

HOMESTEAD SANATORIUM

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Horace W. Carpentier was born north of Barkersville in 1824. He attended local schools and graduated from Columbia Law School in New York City as a lawyer.

After graduating, he traveled to California during the gold rush of 1849 and accumulated a fortune worth several million dollars.

About 1905 he deeded his father's Homestead to Saratoga County hoping the 200 acres might be used as a T.B. Sanatorium or some similar use for health purposes.

Around 1913, Mulford Neahr and Supervisors had a picnic on the lawn of the Barker property and decided it would be a good place for a T.B. hospital. Gave them \$2000 to clear the hill and view so it was put $\frac{1}{2}$ mile above the spot where he was born. Inspections were made of the Carpenter home sight, to be called "Homestead Sanatorium". Mr. Carpentier gave \$5600 in 1915 for a 20 bed pavilion to the Homestead. He also spent \$1000 per year improving the road to the Sanatorium for several years.

In his will, Mr. Carpentier bequeathed \$40,000 to the Sanatorium. He also built the Carpentier Infirmary at the old County Home near Ballston Spa.

Mr. Carpentier owned a house in Galway called the Galway Mansion where he summered. The house, on Mechanic St. was owned by Edward Carpentier and Mirah Hall Williamson where he visited with the family. Mirah left the mansion to Mrs. Walters who lived there until the house burned in 1929 or 1930.

Horace Carpentier built the Dean Lung Road from Galway to the mansion on Mechanic St. The new road was named for the Chinese House Man.

The cemetery plot where Mr. Carpentier is buried, and the whole cemetery is taken care of by a Trust Fund left to the Association.

Mr. Carpentier did much for the Town, as some residents were employed at the Homestead Sanatorium and many were cured of T.B.