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Farewell to Eldred

By Louise Elizabeth Smith

Halfway Brook. Paperback. Condition: New. 520 pages. Dimensions: 10.9in. x 8.1in. x 1.3in. Farewell to Eldred concludes the story of the families who settled on either side of Halfway Brook, in the Town of Highland, New York, first read about in *The Mill on Halfway Brook*, and continued in *Echo Hill* and *Mountain Grove*. Through the eyes of her Austin and Leavenworth relatives, Louise Smith weaves an account of the daily lives of the descendants of early settlers (Austin, Leavenworth, Eldred, Myers, Bodine, Bradley, Bosch, Clark, Gardner, Hallock, Mills, Boyd, Horton, Parker, Greig, Stege, Sergeant, and Tether) who still lived in one of the five hamlets: Eldred, Highland Lake, Yulan, Barryville, or Minisink Ford, in the Town of Highland (originally Lumberland). We meet newcomers (Frey, Hensel, Theuer, Pankow, Hainzl, Bertram, Lorphelin, and Mellan), often from New York City, who purchase and run established boarding houses still vital to the area's economy. The Erie Railway, Barryville Glass Factory (for a short while), and (later) Narrowsburg Lumber also offered employment. Some 50 first-person reminiscences tell of stills, baseball teams, radio KDKA, the arrival of electricity, boarding house life, flooding, the Depression, the search for employment, and World War II, in the years...



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