

**AROUND THE TOWNS WHERE WE WRIGHTS LIVED (BACK UNTIL THE 70s)
BATH, NEW YORK TO HAMMONDSPORT, NEW YORK
(Photos provided by Kathleen Raftis Henry, created by Marilyn Wright Dayton)**

Let's start our journey in Hammondsport, NY, where Grandma & Grandpa Wright lived. Here is their old farmhouse (blue house) on Cider Hill Road and the house where we all got together in the 40s and 50s on Lake Street in Hammondsport (near the corner of Lake & Main). (FYI—Hammondsport is a Village within the Town of Urbana.) I don't remember the farm house on the right, (see Bunny's memories on the page 2 about it), but I remember being at the house below, a lot. There was a building across the street that had been a school, where my cousins and me would go and use the swings in the schoolyard. This was also the school that little Sue went to when Sue and Bea lived with Grandma and Grandpa for awhile. (FYI—That school became the Glen Curtiss Museum and is now condos/apartments.)



Below is a photo of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Hammondsport, which had been where those that were Catholic in our family had attended, gotten married, etc.



**Memories of Cider Hill Road near Hammondsport...the blue house in the photo on page one.
From Bunny Raftis**

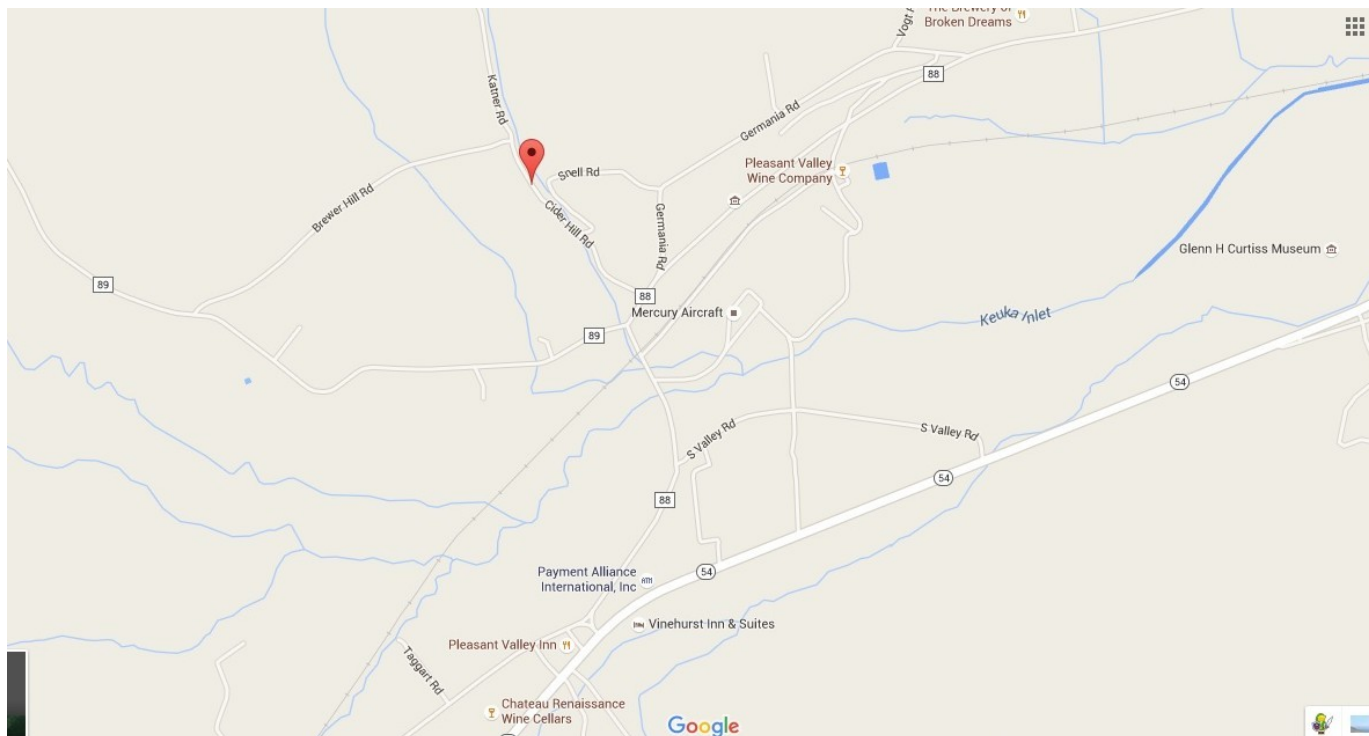
“Grandma & Grandpa Wright lived there for ages- -We visited and sometimes lived there- from time before Bill was born – and I was 7.- (about 1938)- and I do not know how much longer they have been there. Have photo of Bus on front “porch” - holding baby Bill.

Louise and I used to sit out on the grass – and sing- harmony –just the 2 of us. I do not know if they were just visiting or stayed there. We lived in Pittsburgh – but mom was in process of leaving my father – so we kids stayed there for awhile- and I attended the 2 room grade school at the bottom of the hill- - at the turn in the road- that goes off to Hammondsport (I think they have the winery building there now-)- and the school and the little grocery store are long gone. It was a tough walk to school – especially in winter over snowy fields on the hill. There is a gully all along the left side of the narrow road going up that hill. It was a harrowing drive in grandpa’s pick up truck going up and down that hill- - no real room to pass a car- and a gully on the other side !- He let us go with him when he drove “to town”- (Bath) each Saturday to get feed and whatever food they needed.

Their house was about the first one I think (then)- on the left – 2 story and a barn little further up the hill but visible from the house.. I remember the lilac trees on the left side of the house !- and hah- the outhouse further back on the left side also- !! They had chickens (and one ornery goat!) – so we gathered eggs etc. They sold chickens for a living. We helped collecting eggs – and hiding our eyes when they were killing the chickens for sale !!! We Kellogg kids did not live there for a very long time- only when our mother had to go back to Pittsburg to tie things up for the move to Bath I think. In the meantime- I did attend the 2 rm schoolhouse that is no longer there- but was at the bottom of the hill – about where the curve is-in the main rd- and I think they had later on built something to do with the wine industry, I think.

Rosa and Clarence used to live in a nice old white house on Fish Hatchery Rd- and I stayed there lots of times too while mom was going back and forth with baby Bill and etc- They later moved to a sm house on Mitchellsville Hill Rd. Rosa worked for Taylor all her life and Clarence for Pleasant Valley Wines- - and my own mother for awhile worked as part of the first female team to do labeling at Taylors.

We had just moved to Bath from PA- and that was one of her 2 jobs a day !- (& no car !)- I took care of Shirley and Bill – and we made it !! Bill was only 6 then.-but we had family in Bath- so it was a good place for us to be !! Grandma was nice- grandpa was very solemn and strict ! A good man but not one to smile much !!! Oh yes- I remember the phone on the wall- 3 rings for their line - !!!! A party line !”



Both Hammondsport and Bath, NY (where I lived and grew up, as well as Ethel and family, Mil and family, and Bea and her family), are located in Steuben County, which is the Southern Tier of NYS.

Elmer and his family (me), Sue and Bea, and Ethel and her 3 kids all lived across the street from one another on Vermont St. in Bath.



The house above was owned by Bea Wright Enscoe where Sue grew up, and upstairs was where Ethel and her 3 kids lived (Bun, Shirl & Bill) during the 40s and early 50s. This is also the house Elmer and Louise lived in when I was born (1944), after they had lived with Grandma & Grandpa In Hammondsport. And that house is where we all would have our family get-togethers until the mid 70s. Fond memories of there.



Right across the street was #24 Vermont St., (above right) where Elmer and his family later lived, and where I grew up until we moved to Elmira in January of 1956. Below that is a view of Vermont street, which was a fun street to live on when I was young.

To the right is the school where most of us of my generation went to school. It was then Haverling Central School in Bath, NY. Today, it is the Lyon Elementary School. I remember we would meet in the middle of Vermont St. and all walk together to school.



As we drive around Bath, we see the Centenary United Methodist Church. This is the church that Ethel, Bill & Shirley attended. Over the years, it has been added to, so it looks a little different, but behind this newer façade you can still find the older part of the church.

Elmer was a Methodist, but when he did attend church, he would go with Louise, Dick and me to Trinity Episcopal Church across the street from our old school, near downtown Bath.



Let's turn around and head back towards Hammondsport from Bath, which is mostly a straight shot from downtown Bath to Hammondsport on Route 54, then taking a left onto Main Street and head to Grandma & Grandpa Wright's house. Takes about 15 minutes. But first, let's stop to pay our respects to our family who are buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, about midway there. Below is the marker for Grandma & Grandpa, Edward & Hattie Wright.

At the top of the next page are the marker where Elmer, Louise & Dick Wright are buried. And then, there is Bea's marker.



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Just a little further down the road towards Hammondsport, is the Pleasant Valley Winery and Bed and Breakfast. I have fond memories of here too, as this is where Shirley & Dave had their wedding reception, as did Sue & Keith.

Last I heard, the property, winery and B&B were up for sale. It always had a very unique atmosphere, and very special ambiance about it. And, of course, the memories.



If we head through Hammondsport, and up the Western side of Keuka Lake, you will find Snug Harbor. This also has a lot of memories for our wRightSide family. The property was owned by Karen Kellogg's parents, and we all used to collect there when we had a get-together for any reason, wedding, funeral, cottage rentals, etc. More recently, we had our Memorial Get-Together there after the church and internment for our cousin Bill Kellogg. It felt good to be back there, but for a rather sad reason. Below is Kathy in front of the restaurant, and the second photo shows you the wonderful view from upstairs of Keuka Lake. We basically spent most of our childhood in, on and around Keuka Lake.



If you have enjoyed our little journey around Bath & Hammondsport and Keuka Lake, please let me know. Especially if you have photos you would like to contribute. Please send them in JPG format, what & where & when info to: maredayt@yahoo.com.