

Cementon, Penna.

In 1895 Milton Steinmetz started a bottling works and carried it on five years. He was succeeded by William Steinmetz from 1900 to 1907, and since then the plant has been operated by John Rumsy (with four to seven teams according to trade and six employees) for the Northampton Brewing Co., owner of the property.

In 1884 the village contained two stores, tow hotels, a school house with two schools, railroad station and 300 inhabitants. In 1913 it was recognized as a town of 1,200 inhabitants, with 160 dwellings, three large hotels, one general store, Union church, large cement works, large graded brick school edifice and improved railroad accommodations.

The water for domestic uses has been supplied by the Clear Springs Water Co. of Catasauqua since 1899; and the electric light by the Catasauqua Electric L. & P. Co.

DEPARTMENT STORES:

In 1891, O.E.Gruver started a general store on the opposite side of the street from where it is now and carried on a large and increasing business until 1913 when he moved into his present spacious three-story brick building and has since conducted there a fine department store, and the post office was then located in the store.

Jacob Jones began keeping a store at this village in 1844, and in connection with the mercantile business he conducted a "temperance Hotel

POST OFFICE

A post office by the name of Cementon was established by the post office department Feb. 27th, 1891. The inhabitants suggested the name of Whitehall, but this had already been taken for another locality in the state and Cementon was substituted because the village was in the cement region. The Postmasters have been:

John Roth, 1891.
Edwin Semmel, 1892-1895
Charles Shaeffer, 1895-1911.
Jeremiah F. Troxell, 1911-

LODGE HALL

In 1890 the Whitehall Beneficial Society was organized and a two-story brick building was then erected, with the first floor set apart for store purposes, and the second for hall and amusement purposes. Gruver occupied the first floor for twenty-one years. The Woodmen of America also hold their meetings in this hall.

HOTELS

Valley House was originally the Siegfried Inn; and continued as such until 1852 when it was demolished by Thomas McKee. The present three-story building was erected in its place, and the name changed to Whitehall Hotel. William Miller afterward became the proprietor, changed the name to Valley House, and carried on the business until 1890 when William A. Wieder became the owner and he has conducted the place until the present time.

Laurel House was established by David Peter in 1868 and named after "Laurel Hill" in the village. He carried on the business for a number of years and he was succeeded by different parties, the last being Tilghman Smith since 1910.