

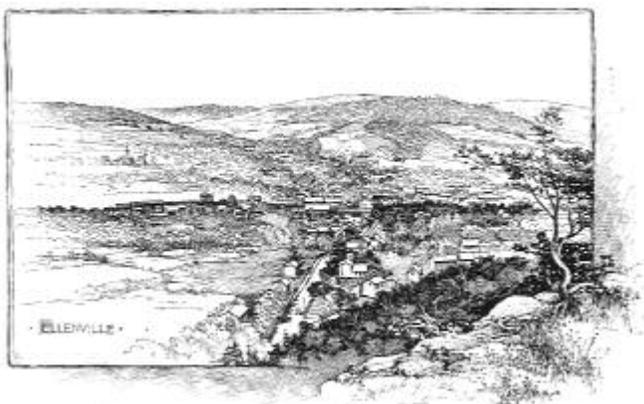
includes the *Windsor Lake House* (etching above) and six others.

Napanoch has only a one-sentence summary: “This little village is about two miles distant from Ellenville, is very beautiful, and the entire region abounds in ‘Summer Homes’,” but not too many are listed. Is it possible that the length of the community description is tied to the number of advertisers?

The 1901 *Summer Homes* entries for the Town of Wawarsing total more than 60 under 11 post office headings, but still under the Ellenville Station main heading, since the extension to Kingston did not occur until 1902.

By the time of the 1907 edition, a full page of “purple” prose extols the merits of Ellenville’s water, “Ellenville is destined to become famous through the location of the bottling works and plant of *The Huntoon Spring Water Company*. The water of this spring is probably the purest ever analyzed. The history of the spring is almost legendary...” At this point, legends are presented as accepted fact and probably enticed many visitors to Ellenville, where “The largest, most extensive and modern bottling works in the world are in operation...”

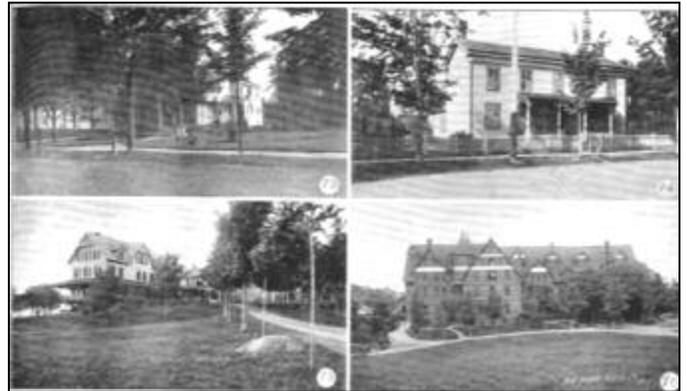
An extensive list of hotels, inns, and boarding houses begins with *Mount Meenahga* which now (1907) can accommodate 150 to 175 guests, and includes *Ulster Villa Inn*, *Mount Mongola House*, *the Wyndmere*, *Breeze Lawn* at Leurenkill, the *Marshall House* on Maple Avenue, James A. Myers’ *Terrace Hill House*, John D. Wager’s *Hanging Rock Falls Farm House*, George McDowell’s *Western View*, and a host of others in the 42 entries under the **Ellenville Post Office**.



Cragmoor has its own post office listing and *The Cragmoor Inn* on the *Cliff Farm* has an impressively long narrative, concluding with “Reasons Why You Should Go To Cragmoor Inn: It has the same altitude as Lake Placid in the Adirondacks, and is only 100 miles from New York. It stands on an elevation commanding unsurpassed views of three extensive valleys... and is swept by cool breezes from every point of the compass. Its chambers are thoroughly renovated, repainted and recalcimined yearly. It provides certified milk, and serves no canned vegetables. It is especially suited to week-end guests, who can reach their offices in New York by 10:30 A.M. Monday.”

*Landbohove* (John Kindberg & Son), *Lakwelend and Cottages*, and Robert J. Geilhard’s two furnished cottages complete the Cragmoor entries.

Ulster Heights has its own expanded entry, with mention of Cape Pond, “a narrow sheet of water some two miles long, affords most excellent boating, fishing and bathing. John W. Hoff’s *Mountain View Farm House*, O. Johnson’s *Lake Side Crest House*, E. M. Dill’s *Pleasant Hill Farm House*, G. D. Rode’s *Terrace Lawn House*, E. H. Hennige’s *Mountain Top Orchard Farm House*, *Michael Klass’ Farm House*, and the *Rampe Villa* are the “summer homes.”



**Napanoch Station, Wawarsing Station, and Kerhonkson Station** all have entries that show how the summer visitor business had expanded in only 16 years. Perhaps the pamphlets also show how Town of Wawarsing proprietors had accepted the value of advertising.

Railroad management also produced other promotional booklets that had a purchase price of 25 cents, composed of little or no text, but black and white photographs of some of the resorts advertised in *Summer Homes* (photo above, from Ellenville area, including *Meenahga*). The *Museum* has two different editions in its collection.

The first, purported to be the 1896 edition, has the title *Supplement to Illustrated Homes on the New York, Ontario & Western Railway: A Companion to Summer Homes*. It includes 11 pages of black and white plates.

The second copy has no date at all, but includes more photographs. The title on this one is minimally shorter, beginning *Illustrated Homes on the New York, Ontario & Western...*

In her history of the Town of Wawarsing, *Wawarsing: Where the Streams Wind*, historian Katharine T. Terwilliger published lists of boarding houses from various years with some of her own location information in “Appendix A.” Her quote from one of the pamphlets gives the purpose of *Summer Homes* “to bring those residents of our cities, who have not only the desire but the intention of finding a desirable summer home, into