

# The Heart of the Farm



Following the path toward the pasture gate, you leave the original Storehouse built in 1908, which is now our Heritage Center. As you begin the walk, can you imagine the farm as it was then?



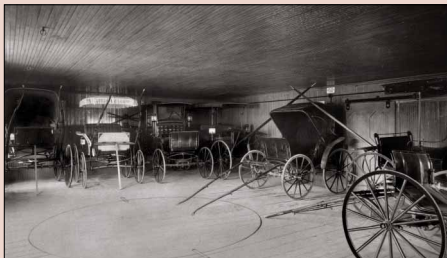
The path to the Miners' home.



The coach barn viewed from Heart's Delight Cottage.

Beyond the Storehouse were the two piggeries somewhat concealed behind a hedge. Next on the right was the large Coach Barn (1903)

that encompassed the original old homestead barn. Inside, you would see a turntable, 12 feet



The coach barn turntable for buggies.

in diameter, that was used to bring buggies in and out. It also held a manager's office, horse stalls and a buggy wash. If you were a driver for the Miners, you could enter the Coach Barn, choose the appropriate buggy, have it placed on the turntable

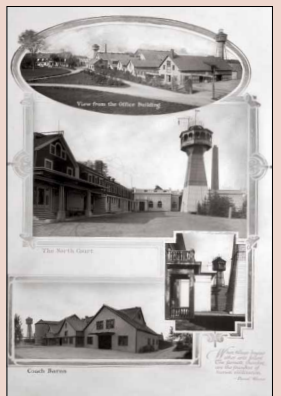


The coach barn stable.

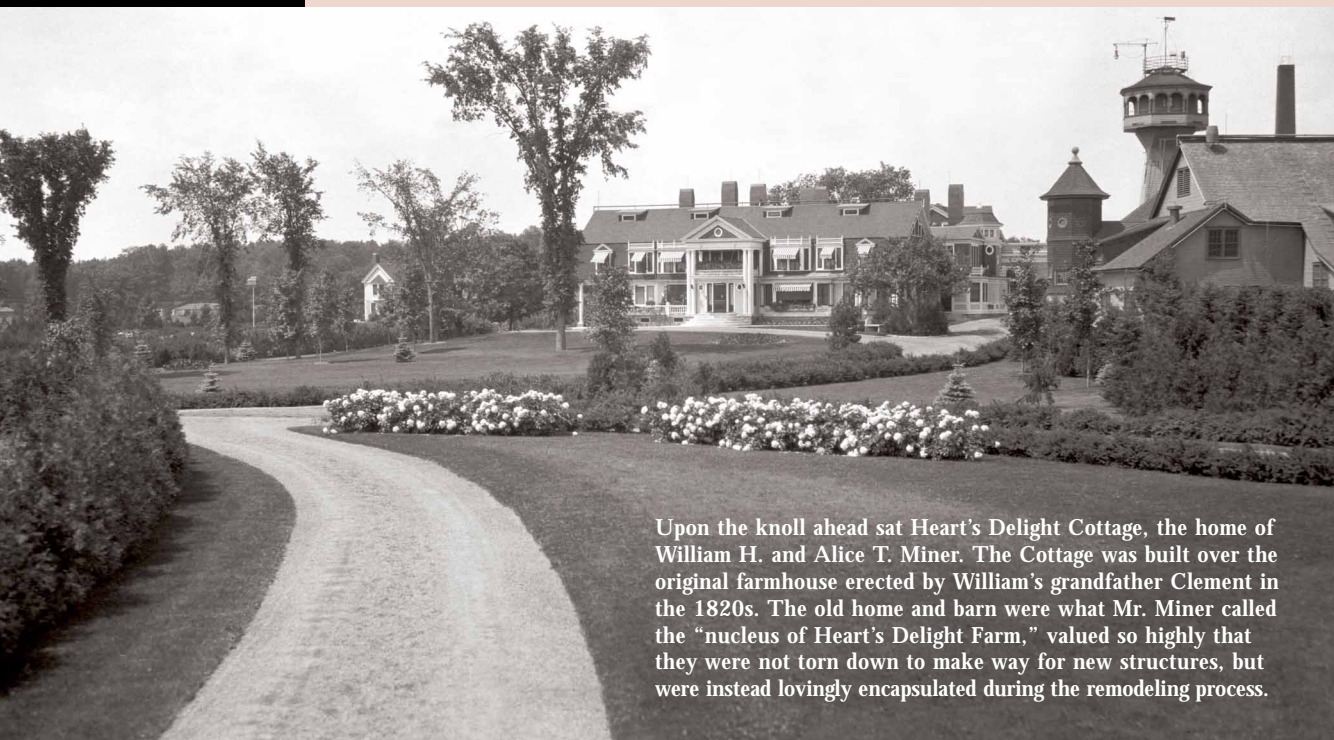


Betty pulling a buggy through the main gates.

and hitch it up to Betty, a favorite horse. Then it was time to take Mr. Miner to the train station in the village for one of his business trips to Chicago, or to fetch Mrs. Miner's sisters from their home in Chazy for tea at the farm.



Heart's Delight Cottage Complex.



Upon the knoll ahead sat Heart's Delight Cottage, the home of William H. and Alice T. Miner. The Cottage was built over the original farmhouse erected by William's grandfather Clement in the 1820s. The old home and barn were what Mr. Miner called the "nucleus of Heart's Delight Farm," valued so highly that they were not torn down to make way for new structures, but were instead lovingly encapsulated during the remodeling process.

Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Walk  
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