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POLK COUNTY HISTORY

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C. H. Williamson, whose post office address was Skyuka, was operating Log Cabin Inn, located at Spring Mountain Park about 1896-97. This place he described as 'one which affords a refined home to persons who are in need of rest. Good table, pure spring water, clean beds in the midst of grand scenery.

News of a social nature from Spring Mountain Park during the summer of 1897 said "Another of the pleasant series of entertainments at Log Cabin Inn was given Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Abbott had charge of the program which was largely musical, and they were assisted by Mrs. A. F. Abbott and Rev. G. R. and Raymond Alden."

G. B. Abbott then lived at a site known as Ben Craigen, and had as his guests his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Abbott, of Waterbury, Conn.

Rev. G. A. Alden, D. D., of Cambridge, Mass., who spent the summer of 1897 at Log Cabin Inn, preached to the congregation at Silver Creek Church in July, and at the Congregational Church in Tryon on August 1.

Services on that day at Log Cabin Inn were conducted by Prof. G. H. Detwiler, then head of the Central Industrial Institute at Columbus.

The local newspaper during that summer carried a notice that Miss Margaret Klebs of Anna Scott Institute, Atlanta, Ga., 'who is spending the summer at Skyuka, will give a concert in Tryon on Wednesday evening, August 1.'

Boarding houses which furnished accommodation for visitors to Tryon at that time were the Laurels and Comfort Cottage. Miss Hanna Harker, of Honerstown, N. J., was mentioned as a guest who was spending the summer at the latter resort.

At the Laurels, the guest list

included W. W. Kuser, a photographer, of Winnsboro, S. C., H. R. Gould, a large plantation owner of New Orleans and his son, Roger; and H. G. Gould, who was noted as a prominent cotton merchant from the same place, and his bride, spent several weeks at this hospitable place. It was said that guests of the house had enjoyed fine musical treats during their stay.

An item from Oak Hall hotel, (which by 1897 had changed its name from Hotel Tryon), said that Mrs. J. O. Wilson, wife of Mayor, returned on Thursday from a three months' visit in Ohio. Mr. Wilson went as far as Knoxville to meet her. That summer, material was being moved to the place and work on the house being built by the Wilsons on Godshaw Hill was in course of construction. Contractor W. J. Gaines at the same time was pushing to a completion work on the house of Ernest Missildine, nearly opposite the Wilson place.

A summer kitchen was being added to the home of Rev. Mr. Loomis, who also lived on Godshaw Hill. During the season, Rev. Dr. Sanders of Charlotte, president of Bidle University, had been a visitor of the Loomis family. To quote the paper of that date, "It is interesting to know that it was

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