

The Evolution of Heart's Delight Cottage



Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Walk
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The remodeling and enlargement of the Miner homestead began in 1903. Over the first eight years, the façade of the house changed and its size grew substantially. If you passed the farm in your horse and buggy once a year, some new addition or remodeling would have taken place since you last drove by. Heart's Delight Cottage eventually evolved into the Colonial Revival style spanning 82 feet in length

and 102 feet in width at its deepest wing. If you wished to get a bird's eye view of the farm, you could climb the nearby 60 foot House Tower that held a 6000 gallon water tank for providing pressurized water to the surrounding buildings. Looking quite functional when it was built in 1903, the façade of the House Tower changed over time with the addition of a stunning observation tower.



Farmhouse prior to renovation.



Heart's Delight Cottage, 1905.



The Cottage and House Tower, 1906.



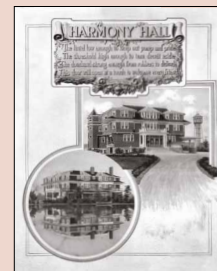
The Cottage, 1910.



The north side of the Cottage.



Summer at Heart's Delight, 1913.



Harmony Hall

If you were fortunate enough to be a guest of the Miners, you might stay in one of the eight bedrooms in Heart's Delight Cottage, which of course meant you had your own private bath. Later, a hospitality center was built to accommodate a large number of visitors. Called Harmony Hall, it was located about 250 feet beyond Heart's Delight Cottage and contained an elevator and an auditorium that could seat 300, complete with a stage and dressing rooms. The Miners hosted a Christmas party here each year for the children of their employees. The third and fourth floors of Harmony Hall were identical, each containing 10 bedrooms with private baths and a central lounge and kitchen area for the convenience of the guests. Gentlemen could also enjoy the billiards room.