

History of The Quechee Inn at Marshland Farm (cont.)

The Lieutenant Governor's house stayed in the Marsh family for two more generations. Joseph's grandson, Daniel mortgaged the property to Judge John Porter. Judge Porter and his wife, Jane, took possession of Marshland, complete with widow Marsh in residence in 1846. After over half of the century at Marshland, both the Porters died in early 1900's. Marshland Farm was sold to close out the Porter's estate. The Leightons purchased the farm and used it as a lumber mill for over forty years. According to letters, it seems that "Marshland" was back in the Marsh family in the mid-1940's. Charles Dempster Marsh sold the property in 1948 to Stuart George. Mr. George returned the property to its original use as a dairy farm. The farm had three owners over the next twelve years, all of them being dairy farmers.



In the 1960's, the Hartland Dam was enlarged, changing the flood plain of the Ottauquechee River. All of the properties on the plain had to be either moved or sold at auctions. Any buildings remaining were to be burned. Logan Dickey, who owned Marshland Farm at the time, moved the house and the barn, (one of the longest in Vermont) off the flood plain by using railroad ties. He continued to operate "Marshland" as a dairy farm.

The Delaware-based Quechee Lakes Corporation purchased the farm consisting of approximately four hundred acres from the Dickeys in October of 1968. The house became the first of many Q.L.C. office locations throughout the village. By 1975, the demand for overnight accommodations in Quechee had drastically increased. To meet the need, the corporation converted the farmhouse into a seventeen-room Inn. Three years later, a Washington lawyer, Michael Yaroschuk, and his wife, Barbara, purchased the five and one-half acre lot and Inn in March of 1978. After seven years of Yaroschuk's management, and after Michael's death in March of 1985, The Quechee Inn was sold to Baron Capital Corporation on April 29, 1985. On January 30, 1995, Rodger W. Perry and his family of Simsbury, Connecticut purchased the Inn. The Quechee Inn joins other fine inns, resorts and small hotels that are proud of their history and individuality as part of Rodger's Pinnacle Hospitality Group. After a two-year nomination process, Marshland Farm was designated a National Historic Site on September 3, 1998.

