

Mountain House #261 Mountain Rd.

Historical Facts

- Daniel Howe enlarged the Micah Hobbs farm in 1856 to make room for guests.
- In 1859 Moses and Samuel Bullard purchased it. A new wing and additional story were added to allow for 100 beds, in 1880.
- In 1894 it was sold to Derby of Fitchburg, who then sold it in 1914 to Doherty of Somerville. It burned on July 11, 1914.

Mountain House Advertisement



"Daniel Howe enlarged a farm house formerly owned by Micah Hobbs at the base of Wachusett and began taking summer boarders in 1856. In 1859 Samuel C. and Moses H. Bullard bought the property of Mr. Howe, built a barn and opened the Mountain House to the public. They added a story to the main house, and built an additional wing in 1880's. This enabled them to accommodate about one-hundred guests.

Mr. Samuel Bullard died in 1887 and his brother Moses H. continued the business until he sold to Gilbert A. Derby of Fitchburg in 1894. Mr. Derby conducted the hotel for nine years. The property changed owners several times until George E. Doherty of Somerville purchased it in the spring of 1914.

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What The Worcester Columbian Tribute Wrote About the Mountain House

"This favorite summer resort is situated on the eastern slope of Wachusett Mountain, in Princeton, one of the most charming locations in the town. From its high elevation, the air is pure and bracing, and the evenings of the warmest days are uniformly cool and delightful. While overlooking a wide extent of varied scenery, its immediate environs abound in picturesque views and beautiful drives.

From this high elevation, 1,300 feet, there is seldom dew upon the grass, and it is perfectly free from the humid air and mosquitoes so annoying in other places.

The table at this popular house is abundantly supplied, and its time-honored landlord, Mr. M. H. Bullard, and his good family, are always on the alert for the comfort of their numerous guests."

