





The land along the river is alluvial meadow, and most of the town is underlaid by limestone. The village lies upon a terrace about twenty feet above the river on a level plain a mile in length. In its rear rises an elevated plateau of 180 feet in altitude, and stretches off toward Lenox with a rolling surface of lawn, field, and forest. From this crest the local geography of the valley and its surroundings may be studied under the combined charms of grandeur and beauty. The wooded foot hills of the Taconic range slope more or less abruptly toward the lake and rivers, broken by the deep gorge through which the highway runs to West Stockbridge. The curve of the Housatonic may be traced along the meadows, glinting through its fringe of willows and gracefully bending toward Glendale. Rattlesnake Peak-the Deowcook of the Indians-rears its craggy front on the northeast; Wnauticook answers its defiance on the west; while Monument, famed in legend and in song, with its ragged curtain of rock shuts in the southwest prospect, save the blue dome of Mount Washington far beyond. Southeastwardly the hills rise rather sharply to another plateau called Beartown, and in the interval between them and Monument are discernible the dimmer heights which overlook northern Connecticut. A spur of the Beartown Hills projects into the valley to the verge of the river and within half a mile of the village. This has been thrice cleft by some geologic convulsion, the lowest fissure constituting Ice

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Glen, weird and wild. and one of the "lions" of the varied scenery. The second rise is a notable peak called "Laura's Rest," on which its owner, Hon. D. D. Field, has erected an observatory.



- Leading my first hike to Laura's Tower at age 5
- How I became a stamp collector
- Bluebirds made me an environmentalist
- · Fingers stuck in the wringer
- Making gunpowder for rockets
- · Swiss Army knife
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- Overflowing bathtub
- John L. E. Pell
- ice box -- ice from Mohawk Lake
- Belle of the ball (not)
- Baseball & My Father
- Hurricane Carol
- Neckerchiefs and other Norman Rockwell stories
- Thornton Wilder (1897-1975)
- Winston Churchill













The first message took 17 hours to transmit across the Atlantic. It said, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace and good will towards men." Then Queen Victoria of England and President James Buchanan of the United States exchanged congratulations.



Rev. Adonijah Bidwell (b. 18 Oct 1716

Adonijah Bidwell (b. 6 Aug 1761)

Barnabas Bidwell (b. 13 March 1796)

Edwin Curtis Bidwell (b. 20 Feb 1821)

Edwin Hugh Bidwell (b. 23 May 1859)

Grace Josephine Bidwell b. (26 July 1891 (Wilcox) Isabella Ellen Bidwell (b. 24 Feb 1889) Richard Souder Bidwell (b. 2 Sep 1886) President Cleveland

Graham Davies Wilcox, Jr. (b. 7 April 1916)

Richard Bidwell Wilcox (b. 17 Feb 1949)

554 \$ 576. My father B.B. and his consin Edwin Brewer were together in the regiment that went non Western Man to Boston near the close of the War of 1812-1814. E. B' over told me that when marching in the vanks this the streets of Boston he was hailed from the wayside by an entire stranger and asked if his mance was not Brever. as I recalled the circumstance impressed me as an illustration of heredity, or persistince of type, and I think that was his idea. The Brewer family from which he sprong had been people of Eastern Mass. from almost its Earlist settliment, and his got- grandfatter I think was the ancestor who migrated from that region to Typingham more than half a custury before. The serve cash of peatins was marked in his brother the Rev. Josiah, and is still visible Josiahis son, u.s. Supreme Justice David J. Brewer, 544. + 1159.)











Laurel Cottage, photo taken from Main Street.









