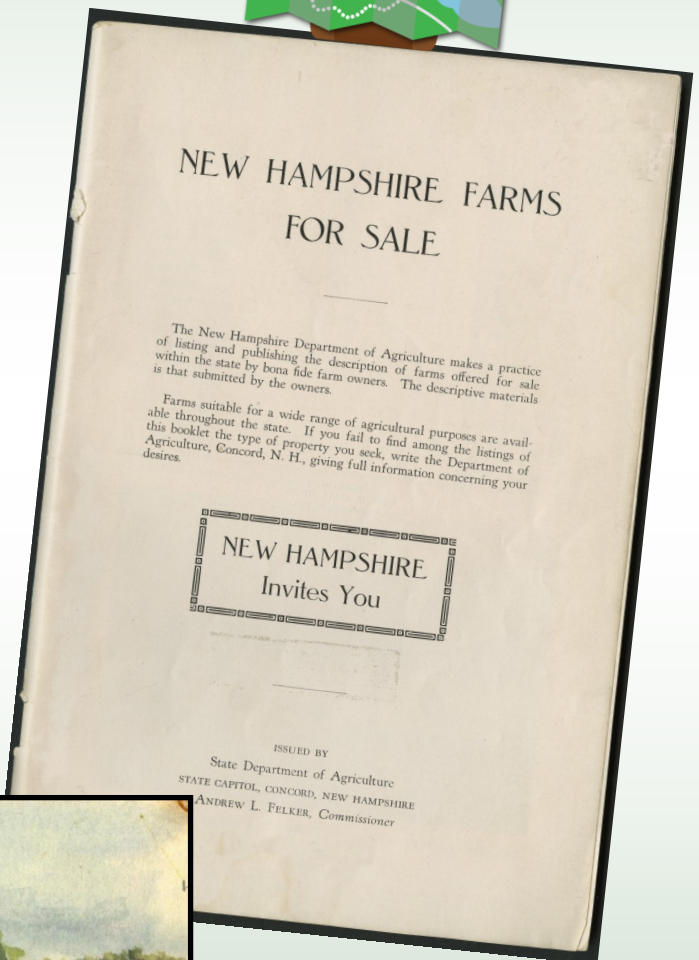


# FARMS TO SUMMER HOMES

In the late 1800s, many Granite Staters gave up on farming in New Hampshire and either moved to the cities where they got jobs in factories or businesses or tried farming in the Midwest.

Many of the people who left abandoned their farms. In fact, there were so many abandoned farms that the State of New Hampshire started printing a booklet of farms for sale. They sent the booklet all over the northeastern United States to try to convince people to move to New Hampshire.

Since the state was already a popular tourist destination, wealthy people from cities like Boston, New York, and Philadelphia bought many of these abandoned farms and turned them into summer homes.



# Could This Farm Make a Good Summer Home?



Answer the questions by reading this advertisement, published in the "New Hampshire Farms for Sale" booklet in 1920. Then make your decision if you want to buy it and use it as a summer house, a farm, or something else!

Farm of 250 acres: 75 in tillage with 50 A. meadow on Connecticut River bottom. Sugar orchard of 300 trees. A quantity of timber with some ready to cut; plenty of wood. Small brook runs through pasture. 17-room house in fair condition; equipped with



steam heat, hot and cold water, set tubs and electric lights. Nice piazza. Large wood shed with 2-car garage. Located in Orford on the "street," so-called, and on the Dartmouth College Road, direct route for tourist travel from Springfield, Hartford and New York to White Mountains. Well adapted for summer tourist business; no hotel nearby. Near Lake Morey. About a mile to R. R. station and 1/2 mile to store, post office, school, etc. Price, \$15,000.—Mrs. F. B. Morrison, Orford.

## Notice & Wonder

- If you were a farmer, what natural products does this property produce?
- How much land is for sale with this property?
- How many rooms does the house have?
- What features does the house have that might make it comfortable to stay there?
- The advertisement suggests using the property not as a summer home for one family but as something else related to tourism. What is that suggestion?
- Why would tourists possibly like the location of this property? What is nearby?
- There are clues in this advertisement about where in New Hampshire this property was located. Can you figure out what region of the state it was in?
- What is the price of this property? Do you think that amount is a lot of money for a property like this or a little bit of money? Can you guess how much a property like this might sell for today?



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