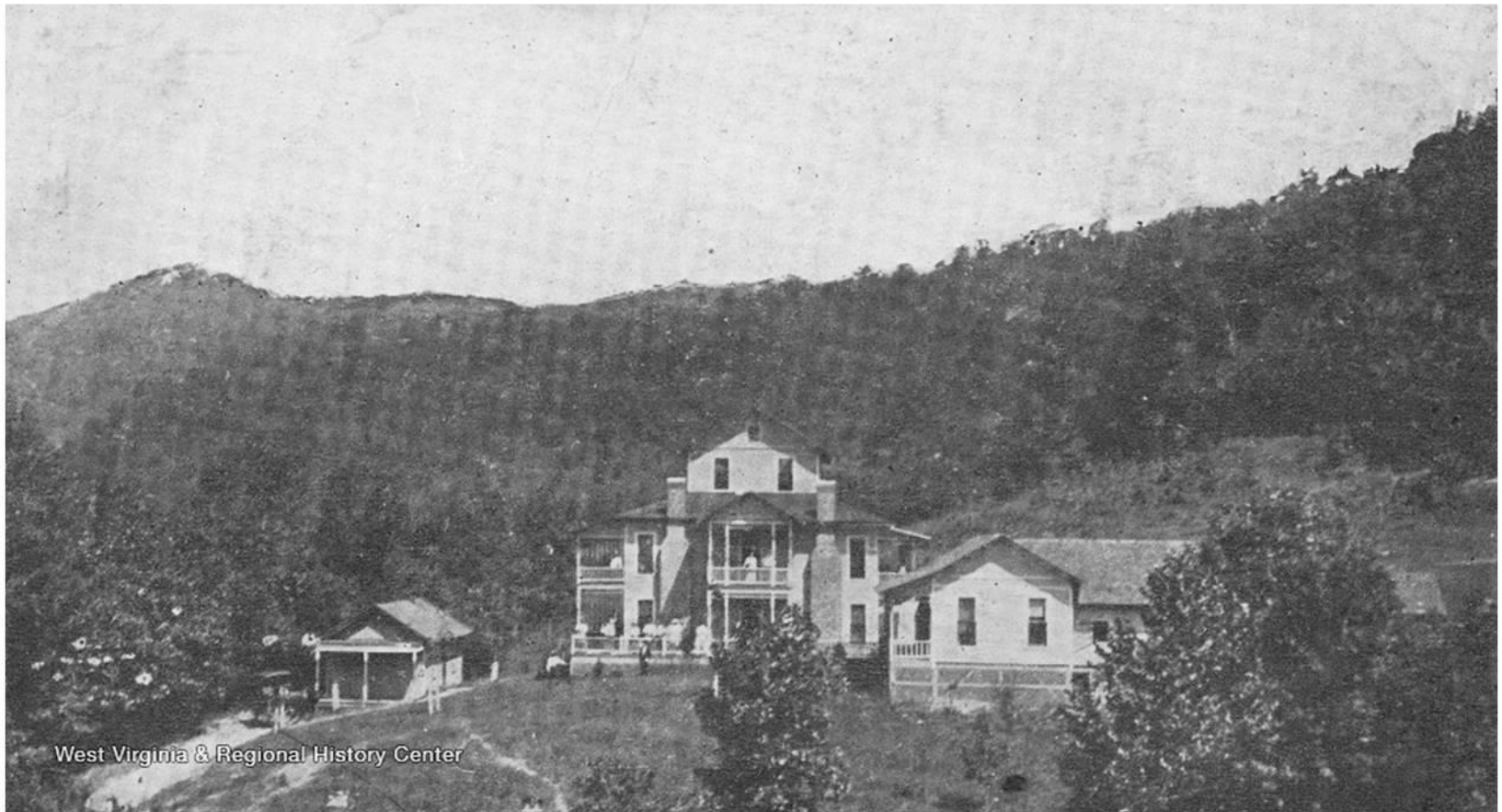


# Indian Mills Rural Post Office ca 1908





**Valley Heights Hotel – 1908**  
**Valley Heights, Pence Springs, WV**  
**(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



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## **Valley View Hotel – 1909**

**Talcott, WV**

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**Cooper's Mill - 1910**  
**On Little Bluestone River**  
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**L. G. Rhodes General Store – ca 1910  
Talcott, WV**

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**L. G. Rhodes General Store – ca 1910**  
**Lossie George Rhodes behind the counter.**  
**Talcott, WV**

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**Dr. William Trail Home - 1910**  
**Indian Mills, Summers Co., WV**  
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## Pence Springs Post Office and General Store— ca 1915

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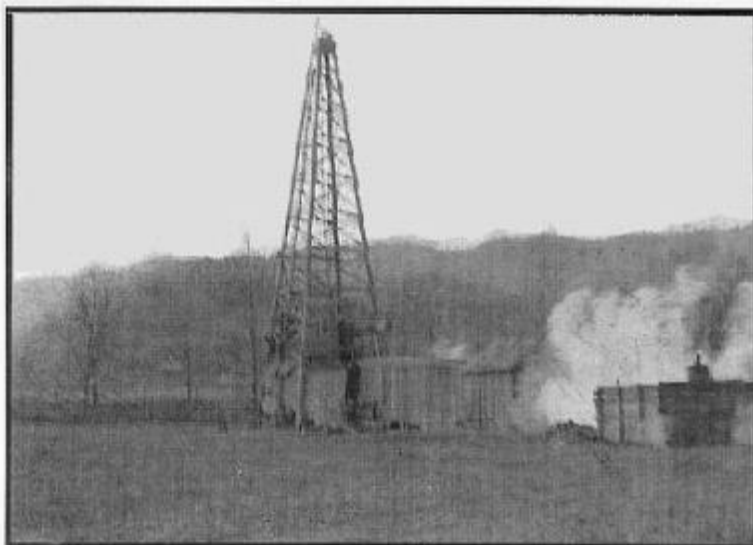
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**Sandstone General Store - ca 1915**  
**Sandstone, WV**



# Oil Well and Grain Reaper Green Sulphur, WV & Forest Hill, WV ca early 1900s



Oil Well drilled  
at Green Sulphur  
in 1912

## 1920-1924

Grain reaper for harvesting wheat, oats,  
etc. The first one in the Forest Hill  
community, it was owned, and used  
during this time by  
Willie Allen and O. C. Pritchman.

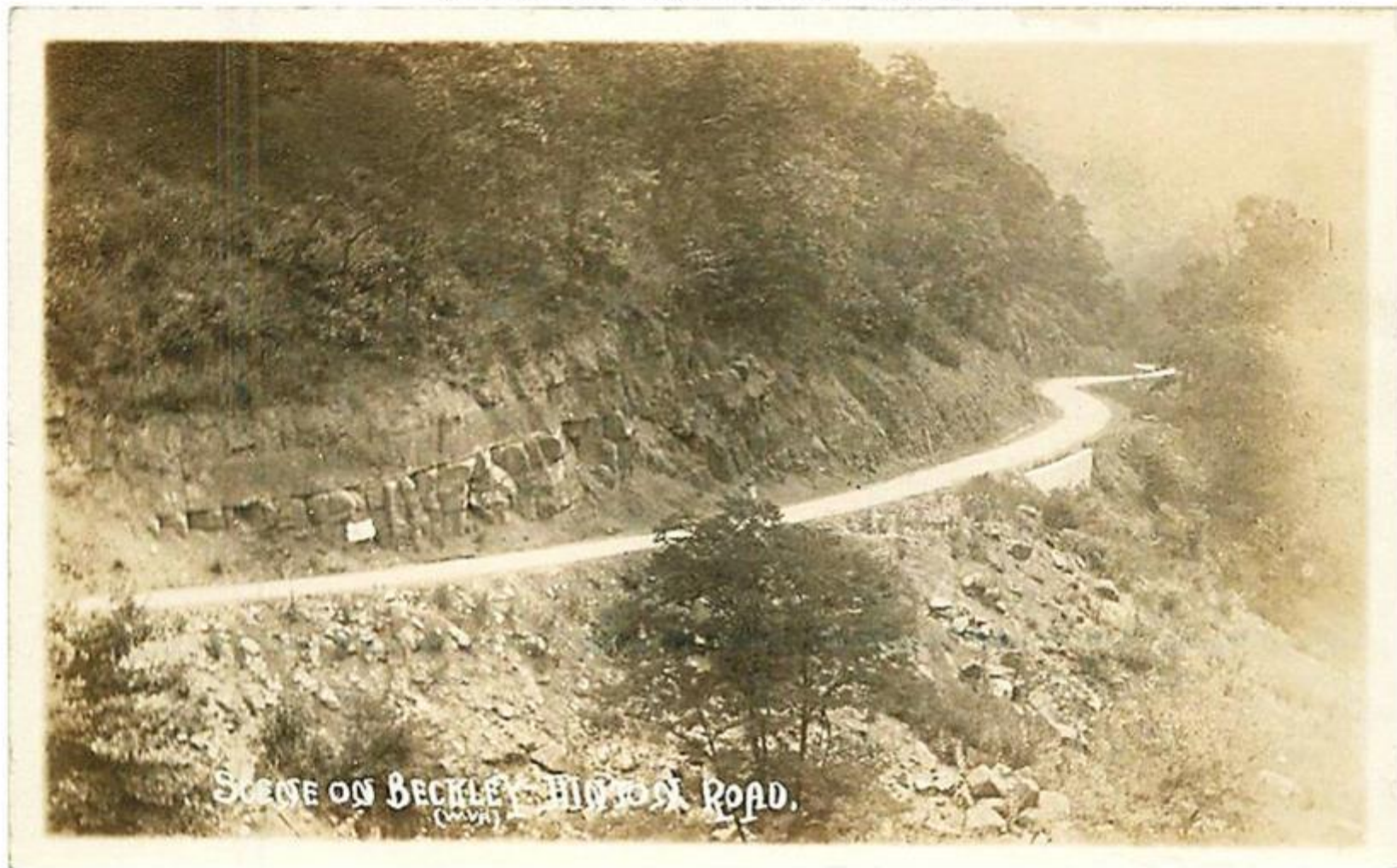
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**Postcard "Scene of Beckey Hinton Road – 1920**

**Beech Run, Route 3**

**(Photo Courtesy of Harry Bryson)**



SCENE ON BECKEY HINTON ROAD.  
(1920)



## **Elk Knob Road – 1920**

**Summers County, WV**

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# General Store and Post Office – 1920

## Indian Mills, WV

(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)





**Pack's Ferry on Bluestone River – ca 1920**

**It cost 40 cents for a Horse and Buggy and 3 people to cross.**



**Ferry Landing at Warford – 1920**  
**New River near Bull Falls east of Pipestem**  
(Photo courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center)



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## **Annual Community Fair – 1920**

**Green Sulphur Springs, WV**

**(Photo courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



## **Pence Springs Hotel – ca 1920**

**Pence Springs, WV**

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## Warford Ferry – 1920

Bull Falls, Summers County, WV

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# Fred Jones and his Hardware Store – 1925 Talcott, WV

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**James Mason Nelson and his Hardware Store – 1925  
Talcott, WV**

(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)



**Elmer Nobles and Family – 1926**  
**Bull Falls Ferry on New River**  
**Names and brief description on the following page.**  
**(Photo courtesy of Joan Suiter)**





## **Elmer Nobles and Family – 1926 - Description and Names (From Images of America: Summers Co.)**

**The Rivers in Summers County have been a blessing to the community. At one time, the rivers represented serious obstacles to travel. Ferries were a partial answer to crossing the rivers, but were dependent upon weather. In this 1926 photograph, Elmer Noble, operator of the Bull Falls Ferry, takes his family members across the New River.**

**Pictured left to right:**

**Front Row – Quinton Noble, Lou Wood, Edith Wood Brooks, and Bill Noble (baby).**

**Back Row – John Quinn, Will Wood, Marjorie Quinn, Minnie Quinn, Elmer Noble, and Kelly Brooks.**

**Construction of 2nd Bridge at the mouth of Bluestone River – 1930  
the Meador home can be seen in the lower left side of the photo.**

**Lilly, WV**

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**The village of Lilly– 1930**  
**at the mouth of Bluestone River**  
(Photo of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)





## Thornton Grist Mill, Jumping Branch - 1930

(Photo courtesy West Virginia & Regional History Center)



**Smith Lumber Company Mill and Crew – ca 1930**  
**Robins Roost Road, Jumping Branch / Nimitz, WV**  
(Photo Courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)



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# Sandstone Bridge Construction

## Sandstone, WV - 1931





**Road to Hinton by New River (Rt 20)  
Before Bluestone Dam and Lake - Oct 1936**  
(Photo courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center)



## Corps of Engineers Insignia – ca 1940

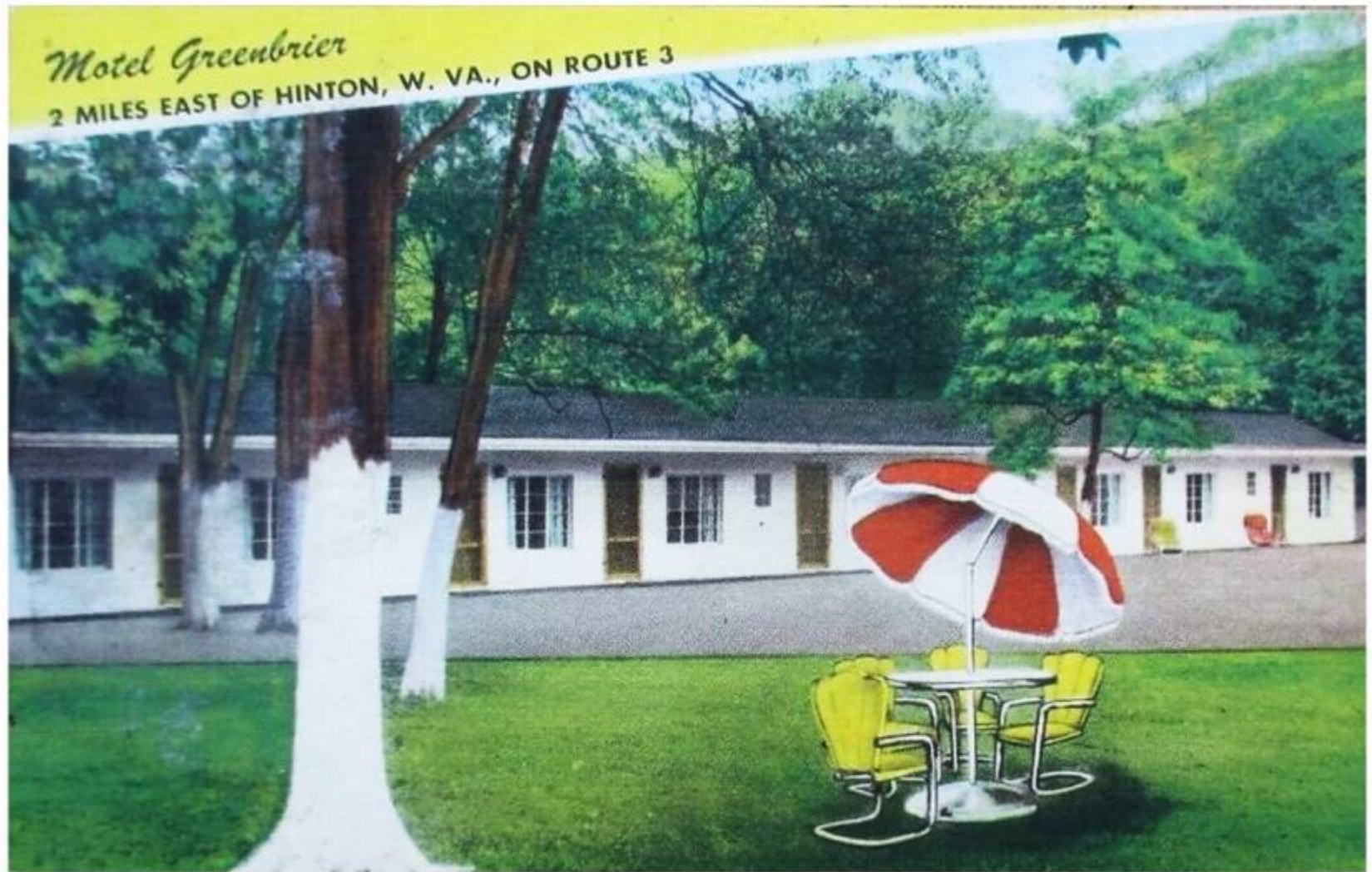
A dog sits on top of the structure that is located at Bluestone CCC camp. The only camp the Corps of Engineers were involved in with.

(Photo of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)





**Greenbrier Motel Postcard – 1940**  
(Photo courtesy for Harry Bryson)





## **Minimum Security Prison near Sandstone – 1940**

**Housed inmates helped build roads by working at the Sandstone Quarry.**

**(Photo courtesy of the West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



## **Nimitz Post Office Dedication Ceremony – December 16, 1946**

**L-R: Senator Jennings Randolph with Bonnie Pack Bower and Admiral Nimitz  
In background: Lucille Hinton with husband Howard  
(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



## Envelope Addressed to Miller Murrell - 1946

Postmarked Nimitz, WV:

Sep. 10, 1945 – date the Nimitz Post Office was established and  
December 16, 1946 – date the Nimitz Post Office was dedicated.

(Owned by Sonya Faye Murrell Gore)





**The following was written by Bonnie Pack Bower Cole on April 20, 1976.**

**It has been re-typed for legibility purposes.**

## **HISTORY OF NIMITZ POST OFFICE W.V. 25978**

The Nimitz Post Office was established September 10, 1945 and named in honor of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz of the United States Navy. In consideration of the significance of the name a special cancellation containing the words "First Day" in the cancel bars was applied to the mail. The first money order was for 7 cents and was sent to Admiral Nimitz by Carl Hinton, Postmaster Hinton, West Virginia.

In the early 40's a small community began to grow in the vicinity of what was at that time Bird's store, and the star route carrier that carried the mail from Hinton to Jumping Branch would leave the mail for people in the area at the store where they came to and picked it up. Realizing the need of a Post Office in the neighborhood, Mr. Tanner D. Lilly circulated a petition among the residents for the possible establishment of a Post Office, which he then submitted to the First Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D.C. on February 3, 1945 who then sent to him forms necessary for completion and name before a Post Office could be authorized. Mr. Lilly made application for the position of Postmaster, but later withdrew it when it became apparent that his health would not permit him to perform his duties also was unable to furnish quarters for the office. Approval for the office was made, however, a site and Postmaster was needed.

Mrs. Lottie King was appointed Postmaster and built the office in part of her garage, where she lived just off the state highway on Cottage Lane. She later sold her property to Edward Thomas and moved leaving him in charge of the office until he sold the same property to A.B. Pack of Streeter, W.Va. Mr. Pack was Postmaster at Streeter and could not take charge of the Post Office and so his daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Bower moved there and was sworn in as clerk-in-charge on the 2nd day of May 1946 where upon she made application for the position of Postmaster. Mrs. Epperly's resignation took effect July 1, 1946, on the same date Mrs. Bower assumed charge of the office in the capacity of Acting Postmaster and was confirmed on January 15, 1947 as Postmaster. She held office until September 30th, 1953 when her sister Mrs. Bertha Lilly was installed as new Postmaster. Mrs. Lilly was Postmaster until March 17, 1961.

**HISTORY OF  
NIMITZ POST OFFICE W.V. 25978  
(Continued)**

Mrs. Bonnie Bower Cole was Mrs. Lilly's replacement clerk and when Mrs. Lilly decided to resign Mrs. Cole made application for the office and was appointed Acting Postmaster on March 17, 1961, then confirmed on April 2nd, 1962, and is still serving in that capacity to date.

Mrs. Cole has the honor of having been appointed to the same position in the same office twice. During Mrs. Bower-Cole's tour of duty The Honorable Admiral Chester W. Nimitz came to visit the Post Office named for him on December 16, 1946 with a group of his officers and that was a big day for the Nimitz area. The weather was beautiful and the WJLS Radio Station came over and set up a sound system for the speeches. Pictures were taken and lots of visiting done along with signing of autographs. Arrangements were made by the Hinton Chamber of Commerce.

Both Admiral Nimitz and Mr. T.D. Lilly are deceased, but will long be remembered for their contribution to the community.

Signed – *Bonnie Cole*

Bonnie B. Cole, Postmaster  
Nimitz, West Virginia 25978  
April 20, 1976

Nimitz is the youngest Post Office in Summers County, and moved into its present location in October 1963.

**Fall Rock of Little Bluestone River – 1948**  
**near Cooper's Mill, Summers County, WV**  
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**Rev. Harry R. Peyton – ca 1950**  
**Covered Evangelist Wagon**

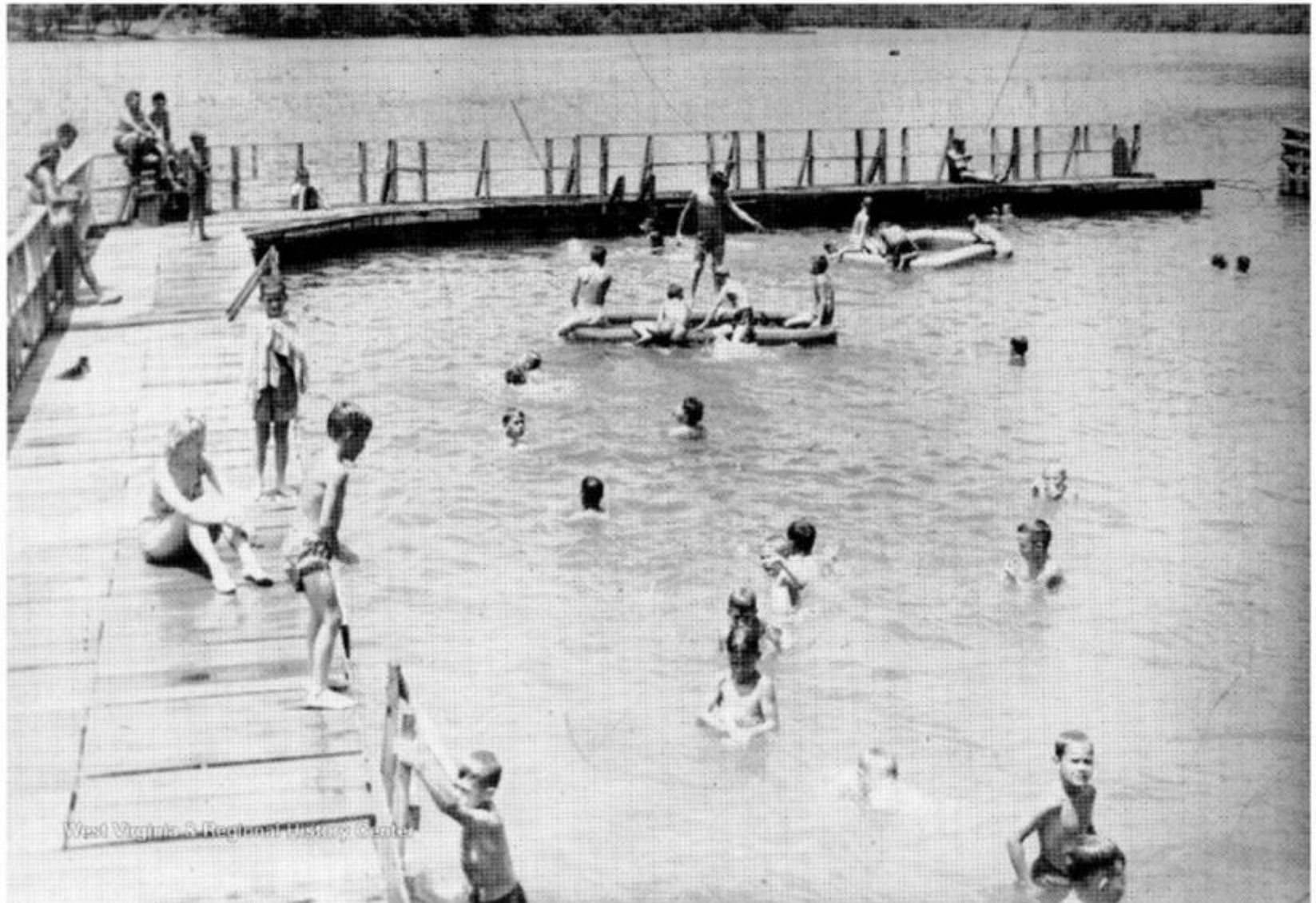


**Former Bass Lake Bath House, Concession Area  
Barksdale, WV - 1950s**



## Camp Brookside - early 1950s

Background information provided on the following page.  
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## **Camp Brookside – early 1950s**

**Swimming in the New River at Camp Brookside in Brooks, Summers Co. It was opened in July 1947 by the Electro Metallurgical Co. (EMCO) a subdivision of the Union Carbide Corp. for the children of employees from their Alloy Plant in Fayette Co. In 2016 the buildings was renovated & is now the Camp Brookside Environmental Education Center.**

**Greenbrier Drive-In Theater – mid 1950s**  
**Current Location of Summers County State Road Garage on Route 12**



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**Jumping Branch – 1950**  
**View from White Oak Mountain**  
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## Aerial view of Willowood Golf Course – 1950

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## **New River at Sandstone - 1951**

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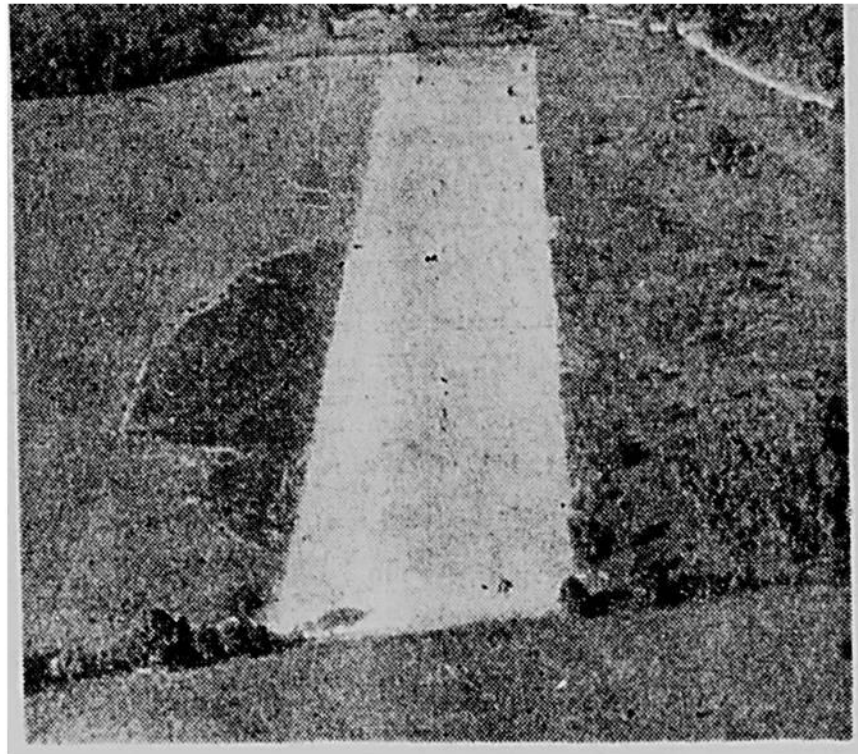


## Barger Springs Airstrip – 1953

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**Following photos and article from the Beckley Post Herald Sept. 2, 1953**

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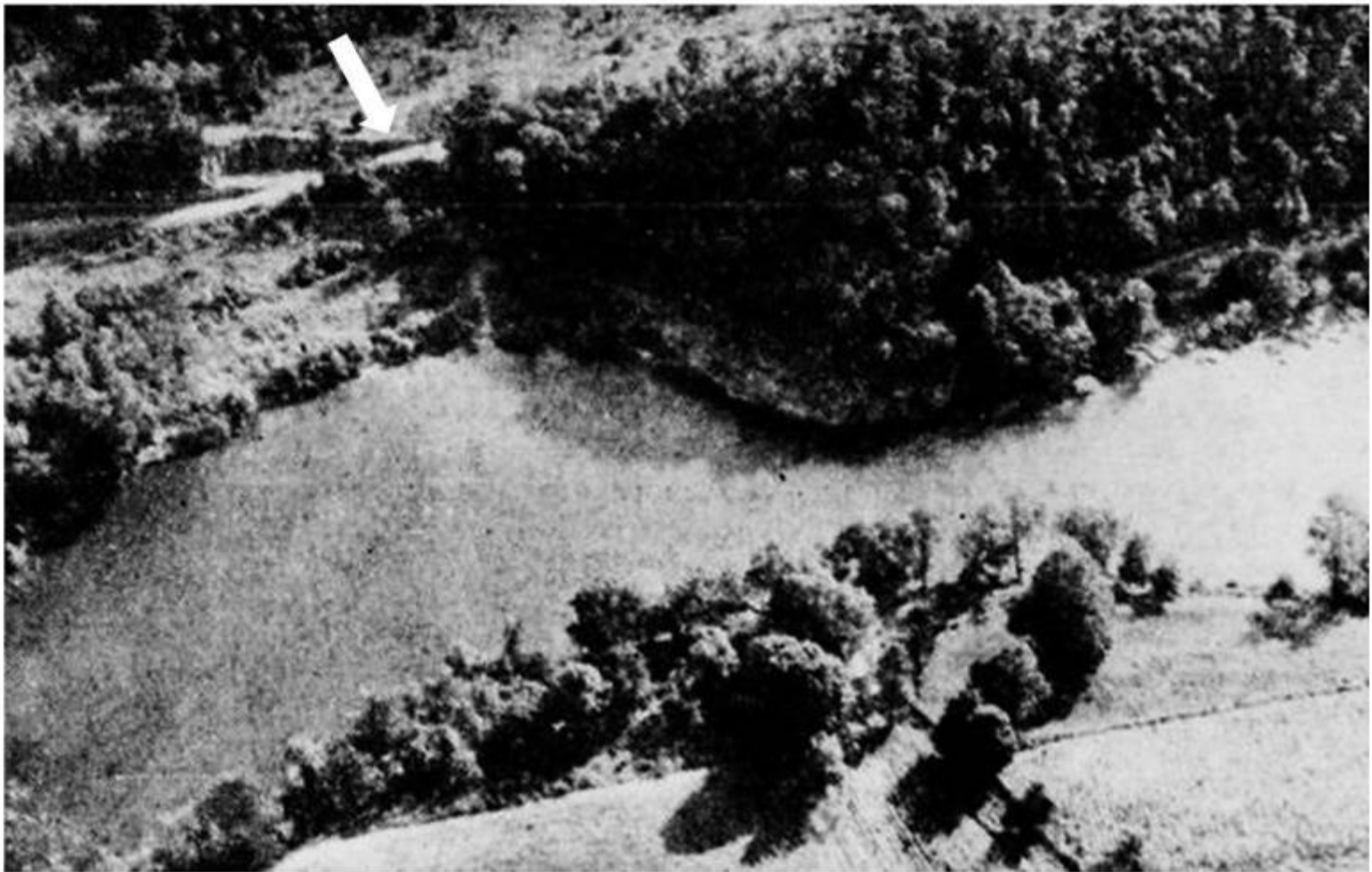


**From Beckley Post Herald Sept. 2, 1953 – rewritten for legibility.**

**An Airstrip and a River are two enticing features of the new Rest Haven campsites near Talcott. In the top air photo, the river area to the left of the hour-glass points comprises the swimming and boating area of the Barger Springs campsites. In the lower air view can be seen the new airstrip built for private planes of those who built campsites. The runway is 1,480 feet and can be extended another 1,400 feet.**

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### Airport Built At Barger Springs To Combat Bad Roads

TALCOTT, Sept. 1 — Something new and unusual in the resort and campsite developments of the mountain regions of West Virginia has been built near here at the old Barger Springs location.

A small airport has been built into a new campsite real estate development on a tract of more than 500 acres of land in the Barger Springs section.

The construction of the airstrip was deemed desirable largely as a result of the poor West Virginia road system.

The new development, known as Barger Springs, has been built by Dr. J. A. Fox of Hinton, a retired physician and real estate man who has many and varied business interests in the Southern West Virginia area.

Dr. Fox was faced with the poor condition of most roads into his new development and reasoned that many private plane owners

Consequently, the realtor incorporated plans for an airstrip on the property and has already constructed a 1,480-foot runway which can be extended an additional 1,400 feet on adjoining land, which has been reserved for such use if it should be necessary.

The new runway is less than five miles from the Pence Springs airport and is only six and a half miles from Bluestone Lake above Hinton.

Also included on the acreage for the Rest Haven campsites are a beach and boating area on the Greenbrier River, the old springhouse at Barger Springs, and an idyllic canyon where a waterfall flows toward the Greenbrier River and in which a bridle path is planned.

The entire development has been opened only this summer, and some 200 lots have been sold and about 50 cottages have been built.

According to Dr. Fox, lots have been purchased by residents in all parts of West Virginia and from many other states, including one

purchase by a Navy man at Jacksonville, Fla.

Barger Springs was developed in 1903 when numerous similar spas came into being in the mountain sections of the Virginias, only to lose their early popularity with the advent of high speed transportation.



## **Bass Lake Park - 1955**

**Barksdale, WV**

**(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



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## Jumping Branch - 1955

(Photo courtesy West Virginia & Regional History Center)



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## **Nimitz Post Office - 1955**

**(Photo courtesy West Virginia & Regional History Center)**





**Kozy Kove Steak House - 1955**  
**Rt. 3 on Greenbrier River**



# Odie Meador and Crew at Kozy Kove Steak House - 1955

Route 3, Hinton WV

(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)



# The Graham House - 1955

Lowell, WV

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**Charlie Boyd's Store – 1957**  
**Green Sulphur, WV**



## Motel Greenbrier – 1957

(Photo courtesy of Joe Green's collection)



The Only Motel in Summers County

# MOTEL GREENBRIER INC.

Under the personal management of Ruth Prather

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*on the Beautiful Greenbrier River  
3 Miles East of Bluestone Dam*

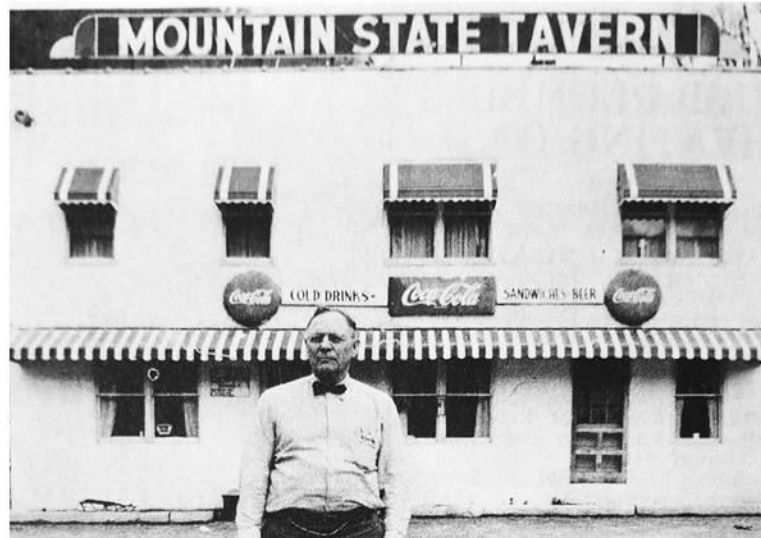
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**Phone: HINTON 1792**

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**Two Miles East of HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA, on State Highway 3**

**Mountain State Tavern - 1957**  
(Photo courtesy of Joe Green's collection)



**MOUNTAIN STATE TAVERN**

(ESTABLISHED IN 1948)

OPEN DAILY - SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

CURB SERVICE

We Serve Complete Meals and Lunches

BEER and SOFT DRINKS

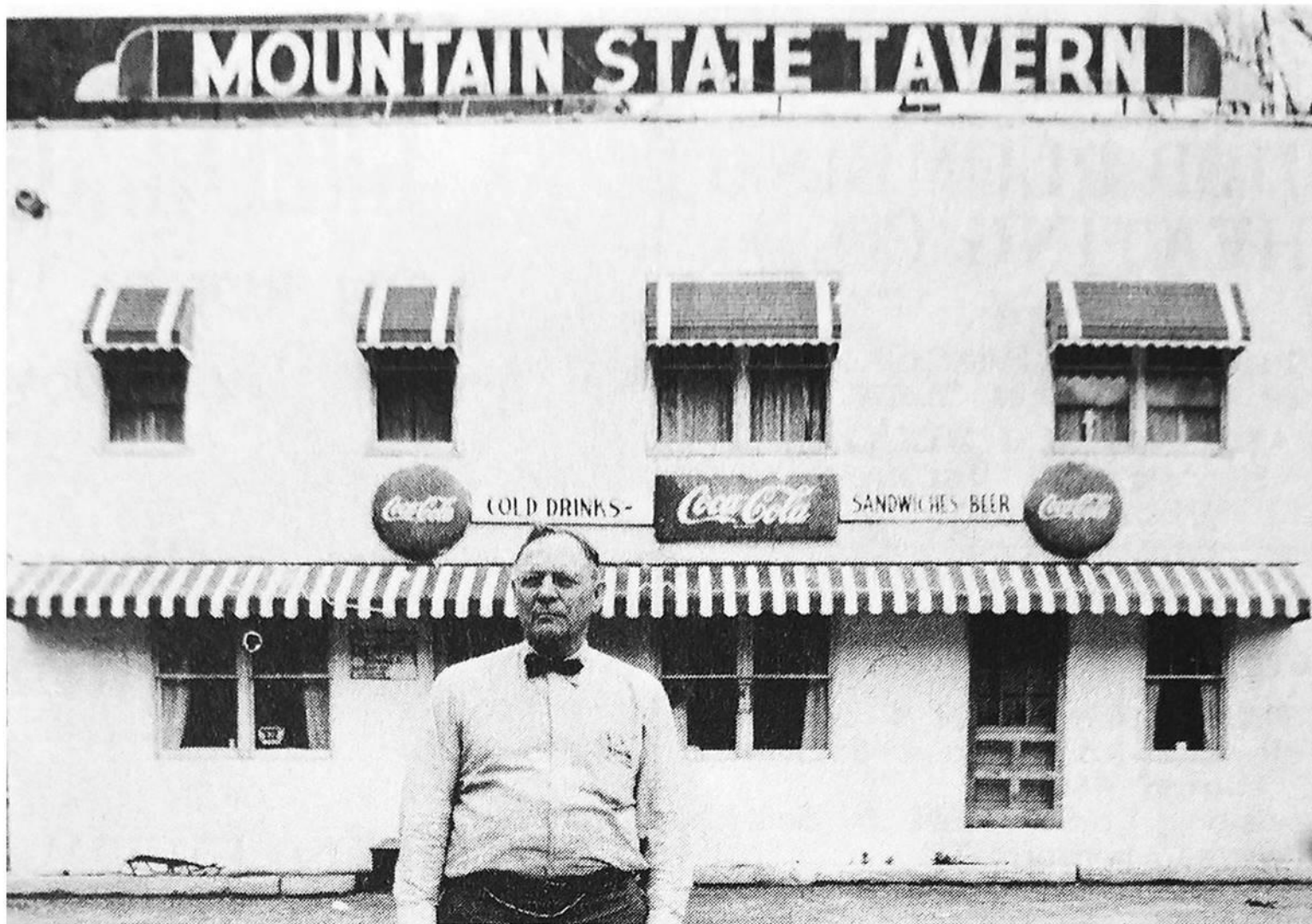
**PHONE: HINTON 153-W-2**

A. L. CANTERBERRY, *Owner & Operator*

LOCATED ON ROUTE 3 OR GREENBRIER DRIVE  
BELLEPOINT, WEST VIRGINIA



**Andy Canterbury and the Mountain State Tavern - 1957**  
**Route 3 (Greenbrier Drive) near Bellepoint, WV**



**Nimitz – A road runs through it! – 1957**  
(Photo courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center)



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## **Melvin Turner Farmstead – 1958**

**The Lilly Bridge and Bluestone Reservoir can be seen in the background.**

**Zion Mountain, Summers County, WV**

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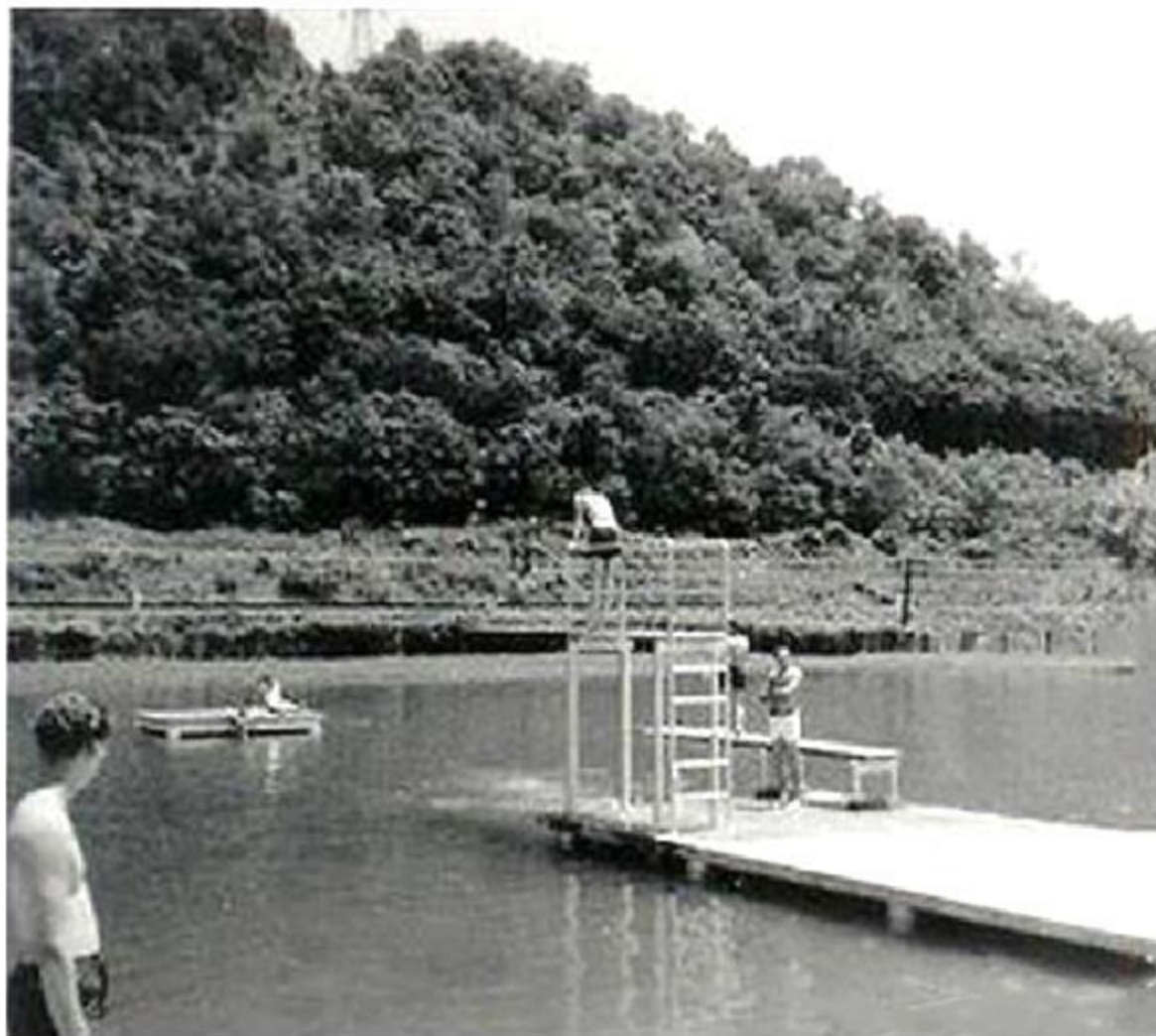


**Emmitt Fox Sr. in front of Fox's Store – 1959  
Barksdale, WV**

**(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)**



**Bass Lake Swimming Area  
Barksdale, WV - mid 1960s**



# Greenbrier Motel - 1965

Route 3 near Hinton, WV

(Photo courtesy of West Virginia and Regional History Center)



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## Jumping Branch Post Office - 1965



**Jumping Branch Post Office, first building, and J.A. Walker's General Store. The pickup you see at the P.O. belonged to Moody Vest who carried the mail from Hinton to Shady Spring. His father Luther Vest did the same with horse & buggy. The Postmistress at this time was Iva Dodd.**

**Simmons Super Market  
Sandstone, WV - 1971**



# **Graham Homestead – 1974**

**Lowell, WV**

**(Historical data provided on the next page)**





## **The Graham Homestead**

**The Col. James Graham House is a historic log cabin located on West Virginia Route 3 in Lowell, West Virginia. James Graham and his family built the cabin in 1770 after migrating to the area from elsewhere in Virginia. As the Grahams were the first permanent settlers in the region, the Graham House became the first established home in what is now Summers County. The log house, with a 25-by-28-foot (7.6 by 8.5 m) exterior, was significantly larger than other pioneer cabins of the period. The Graham family settled into a life of farming in the home upon its completion. In 1777, Indians attacked the Graham House, killing Col. Graham's son John, a neighbor of the Grahams named McDonald, and a young slave boy as well as kidnapping Col. Graham's daughter Elizabeth. The family did not successfully ransom Elizabeth until 1785.**

**The Graham House remained in the Graham family until 1860. After 1860, several other families inhabited the cabin, including Col. Wilson Lively's family and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Barickman. The house is currently owned by the Graham House Preservation Society.**

**The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places on March 16, 1976. It is currently operating as a museum.**

**Pence Springs State Penitentiary for Women – ca 1970s**  
(Photo courtesy of West Virginia & Regional History Center)



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## **Pence Springs Resort and Prison**

**The last of the mineral-spring resorts to be developed in West Virginia, the water that flows from the spring won awards at the St Louis Expo in 1904. The facility was a watering hole for elite guests from the late 1880s until 1929 . The site in its present form was developed by merchant and civic leader Andrew P. Pence (1839-1915). Pence was able to realize the possibilities of development and built a first hotel on a hill near the spring and enclosed the spring in concrete. Pence was the grandson and Elizabeth Graham, who had been captured during an Indian raid nearby in 1772.**

**After the first Pence hotel burned in 1916, the family commissioned construction of the present-day hotel structure, which was to be the last of such period hotel buildings built in southern West Virginia. The three-story brick structure was designed in the Classical Revival style. The building's hallmark south facade is dominated by four three-story squared columns that open onto a lawn that overlooks the valley of the Greenbrier River.**

**In the 1940s, the West Virginia legislature appropriated \$45,000 to buy the closed resort hotel at Pence Springs as a state prison for women. Until 1947, female prisoners had been kept at Moundsville Penitentiary, the men's maximum-security prison. They found a place superior to their old quarters at Moundsville. The hotel lobby had become a recreation room; the ballroom became the dining room; the old casino building was used as a cannery; and the garage became a milking barn. The hotel windows had bars now, and round holes, covered by flaps, were cut in the guest room doors so that guards could check on inmates.**

**The women's ages ranged from 22 to 50. The most common reason for which the women had been jailed was grand larceny. The second most common crime was murder, often of a husband. Forgery was the third most common offense. Wearing bright blue jumpers and white blouses, the inmates spent their days farming, cooking, sewing, cleaning, and attending classes.**

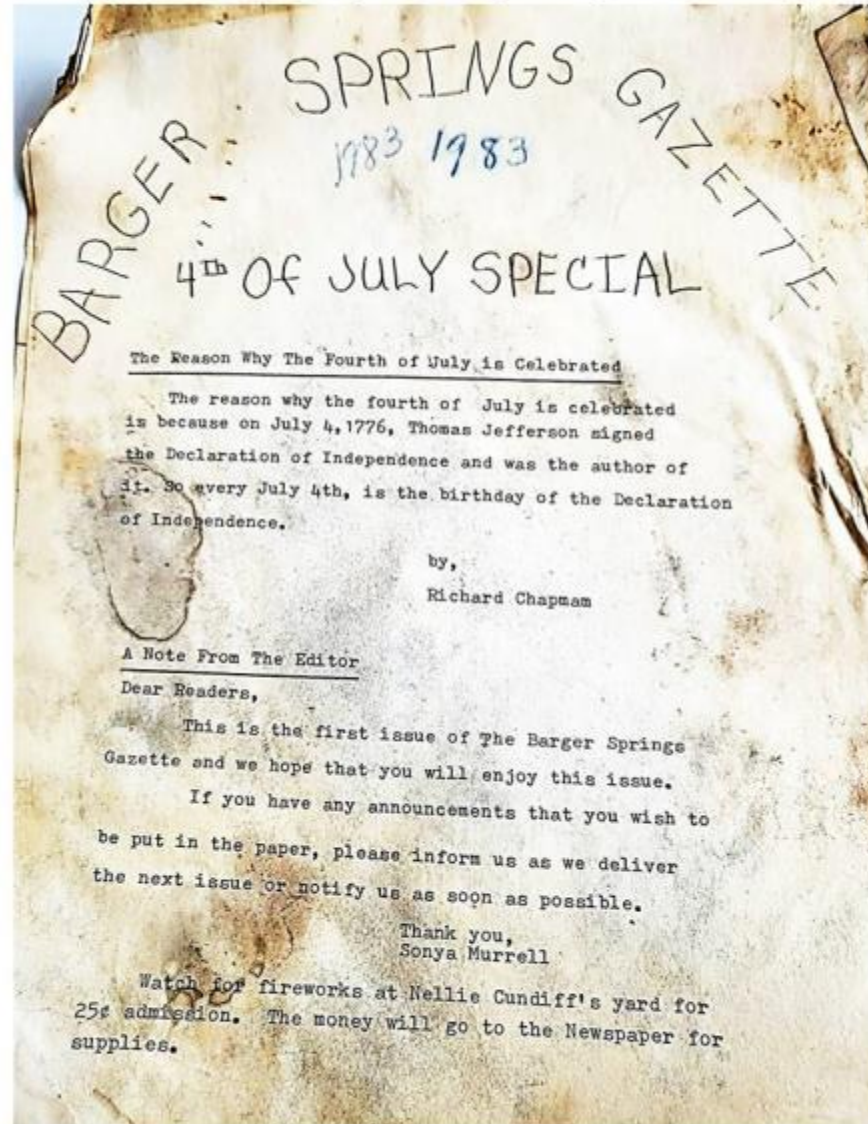
**In 1986, the prison property at Pence Springs was purchased and renovated as a hotel. The property soon changed hands again when it became the Greenbrier Academy for Girls, a facility for troubled adolescents.**



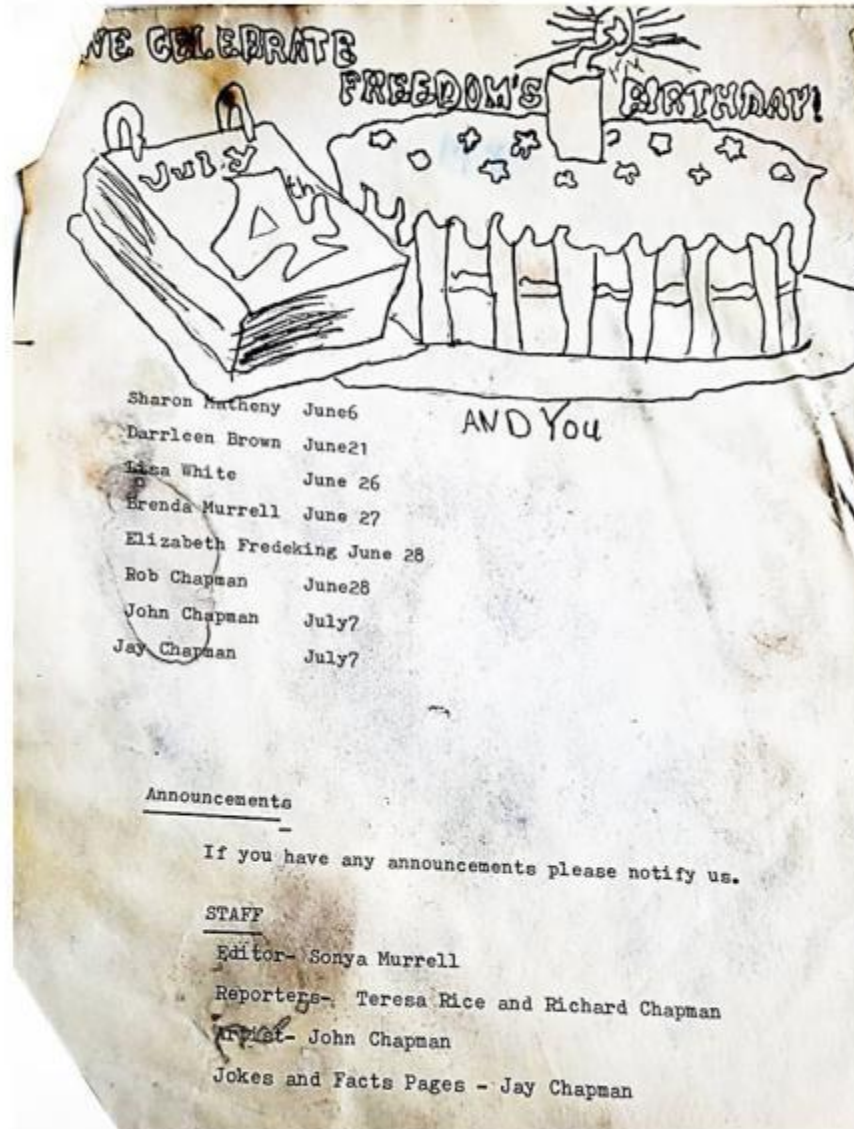
**Store and Post Office – 1976**  
**Green Sulphur Springs, Summers County**  
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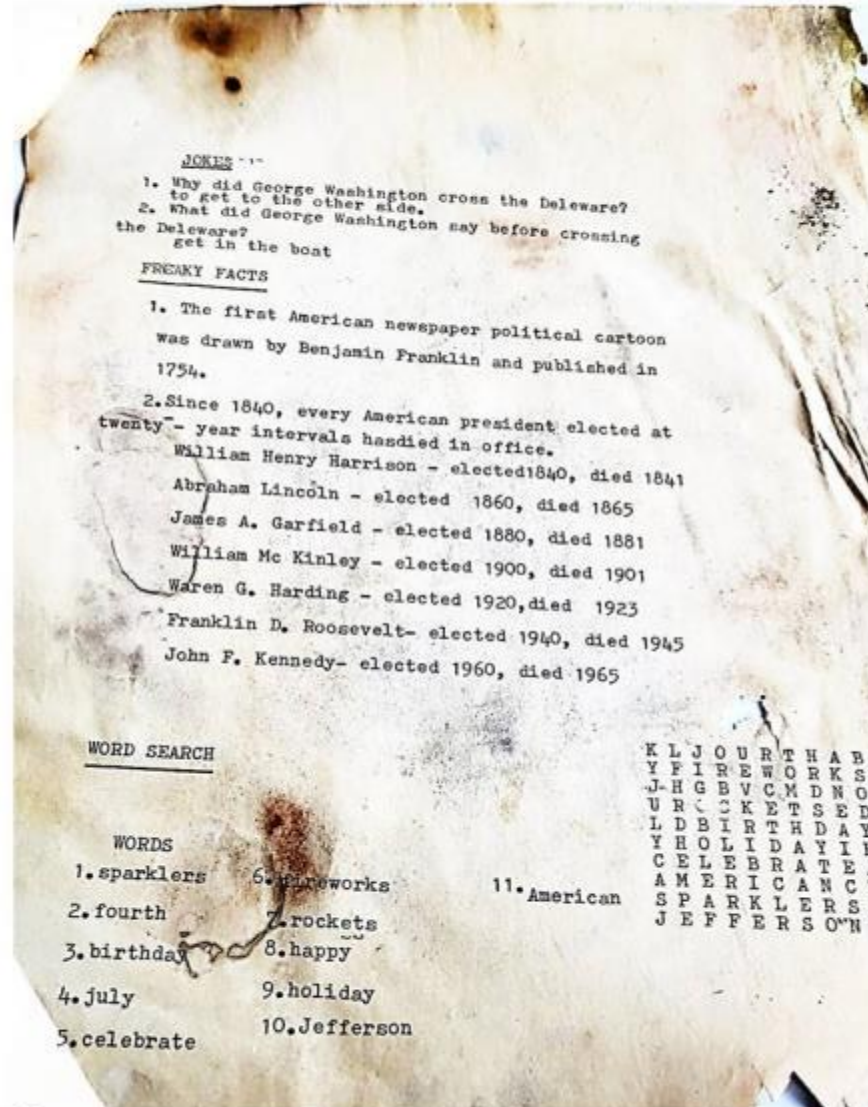
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# Former Honaker Lumber Office Sandstone, WV - 1986





**The Samuel Gwinn Plantation - 1980s**  
**Lowell, WV**  
**(A brief history is provided on the next page.)**



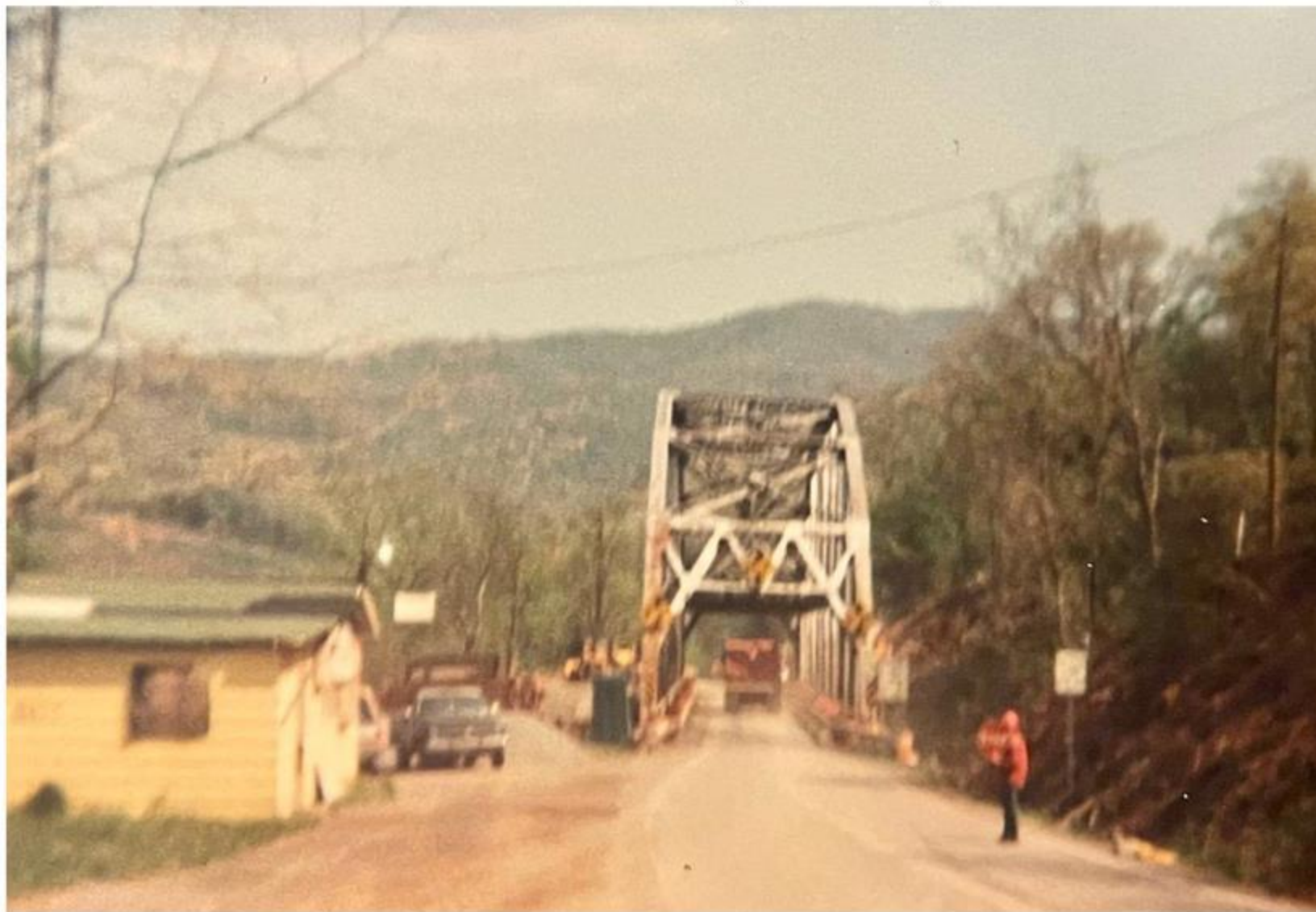


## **The Samuel Gwinn Plantation - Lowell – 1989**

**The Samuel Gwinn Plantation is a historic plantation in Lowell, Summers County. The main house was built in circa 1868, although the plantation was begun in the late 18th Century, with secondary structures, such as the meat curing house, dating to the 1770s. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places, March 1989.**

**Lowell is located on the Greenbrier River, east of Hinton. The community was first settled in 1770 and is the oldest community in Summers County.**

**Replacing Sandstone Bridge – 1990**  
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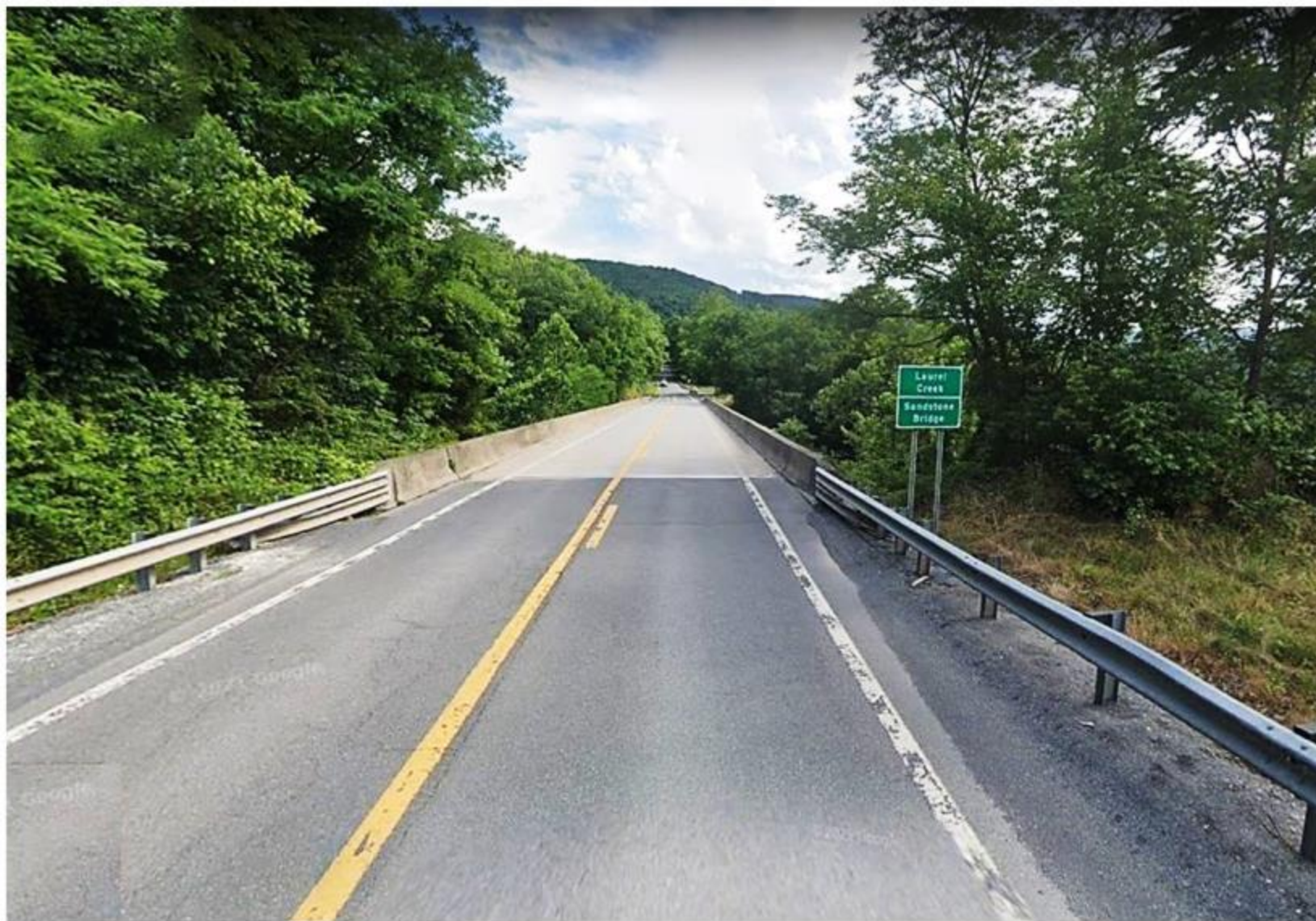


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**New Sandstone Bridge – 1990**  
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**Ballengee Community Building  
Ballengee, WV - 1991**



## Pence Springs Resort – early 1990s





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**Pence Springs Resort – early 1990s**  
**Side Entrance**





**Pence Springs Resort – early 1990s  
Sunroom**





## Pence Springs Resort – early 1990s Dinning Room



**Pence Springs Resort – early 1990s  
Side Porch**





## Pence Springs Resort Spring House – early 1990s





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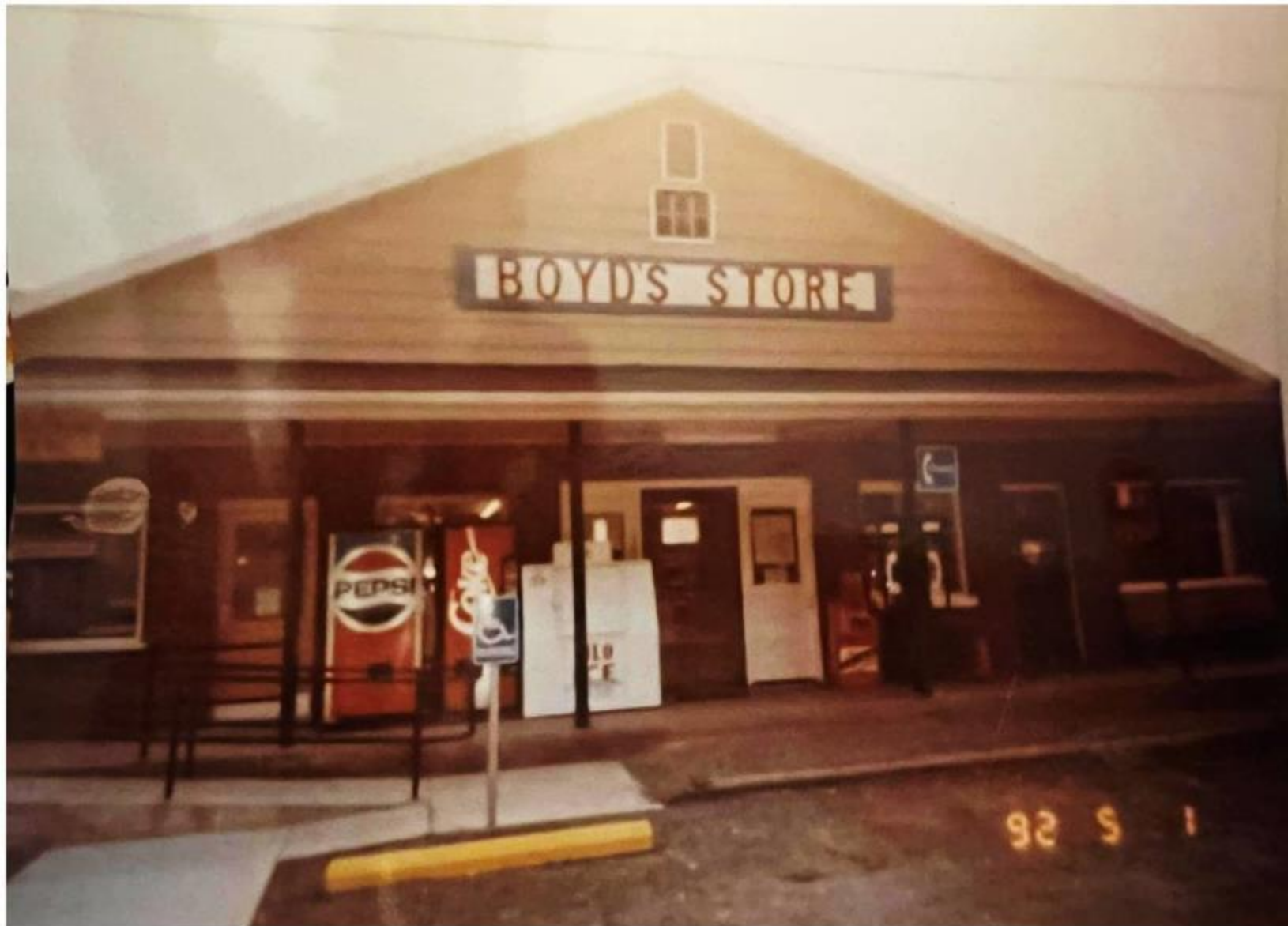




**Old Sandstone Bridge – 1990  
and Violet Scott’s Bar  
Sandstone, WV**



# Boyd's Store Sandstone - 1992





# **Former Talcott Bridge over Greenbrier River new bridge being constructed - 1993**



# Summers County High School Under Construction - 1993

Barksdale, WV

(Photo courtesy of the Joe Green collection)





# **I-64 Bridges across the New River Sandstone, WV - 1995**





# The Spring at Greenbrier Springs Hotel Barger Springs - 1995





**Camp Summers 4H Camp  
near Forest Hill, WV - 1995**



**Angell's Grocery – 1996**  
**Nimitz, WV**  
(Photo courtesy of Joe Green)





**Beech Mountain Timber Co. Mill – 1996**  
**Ellison Ridge Road, Nimitz, WV**  
**Destroyed by fire around 2008.**



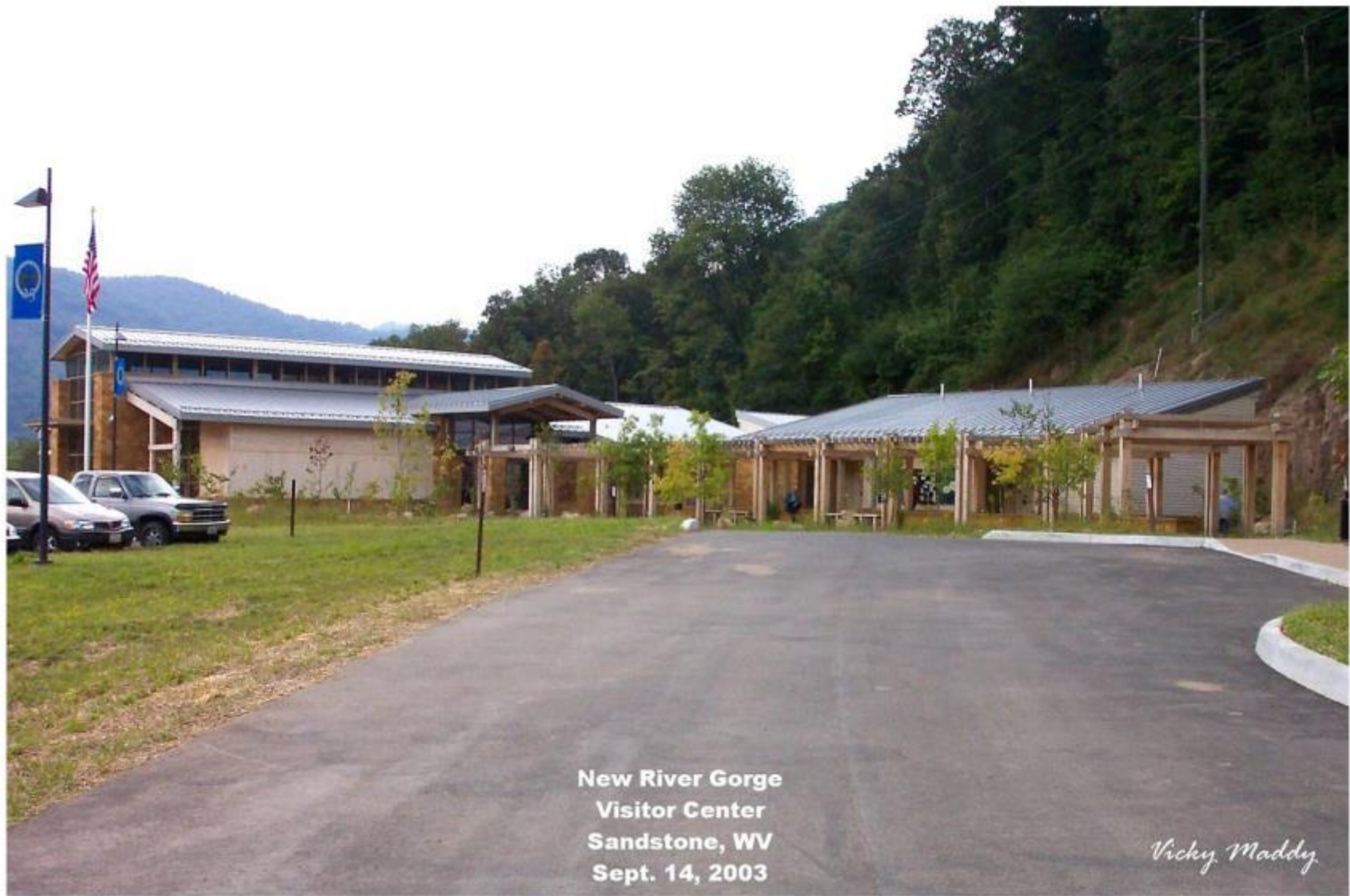
# **Willowwood Country Club - 1998 Clubhouse destroyed by fire**





# New River Gorge Visitor Center -2003

## Sandstone, WV



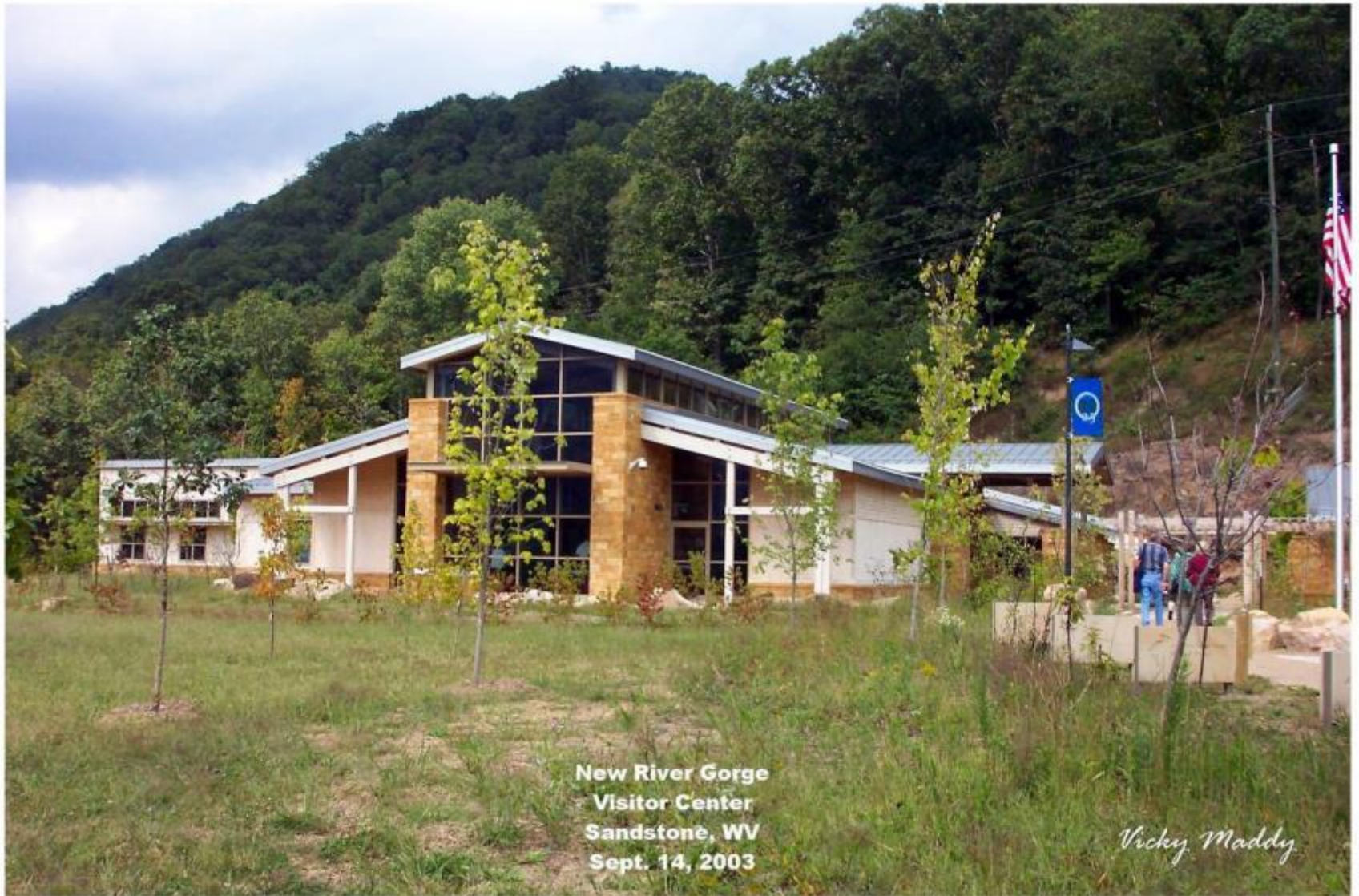
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# New River Gorge Visitor Center -2003

## Sandstone, WV



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**Willowwood Country Club Golf Course**  
**Willowwood Road - 2004**



# Green Sulphur General Store

## Green Sulphur, WV - 2004





## Blue Sulphur Spring - 2004



Blue Sulphur Spring  
June 2004

# Former Bank Building Meadow Creek, WV - 2004





**Former Pence Springs Hotel  
Later - West Virginia Women's Prison  
Pence Springs, WV - 2005**





**Mr. Radliffe's Barn**  
**Summers County - date UNK**



## Graham Homestead - Lowell – 2010





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# Fox's Store at Bass Lake Barksdale, WV - 2011



**Bass Lake Bath House, Concession Area  
Barksdale, WV 0 2011**





**Former Bass Lake Dance Hall  
Barksdale, WV - 2011**



# Bass Lake Swimming Area Barksdale, WV - 2011





**Former Thimble & Plow Store  
Lowell, WV - 2011**



**Summers Sanitation & Summers Concrete  
Rt 3 above old Armory - 2011**





**Former National Guard Armory  
Current Twin State Beauty Supplies  
Rt. 3 Greenbrier Drive - Hinton - 2011**







**Sewell Valley Bank – 2011**  
**Meadow Creek, WV**  
**(Photo courtesy of the Joe Green Collection)**



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# Former Gas Station Talcott, WV - 2011



# Former George Thompson's Garage Talcott, WV - 2011





# Former Thimble and Plow Store Talcott, WV - 2011





# Groundworks Nursery

## Rt. 12 on Greenbrier River - 2011





**Former Emitt Garten's General Store  
Meadow Creek, WV - 2011**





# George Dillon's Feed Store Hildale, WV - 2011





# Gotta Stop - Gas Station Hilldale, WV - 2011



**Former Carlos Garten Grocery Store  
Meadow Creek, WV - 2011**





**Country Roads General Store  
Pence Springs, WV - 2011**



**Former Bruce Allen's Market - Hilldale, WV - 2011**





# **Cooper's Mill on the Little Bluestone - 2011**



# Summers County Barn location UNK - 2012





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## Pipestem State Park Fire Tower - 2013





# **Lowry Family Home - 2014**

**Buck, WV**

**(Photo courtesy of Henrietta Lowry Shroyer)**



## Pence Springs Resort Spring House – ca 2015





## **Pence Springs Airport (aka Hinton-Alderson Airport WV77)**

**James 'Jim' Tolley knew in his youth, one day he would fly. In 1933 and 1934, his dream became reality, and along with it, an airstrip began to transform from an apple orchard. Along the Greenbrier River, at Pence Springs, the sod field, 2,800 feet long and 600 feet wide was being built by W.P.A. workers. The hangar housing a Cub Trainer was built on the east end of the field.**

**Jim was called to duty during WWII and closed his operation at Pence Springs and went to Princeton, West Virginia to begin the War Training Program. At the end of the War, he returned to Pence Springs, to once again operate the Airport. Two hangars and the office were constructed. Sam Meads, a veteran pilot whom Jim taught to fly, instructed and operated the business until Jim could close out at Princeton. Mary Ann Wetherby, who also instructed at Princeton, moved to Pence Springs to be his secretary, instructor and girl Friday. The operation consisted of sightseeing rides over beautiful downtown Hinton and the Bluestone Dam. Also, the G. I. Bill provided funding for many boys returning from the war, to learn to fly.**

**As the 50's rolled, Pence Airways housed privately owned planes and student pilots were soloing and logging hours for their Private Pilot's license. Dr. J. W. Stokes owned and flew an Aeronica Sedan. Jim Ball had a Cessna Twin Engine which was recovered in the hangar and painted black and red, Jim had a Stinson Voyager and a Cessna 180 which he made charter flights for people wanting to arrive faster. He also owned a PT 19, which is a low wing win aerobat plane. He enjoyed entertaining visitors on Sundays with a "little snow". Banners for Pepsi Cola were side and pulled by a Waco over Alderson and Hinton.**

**Although at present, there isn't much activity on the field as in the past. Pence Airways remains open for pilots to fly in from all over. When the Flea Market is in season, pilots land and walk down to look for bargains.**

**For the most part the field offers a place for the family to go, just as Jim planned it, as they begin to grub the apple trees from the orchard and run way was being built. He wanted to fly, but wanted others to have the opportunity to do it also.**

## Aerial View of Pence Springs Airport – ca 2010





## Pence Springs Airport – early 2015



## Pence Springs Airport Hangars - 2016





## Pence Springs Airport - 2017



**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Cessna 150**





**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Private aircraft**



# Pence Springs Airport – 2018

## Private Ultralight Aircraft





**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Private Xair aircraft**



**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Piper J-3 Cub**





**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Piper J-3 Cub**



**Pence Springs Airport – 2018**  
**Eagle's Wings Flight Training**





**Richmond's Store – 2018**  
**Sandstone, WV**





## Westbound CSX Manifest Rolls Through Talcott – 2018





**The Rock – 2018**  
**Willowwood Road, Hinton, WV**





**Rivers Edge Inn – 2021**  
**Previously the Greenbrier Motel**  
**Route 3 near Hinton, WV**





**Rivers Side Inn Sign – 2021**  
**Route 3 near Hinton, WV**





# Talcott Fire Department - 2021





**Talcott Fire Department – 2022**  
**Talcott, WV**



## Camp Summers - 2023





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**Bluestone State Park – 2023**  
**Entrance – Route 20 Summers County, WV**



**Bluestone State Park – 2023**  
**Exit – Bluestone Park Road Summers County, WV**





**Almost Heaven Sign and Swing – 2023**  
**At the entrance to Bluestone State Park**



**Almost Heaven Sign and Swing – 2023**  
**At the entrance to Bluestone State Park**





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# The Burning of Jumping Branch Historical Marker – 2023

Route 3 near Angel's Store, Jumping Branch, WV





# Camp Green Meadows Historical Market – 2023

Route 3 near Angell's Store, Jmping Branch, WV

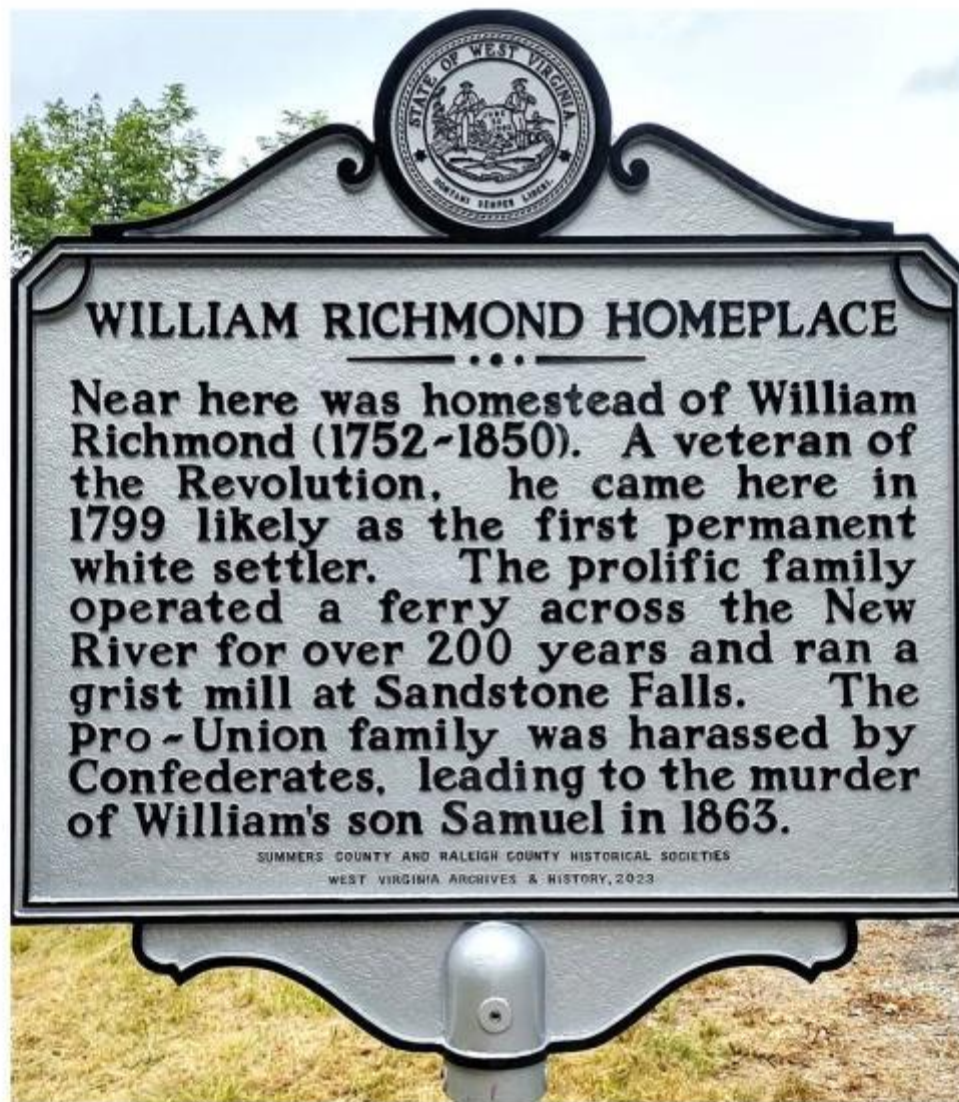


**CAMP GREEN MEADOWS**  
Near here. July 13 ~ August 15, 1862.  
was encampment of the 23rd Ohio  
Volunteer Infantry under future US  
President Rutherford B. Hayes. The  
camp's strategic location near the  
Bluestone and New rivers enabled  
the 23rd Ohio to mount a successful  
defense of Pack's Ferry from 900  
attacking Confederates on August 6.  
as well as launch a raid on the  
Mercer Salt Works on August 10.

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# William Richmond Homeplace Historical Marker – 2023

Route 20 near Laurel Creek Bridge, Sandstone, WV





**Sandstone Falls Historical Marker – 2023**  
**Route 20 near Laurel Creek Bridge, Sandstone, WV**

