

CHAPTER FOUR

The Pinnacle Summer House

South Lyndeboro, New Hampshire

Finest Location, Purest Air, Beautiful Mountain Scenery

Crystal Spring Water, Beautiful Drives, unexcelled by any in

New England

The Pinnacle Golf Links, one of the most interesting
courses in New Hampshire

Tennis, Croquet, Gunning, Fishing, Bicycling



We would say to those who have never visited this beautiful Summer Resort, that the Fresh Air, Mountain Scenery, Lovely Drives and numerous other attractions, this section cannot be excelled. The House is situated on the south-east side of one of the Pack Monadnock Mountains, at an elevation of 1,600 feet above sea level. Located on the Southern Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, sixty miles from Boston, a pleasant drive from the station and surrounded by points of great interest, it is rightly named the "Switzerland of New Hampshire." The fine Drives, unexcelled by any in New England, are a leading feature of this section. A carriage road to the top of the mountain affords a magnificent and unobstructed view of the beautiful scenery of the surrounding country. A large and commodious Stable is connected with the House, in charge of an experienced man. Particular attention will be given to the Boarding and care of guests' Teams. The Livery Service will be conducted to the satisfaction of guests at reasonable rates. The Buckboard Rides to many points of interest in the neighborhood are a most popular and enjoyable feature. On the grounds

is a Croquet Lawn and Tennis Court, Delightful Walks, Hammocks and Golf Links. The Pinnacle Golf Links have been greatly improved since the last season, and the course is now considered an ideal one by Golfers and will fill the requirements of the most exacting enthusiasts of the game. Sticks, Balls, etc., can be procured at the House. A series of tournaments will be held during the season. The Piazza Walk, of 250 feet, overlooking the Golf Link, commands an unobstructed view of the charming country. The large floors of the barn can be used for recreation in rainy weather. The Office, Billiard Room, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Parlors and Dining Hall, are on the ground floor. The Dining Hall is unexcelled for comfort and coolness. The table is supplied with the best products of the Boston Market, and fresh vegetables raised on the Pinnacle Farm. Plenty of berries, eggs and milk. Laundry connected with the house. The present management will endeavor to give the patrons every attention towards making their stay at the Pinnacle homelike, enjoyable and comfortable. There can be found no better place for rest and comfort; an ideal climate; the air especially clear and bracing; a charming country unsurpassed in natural beauty, and abundant opportunity for outdoor recreation. The house being situated at such an altitude, in the perfect ozone of mountain air, Hay Fever and mosquitoes are unknown. House open from June 1st until November 1st. Terms: Board \$7 to \$12 per week. Special rates to families and parties. References: Mrs. N. G. Thayer, 59 Georgia St., Dorchester; Mr. Geo. R. Kelso, 10 Tremont St., Boston. All communications will receive prompt attention. Two Mails daily, free delivery. Trains leave North Union Station, Boston, for South Lyndeboro, at 8 A.M. and 3 P. M.; leave South Lyndeboro for Boston, at 8.27 A.M. and 3.57 P.M. Purchase tickets and check baggage to South Lyndeboro, N.H. Fare, round trip, \$2.70. A conveyance from station to house, at all trains.

J.H. McLeod,

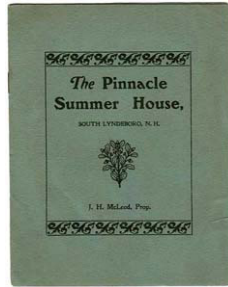
Address, until June 1st,

297 Dudley St., Roxbury, Mass.

Telephone, 442-2

After June 1st,

South Lyndeboro, N.H.



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My Father started his hotel training as part of the extended McLeod-Lane family which operated the Pinnacle Summer House. J.H. McLeod was his stepfather; his mother Elizabeth joined the family enterprise, as did their youngest son, Jack McLeod, Jr. along with her father and mother Beal. Robert L. Beal was a baker by profession, so I'm sure the table had great rolls and desserts. Dad's brother Edgar got his start in the kitchen of the Pinnacle Summer House during the three seasons the family ran the resort.

We have no family pictures from Pinnacle Summer House years, but two pictures of my father as a young boy and young man.

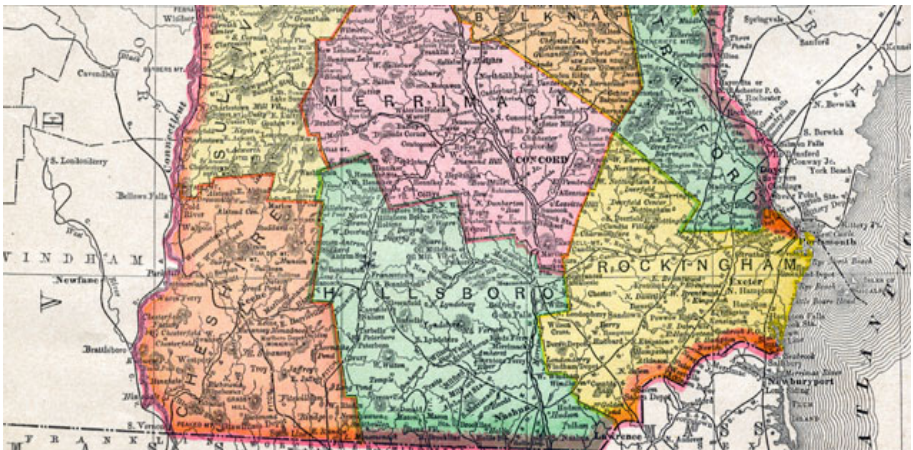


Andrew Hamilton Lane, Boston, Massachusetts



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Edward Duncklee moved to Lyndeboro in 1878 where he bought the *Gage Place* on Piscaquog Mountain 1,262 ft. and remodeled and enlarged the buildings, bought land and established the now well known Pinnacle Summer House.



***Map of Southern New Hampshire
South Lyndeboro N.W. of Nashua
Center of Hillsboro County***