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At the top of hill was the anchor of Great Notch; the Erie Railroad Station with its water tower and its signal tower, a big potbelly stove was inside. It was more than just a station, it was



meeting place, and was the place to get your mail and daily newspaper. It was also where Mr. Shelton, the stationmaster and his wife tended to your requests. Up until the mid fifties, there was no mail delivery in the Notch.



The station was destroyed by fire on January 20, 1988 The **Great Notch Association** had an early picture of the station restored. Two oil paintings of the LF Railroad Station hang in the Civic Center. were done by **Don Carlock**.

A picture of an old Erie steam engine and passenger train of around 1909 showing the conductor and passengers dressed in the custom of that time was ordered restored by **George E. Shern**. Across the wooden railroad bridge that rattled every time a car went by, and across from the Great Notch Fire House was the Smith Hotel with some 21 rooms for 30 guest Reasonable rates, like \$5 per day or \$6 to \$9 per week and close to transportation made this a popular

place to stay.

**Ellen Lulio** had the picture of the hotel restored in memory of

Pat Viterito, a

volunteer firefighter and long time resident of the Notch. Long Hill Road became a problem because it was so steep to make the grade.

Therefore, in the late 1800's a cut was made in the road. This is pictured in the reproduction ordered by **Joan Imandt**.

In the Notch there were once many quarries, which employed may residents of Little Falls. One such quarry is pictured in memory of the Viterito family.

Two persons responsible for many of the original pictures of the Beattie Carpet Mill and the Beattie family in our collection are Bob Stephen of Little Falls and Robert Williams of Montgomery, NY. It is through foresight that we have such a collection that can relate the history of this company and this community.

Recently we received from the **Dragan family** in Singac a picture of the building of the Beattie Dam around 1878. This picture is in poor condition but sometime in the future it will be restored.

We thank all who have contributed to both of these projects. We are grateful to John Kosachook, Effie Moore, the Gorabs the Curreris the Lees, Barbara Lang, the Longs, the Lanes, Sandy Partridge, Mike Griffith, Dot Schaffer, Jim Brady, the Daniels, Ralph Carrigan and many more for their foresight in collecting articles



and pictures about Little Falls. We hope that as the hands of time revolve about the face of the town clock, others will be reminded to contribute to the history of Little





Falls by telling stories and sharing pictures with us. As **Gene Liss** said when he was proposing our motto, "If you love Little Falls you will know its past and share in its present as well as Its future."

The fine work of restoring and framing all these pictures was done by Sol Emanuel and his assistant at the Digital imagining Center, 14116 Willowbrook Mall. The Society thanks them for their assistance. In this project.