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Berryville
Logan
Waters (Bradford)
Cornwall
Vanderbilt
Rush school

Berryville

A few houses, grist mill, peavey stock mill and general store and sawmill

Mostly hemlock and pine trees

After Berry moved to Vanderbilt there was a summer resort on the property - in the 1920's.

Logan

Post office, shingle and lathe mill, Rogers(Rodgers) built a sawmill. Had a round house for RR. Yuill Bros. owned the RR line

School was there also.

2 1/2 miles east of Logan on Sturgeon River there was a shingle mill.

Vanderbilt

Named for Wm. H. Vanderbilt, RR magnet and head of RR company.

Factories in Vanderbilt included a stave mill, broom handle factory that used maple wood, two butter bowl factories, shingle mill.

In 1881 a road was built to Vanderbilt. U.S. 27 now goes through stave mill yard.

Cornwall

Near Cornwall dam

Rush School

The district's # 1 school

Two schoolhouses. One was a log bldg. built 2 miles west of mile crossing. The second schoolhouse was built further east.

Also a school 1/2 east of rr. When Vanderbilt built their school this one room schoolhouse was torn down and they were incorporated into Vanderbilt.

Rush school went by reading levels not grades. Levels were 1-5.

Pine trees - east of Vanderbilt

So much brush from cutting logs it was "windrowed" into 6-10 ft. high piles. Often caught fire. Burnt over land was ideal for huckleberries. Indians from Petoskey area would come over. Probably 25-30 people all within their families. Women and children would pick berries; men would haul to Vanderbilt with their small ponies. They took them to the RR depot and the berries were shipped out. Bushels and bushels were picked.

There was little games for hunting in the hardwood forests- mature trees with no undergrowth for habitat.

Waters

Originally called Bradford after Mr. Bradford who built a mill there. When Henry Stevens the first bought the mill he renamed town Waters.

Waters had a boarding house for 100-150 workers and 40-50 homes that were rented to families. Men with families received 13.00 month more in wages to take care of themselves and families.(They did not stay in boarding house).

There were two mills. The south mill had a band saw. Old mill had circular saws/ There was a lathe mill at both spots. Lathe was made from slab wood or culled timber. The slabs were cut off the logs when they squared the log so it could be cut into planks or lumber.

When they had a 4" plank which was infrequently, it was saved to be cut into matches.

Food names

Corned beef - Red Horse

Fat Pork - Sow Belly