

The Forge at Siegrist Reservoir



Jo Ellen Litz added 16 new photos.

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I never saw the inside before. Someone really liked primary colors. Photo Series by Jim Cascarino.

The Big House was also a Company Store—Old Forge Road Mansion, Pine Grove Township, Schuylkill County

- A. November 1961, the property transferred from Eckert to George and Margaret A. Boyer.
- B. 10.10.2001, for the sum of \$505,000 the property was sold to Troy Morehouse.
- C. 6.7.2015, for \$10, the property was transferred to LY QUI--Troy Morehouse, Joel Christianson and Kelly Oswald;
- D. 9.7.2017, for the sum of \$500,000, the property was sold to the City of Lebanon Water Authority.

Per a transcript by Bill Grumbine published in a blog on 8.21.2016.

Bill's mother was Ruth (Williams) Grumbine, and his father was Arthur W. Grumbine. Their family occupied the Big House as tenants for 40 years from 1921-1961.

Bill's grandparents were William Thomas and Georgia (Britton) Williams, 111 High Street, Lebanon. Grandpa was a "Roller" at a local Iron and Steel Company. They had five children: Ruth, Helen, Lloyd, and twins Dorothy and Aaron (Bill).

"Both Grandpa and Grandmother loved to fish. Sometime early in 1921 they were told about an excellent fishing stream just North of Suedberg. As soon as the 1921 fishing season opened they took the train from Lebanon to Suedberg and went up Mill Creek to a spot called the "Deep Hole", from there they fished down the stream to a wooden bridge that crossed the creek."

"After we finished our fishing for the day we spied a large stone house and barn through the trees on the other side of the creek, we crossed the bridge and went into the yard of the house, the place looked abandoned, the grass in the yard was knee high, we walked up to the house and found there was at least one resident in the place, a cow walked out of what turned out to be the kitchen, that kitchen door was hanging on by only one hinge. At this time we walked back to Suedberg and caught the train back to Lebanon."

Sometime between the opening of the 1921 fishing season and June of 1921 my Grandparents decided to rent the Big House for the Summer of 1921, they wanted to spend their weekends and vacation time there to fish and get away from the heat and noise of Lebanon. Things did not work out the way they planned though. The four months rental of The Big House turned into forty years and three months, we had to vacate the place as of November 1961 when Eckert sold the property to George and Margaret A. Boyer.





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