

PICTURESQUE HILLSDALE

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An Illustrated Brochure showing some of the Principal Residences, Churches, School Building, Street Scenes, and Scenes along the Pascack River.

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HILLSDALE, N. J.

1899.



The Healing Oak.

Special Attractions.

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TO those seeking homes in the country, Hillsdale offers attractions to be found in very few places; there is no malaria in the village or township of Hillsdale and the people are never troubled with those pests, the mosquitoes, which makes life miserable to so many residents of towns near New York.

The air is clear, dry and bracing, and has been found to be beneficial to those suffering from lung and throat troubles.

The Soil is sandy, and the Water is the purest found in New Jersey, always clear and cool, having the same temperature the year around. Trains on the New Jersey & New York (Erie) Railroad run frequently, over twenty-four a day both ways, many of them are expresses, making the distance from Jersey City in forty minutes.

Elegant well-shaded building lots can be obtained at a very reasonable price.

The Village is well lighted and the streets are clean, the Park question is settled and there will soon be a beautiful park opposite the station.

The Hillsdale Improvement Society is made up of the best and most progressive citizens of the township, who are determined to bring the township of Hillsdale up to the front rank of excellency.

Hillsdale has a good public library which is located in the School building.

Our Public School.

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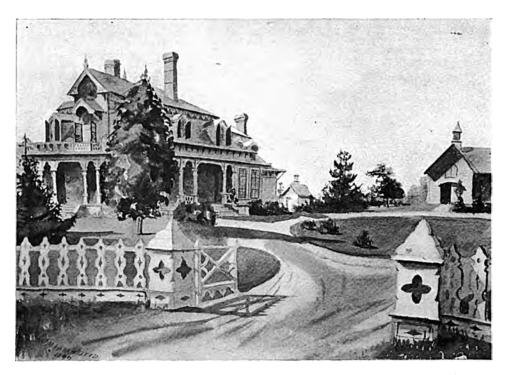
IS an Institution of education that every parent and citizen of Hillsdale township is much interested and proud of and should be, as will be seen by the true Photo Engraving. The building is well constructed and contains four commodious rooms, which are well lighted and ventilated. The school is heated with steam and has a seating capacity for about 250 scholars and has all the modern appliances for school work. The building is nicely situated in a fine well shaded grove facing a broad avenue and has ample playgrounds equal to the demands of the boys and girls of each grade.

The new school district was formed in September, 1898, with one teacher and 36 children in attendance; now it has three teachers and will soon have another added, making four teachers with 150 scholars.

The teachers are all Normal graduates with high character and qualifications, and much credit is due Superintendent Mr. J. A. Coe and his able assistants, Miss Jennie Thorpe, and Miss Louise M. Betticher, for the high standard of excellence the school presents to-day.



Hillsdale Public School.



BROOK SIDE PINES.

The Handsome Residence of John H. Riley, taken from a Painting.



Brook Side Pines, Circle and Driveway of John H. Riley.

Historical Sketch of Hillsdale, N. J.

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Hillsdale Township as it now exists, was in the last century a part of the Province of New York and is a part of what was known as the Harrington Township in 1840; the Township of Washington was set off from the Township of Harrington and now the Township of Hillsdale is a part of the old Township of Washington, and it has greatly increased in population and valuation in the last two years, as many people have moved here from New York and Brooklyn who have bought property and have built some beautiful homes in both Hillsdale, River Vale and the Manor; where they have all the advantages and comforts of a fine country home within easy reach of their business.

River Vale is located east of Hillsdale and is part of Hillsdale Township and is nicely situated in a high and beautiful section overlooking a beautiful range of valley and tableland; River-Vale is also an historic place, as during the Revolutionery War there was one of the most inhuman deeds ever enacted in the history of any war known to the Civilized World. It is known as the massacre of Col. Baylor's troops at Tappan, now River Vale; it occurred early one morning while the troops were asleep, being worn out by long and heavy marches through mud and rain.

With but very few soldiers to do guard duty, not suspecting that the enemy was within miles of their camp. Information was furnished by the Tories to Gen. Gage of the red coats, who was known as the "No Flint General," as he on this occasion compelled his men to remove the flints



Specimen of Massive Hyderangea

from their gun locks and charge with fixed bayonets and bayonet and club our brave soldiers to death and then threw their mangled bodies into tan vats which were in the adjoining field. After the close of the war some of the patriotic settlers took up these sacre bodies and buried them in a green plot on the west bank of the Hackensack River at the present junction of old the Tappan and River Vale Road; and marked these crude but sacred graves with a mill-stone taken from an old mill up the river. The old mill-stone can be seen to-day half buried and covered with moss of over a century. The place is about 500 feet from the iron bridge on the River Vale road and about 50 feet from the river in a northerly direction.

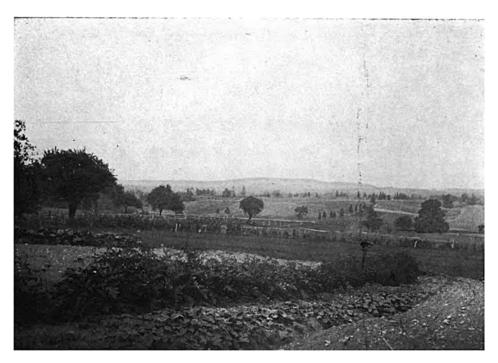
Hillsdale Manor is situated in the northern part of Hillsdale and is the highest point around Hillsdale; has like Hillsdale and River Vale good wide well shaded and well kept streets with comfortable homes dotted over all the Manor and within five minutes of the Manor Station, which is a beautiful stone and wood structure built and presented to the Erie Railroad by the Manor people. The Manor situation offers a splendid opportunity for a good well-kept hotel for the accommodation of the many summer boarders seeking Hillsdale as a health and summer resort.



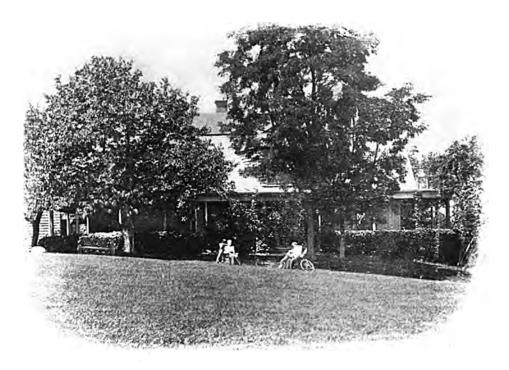
Lack of space compels the writer of this beautiful work to state facts in a concise manner as possible.

Any information regarding property in the township of Hillsdale will be cheerfully given to anyone interested in this book, by the publisher.

C. H. DUNN, HILLSDALE, N. J.



Echo Glen Farm. Landscape View looking east from Hon. A. C. Holdrum.



Residence of Walter Stanton, looking west.



Driveway of Walter Stanton, looking east.

HILLSDALE.

These Lines are Dedicated to Hillsdale by John H. Rohrs.

Hillsdale in the valley,
By the mountain side;
Here the air is balmy,
Healthy, pure and bright.

Yonder through the valley, Flows a silvery stream; Adding sparkling beauty, To the valley scene.

Nature in her glory,
Country folks enjoy;
Peaceful and contented,
All there time employ.

City ways and whimsies,

Troubles not their hearts;

More than style and fashion,

Is in nature's garb.

Here the city dweller,

Findeth peace and rest;

Noisy scenes and tumuit,

His mind will not distress

Happy are the children,
Beneath the cloudless skies;
Dancing, romping, singing,
Till the night is nigh.

With love the Christian churches,
Are teaching right and truth;
Point the way to moral
To the rising youth.

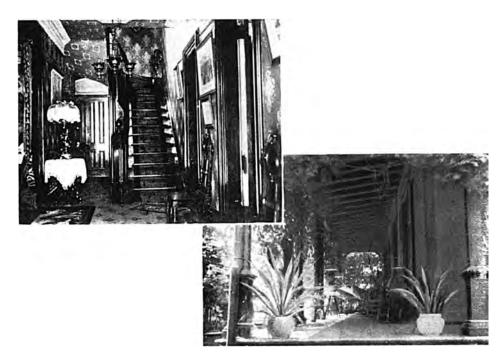
Then let us be contented In our happy sphere; And live a life of honor While we are here.



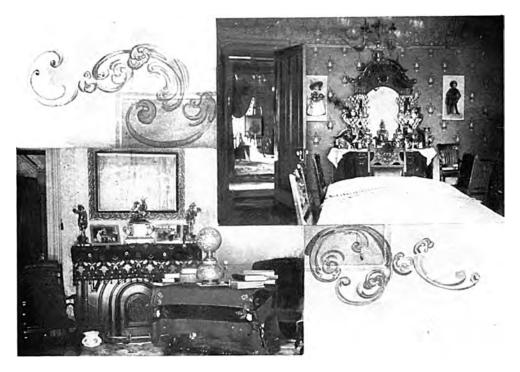
Methodist Church of Hillsdale.



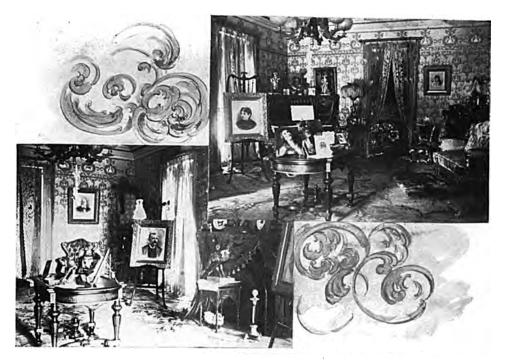
Brook Side Pines, residence of John H. Riley.



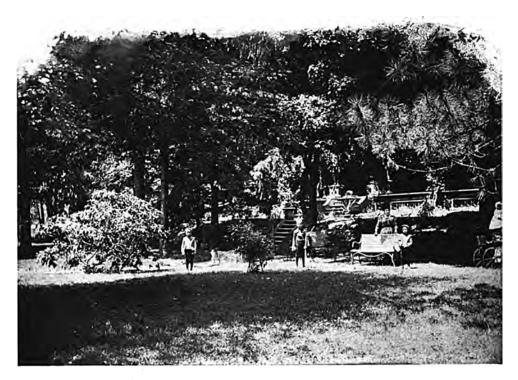
Hall and Staircase and Veranda of John H. Riley.



Library and Dining Room of John H. Riley.



Parlor of John H. Riley.



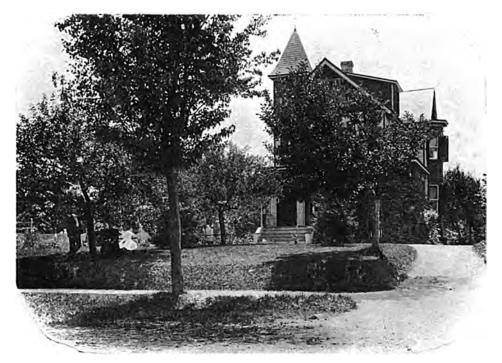
Brook Side Pine Entrance and Lawn of John H. Riley.



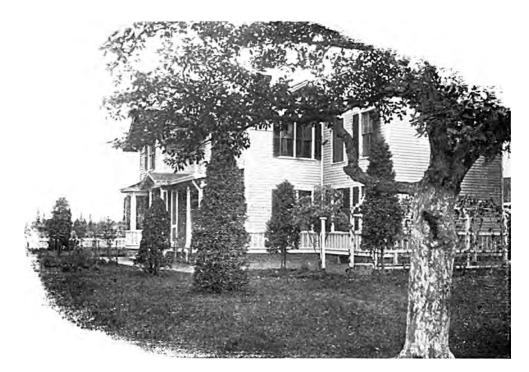
Residence of Mrs. Rachel Ackerman.



Residence of W. W. Banta,



Residence of J H. D. Krone,



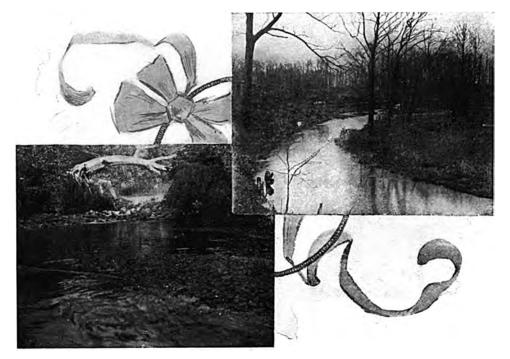
Residence of Henry Brune.



Barn and Grounds of Henry Brune.

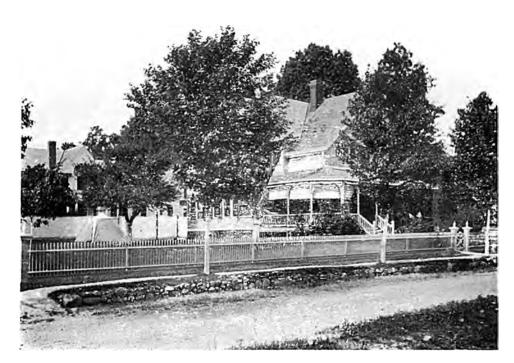


Cottage of Charles Jacquin.



Tree Bridge over Jacquin Lake.

Winter Scene on Pascack Creek.



Residence of B. C. Stewart.



Residence of Francis R. Fast.



Bruner's Cottage. Residence of Mr. Paul Caivet.



Colemier Lake, near Manor Station.



Residence of Orran S. Trall.



Hillsdale Avenue Bridge.



Episcopal Church,



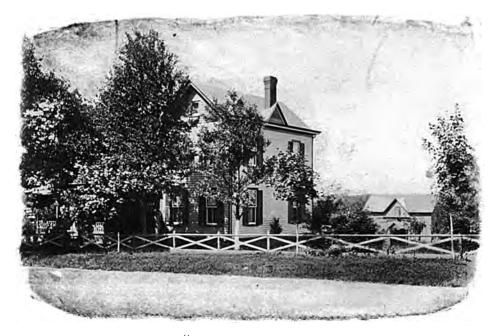
Residence of Francis Bennet.



Residence of L. B. Van Wagonen.



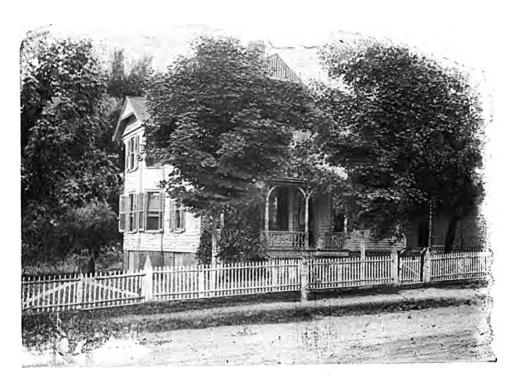
Residence of R. W. Jepson.



Residence of Herman Roms.



River Vale, looking north from Mr. Johnston's Roadway.



Residence of Calvin Gardenier.



River Vale Chapel.



Lawn Tennis Grounds and Garden of G. A. Klemming.



Picturesque Residence of G. A. Klemming.



Residence of Hon. Abram C. Holdrum,



Barn and Poultry Yard of Hon. Abram C. Holdrum.



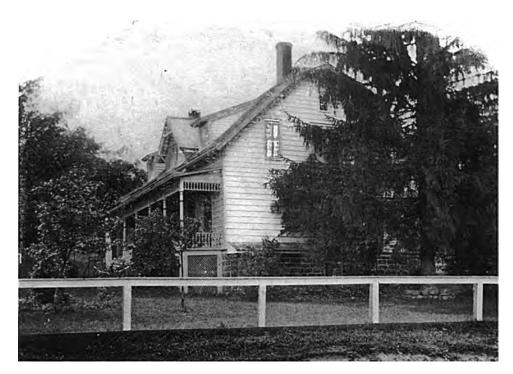
Residence of W. H. Dennis.



Beautiful Grounds of John H. Edelmeyer.



Bridge Crossing the Hackensack at River Vale.



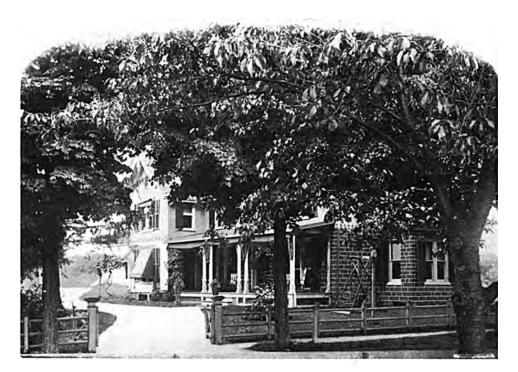
Residence of George Seaman.



Residence of Mr. Harvey Johnston.



Beautiful Grounds of Mr. Harvey Johnston.



Residence of John II. Edelmeyer.



River Vale Avenue, looking north from Mr. Edelmeyer's Readway.



Residence of Mr. Ira Taylor.

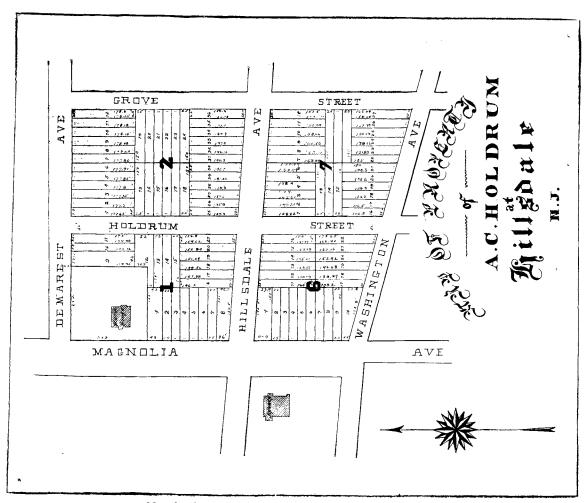


Vine Arch of Mr. Ira Taylor.

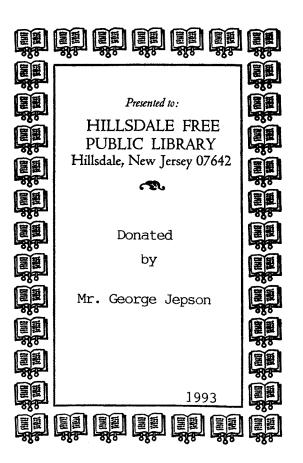


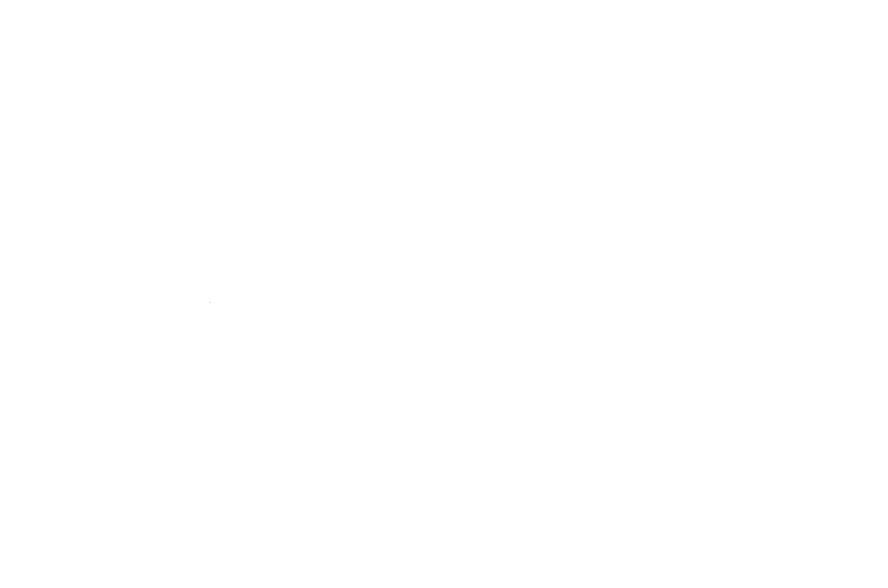
Residence of Harry Foster.

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Map showing part 300 lots belonging to Hon. A. C. Holdrum.







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