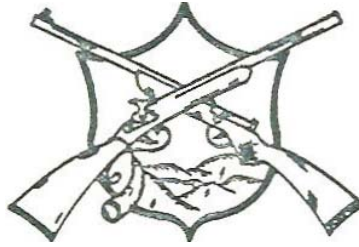


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Village of Sizerville

The small community of Sizerville was at one time the capital of the district. It is an old saying among early settlers that all the life of the county was concentrated at this place. It's historic data goes back as far as 1788 when the noted Salt Lick was more than passing interest to woodland travelers journeying through the Portage Valley enroute to Canoe Place (now Port Allegany). The salt works was carried on at this place early in the 30's, and according to historical data as late as the second decade of the nineteenth century.

Most prominent of the community life at this point was the contract for building the Sizerville Hotel in April, 1887. The contract was sold to C.E. Grover by Green & Westcott Company, Tioga County, who were the projectors. In 1888 the Sanitarium & Hotel Company entered upon the building schedule on the site containing forty-nine acres, in the heart of the most beautiful and picturesque valleys of the county, and one of the country's most noted health centers.

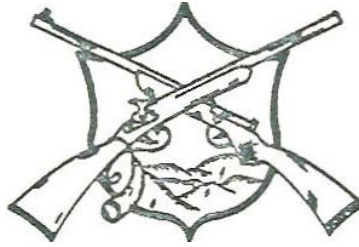
The situation was ideal on the Pennsylvania Railroad, just 114 miles from Buffalo, N.Y., and about the same distance from Rochester and Williamsport, which cities at that time were the only large centers in the district.

After the building was up the Sizerville Magnetic Mineral Water Springs Company bought the hotel and the rights to bottle the water. The water was also used in soft drinks, and from this period on until later years Sizerville gained note as a health center. The lovely picnic grounds afforded visitors at this place was a haven for pleasure seekers.

In the early 1900's the village was purchased by a stock company whose attentions were to use the natural resources and mineral waters

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to a better advantage. The company abandoned the site and today the only users of the water are railroad men of the Pennsylvania and some town people who fill jugs there in summer months. The water, compares favorably with mineral springs of the same nature at Gardeau, (McKean County) and at Sterling Run.