



Kennedy). John D. Rockefeller Sr. and his family were guests in 1893, and Louise Terwilliger became very friendly with the Rockefeller daughters.

Guests came by horse and carriage or, later, by train and were met by *Meenahga's* carriages. Some brought maids, or their own coachmen or chauffeur. Guests were more than business; many became personal friends of the Terwilliger family. So, too, did employees, who generally came from the area, both the valley and the upper regions of "the Mountain." The Terwilligers took great pride in enumerating the names of young people who came to work as chambermaids, in the laundry, on the grounds, or in the office and went on to found their own hotels or restaurants, or to hold very responsible management positions in other resorts.

Mount Meenahga's final season ended in October 1921, and the complex was sold in June 1922. Katharine T. Terwilliger devoted six columns of "Before Today's Headlines" to a very personal, warm and detailed history of *Mount Meenahga*. U.E. Terwilliger was K.T.'s paternal grandfather; Bert and Florence Tone were her parents; her brother Robert was born at *Meenahga*; and, Katharine spent her summers as a child and young adult helping with various appropriate responsibilities at her summer home.

"Before Today's Headlines" is available at **Terwilliger House**, the local history center of the *Ellenville Public Library and Museum*. The *Museum* collection also includes an impressive group of postcards showing *Meenahga* scenes. In addition to learning more about *Mount Meenahga* at the *Museum*, visit the display case in the Gallery/Link between the *Library* and the *Museum* to see a berry basket and a picker's box from the heyday of huckleberry picking on "the Mountain," as well as a variety of newspaper clippings. And pick up a copy of Marc Fried's irreverent *The Huckleberry Pickers*, subtitled: "A Raucous History of the Shawangunk Mountains." ❄️

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