A.B. HOUGHTON ACQUIRES TITLE TO HIGHLAND PINES

Deeds To Lands Needed For His Fine New Home Are Delivered

The real estate transferes recorded at the County Clerk's office in Bath during the past week show that the title to several bits of property located in the vicinity of the Highland Pines. Sanitarium property in the southern part of the city where Alanson B. Houghton is to erect next summer the finest residence to be found in southern New York have now passed to Mr. Houghton who for some time has been securing and closing options on property in this vicinity through Quincy W. Wellington and Francis C. Williams.

Allen E. Klopp of Buffalo has sold the Sanitarium property of 10 acres and several buildings to Mr. Houghton. Mrs. Matilda Smith has sold her property on East street to Mr. Houghton. Properties of Dr. W. H. Proctor, Georgia D. Lucas and R. Howard Curtis have also been sold to Mr. Houghton and the deeds have been reported.

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EVENING LEADER - December 2, 1915

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The property upon which Mr. Wellington has been asking options as agent for Mr. Houghton is embraced in the section of the city lying south of Summit avenue and Catherine streets, west of East street and east of the South side resrvoir property. Towards the south the property to be included in the empending purchase extends into the town of Corning to include the Highland Pines Sanitarium property. This property, covered with a growth of beautiful pines, includes 10 acres of land on the northern face of Spencer Hill. It includes all the land on the northern face of Spencer Hill not included in the purchase by a syndicate of wealthy Corningites several years ago for the purpose of preserving the natural beauty of the hill slope which was then in danger of being destroyed by the mercenary axe of the woodsman.

Many Residence Properties Included.

Included in the entire area is about 18 acres of land. Besides the Highland Pines Sanitarium property with the main Sanitarium building, barns, etc., the property which is to be included within the purchase, if present plans do not miscarry, are the residence properties of Dr. W. H. Proctor, Dr. C. F. Buckland, Sturgus F. Cary, Otto P. Cole, an unoccupied residence with barns attached located on South High street and now owned by J. Phillip Young of Corning, a residence on South High street owned by Mrs. Matilda Smith. It is also reported that the plans will later be extended so as to include the residence properties of Russell Storrs and James Gllespie located on Catherine street, although no options have as yet been sought upon these last two pieces of property

Besides these properties upon most of which fine residences recently completed and thoroughly modern in every respect stand, Mr. Wellington is negotiating for the purchase of a number of building lots in the same vicinity. These lots belong to the Charles F. Houghton estate, to the Mrs. Walter Bissell estate, of which Misses Alice and Charlotte Hawkes of Corning are the chief heirs, to Joseph Lucas of Bath, and others.

May Ask That Streets Be Closed.

The tracts within the city limits which Mr. Wellington desires to purchase include practically all the Hood, Houghton and Bissell additions to the city of Corning. They are all south of the old village line. In the limits of the city of Corning the property includes about eight acres of land with their buildings. Some whole city streets are included in the area as South High street, Park street and Riverview avenue. If the deal goes through as planned, it is probable that later Mr. Houghton will seek to have these streets closed and that he will undertake to purchase from the city of Corning the land now occupied by the streets.

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Mr. Wellington Non Committal.

Seen by a Leader reporter and asked the purpose for which he was purchasing these lands and seeking options Mr. Wellington said: "I am not at liberty at present to state. I can only say that if the matter comes to maturity, that it will be something very nice for the people of Corning. The matter, however, is entirely a private one and is being carried on for a private purpose."

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It is now pretty well settled in the minds of the residents of the vicinity most interested that the property is desired for the purpose of creating a semi-country estate for Alanson B. Houghton, a son-in-law of Mr. Wellington. Mr. Houghton is taking a great interest in the engaging operations that have been going on for the past two weeks in the vicinity affected. With his wife he has made almost daily visits to the vicinity, and he has spent much time in examining the natural beauties of the vicinity.

Engineers At Work.

Robert H. Canfield and Charles H. Voorhees, engineers, have surveyed practically the entire tract of ground included in the territory mentioned above. The beautiful knoll today as a result appears as if it had been the scene of a peg driving contest.

Mr. Houghton is said to have plans for a magnificent country place that will stand just behind the slightly knoll. There will be a private water system and every modern improvement and comfort for the establishment.

Mr. Houghton has a beautiful summer place at Salters Point near South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where his summers are spent. There he has developed a natural fondness for rural quiet and scenes. The site he has selected for his new Corning home affords one of the most magnificent views to be found anywhere in the vicinity, and in the natural beauty of its surroundings it is not surpassed any where in this vicinity.

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EVENING LEADER - August 24, 1916

WORK IS ALREADY UNDER WAY UPON MANSION THAT WILL COST \$50,000

The knoll at the head of Cedar street with an elevation of 300 feet above the city which is the site of Alanson B. Houghton's new residence, now overlooks the city of Corning and the valley of the Chemung to the north. The property located partially in the city and partially in the town of Corning, contains something over 14 acres with an east and west frontage of 600 feet. Back of the house site the range of hills heavily covered with evergreen and deciduous trees, rises to a still farther elevation of 500 feet. The elevation, the luxuriance of foilage and other physical advantages, determined the selection of the site for building.

The Plans Projected

The plans as projected comprise the house, the garage, the necessary buildings for the water supply system, the gardens and the approaches.

The approach to the house at the head of Park Place, which leads south to that of Summit avenue near the head of Cedar street, is designed as a winding road with stone abutment walls passing through a stately grove of pine trees and thence emerging with a wide sweep and with easy grades to the porte cochere, protecting principal entrance to the house. Passing directly under the house the road continues to the garage at the easterly side of the property and from which a further continuation leads to the service court road and entrance.

Built of Corning Brick

The exterior of the house and other buildings is to be of rough textured brick of Corning manufacture laid in flemish bond with wide struck points. The style may be described as an adaptation of modern English in the vernacular manner with pitched and slated roofs and with balanced diversification of hips and gables.

Massive chimneys give the proper accents to the skyline and building from the ground up effectually buttress and anchor the house to te steep slopes of the hillside.

No effort has been made to create an artifical site: on the contrary the architect, Howard Greenley, has utilized to the fullest extent the natural grades so that the several levels of the house should conform to them thus securing that adaptation of the house to the contours which is always essential to successful design.

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It has thus been possible to arrive at a number of attractive solutions in the proportion of the rooms in the interior, among which the library may be mentioned. This room 30 feet wide by 36 feet in length will have a celling height of nearly 20 feet and at its northerly end will be lighted by a great bay with brick and stone mullions forming the subdivision for 24 leaded glass windows.

The house is to be constructed of fireproof materials throughout, lighted by electricity and heated by hot water. The interior finish will be largely of wood with stone and ceramic tile floors in the principal rooms. There will be 22 rooms; eight servants' rooms and 11 baths. The majority of the apartments will have three exposures and on the south will overlook attractive formal garden occupying the space between the knoll and the rising terraces of the hillside in the rear. The accompanying perspective drawing made by the architect to illustrate this article shows the house from the north-easterly corner of the property.

The house when complete is expected to cost \$50,000. It will be ready for occupancy during the summer of 1917. It is being built by R. S. Russell of Buffalo as the contractor.

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What was thought to be a "fourth of July" joke was perpetrated last evening about \$20 o'clock when someone stepped from behind a tree near the Centerville schoolhouse in Centerville and shot what is thought to have been a 32 calibre revolver at the tires of the automobile owned and driven by Ray Hatfield, of Painted Post, as Mr. Hatfield was on his way toward Corning with Edward Garritton, also of Painted Post as a passenger. Beports were circulated about the city/last evening and today that all the stands, had been made to therent had been made to present, who is connected intersoli-icand plant at with the Inversoli-Rand plant Painted Post but it proved that

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Pinewood And Highland Pines Both Noted Sanitariums Here

A photograph of Pinewood Saniarare old photo of which was put-tarium, published Thursday by lished Thursday was located on Baker Street near-its present juncbrought a wealth of information about if and its place in community life here and revealed still another of which no picture has yet been found.

Highland Pines Sanitarium long, oblong structure with rooms besides a plarge general medical operating room and a a lounge, was on the approximate site now occupied by The Knoll, according to Mrs. A. C. Johnson, 24 West Sixth Street; who ... once lived in the structure. Pinewood was a Northside institution, she

said. The old Highland Pines , was razed when the present Amory Houghton home was built at The Knoll, It had been built by Dr. W. J. Purdy at the head of Cedar Streef. Later it was purchased by Gw/E. Thomas, Corning groceryman who operated a store on East Market; Street near, Cedar, Cand Thomas, Hopper, employed by Thomas, moved into the big for mer sanitarium to look after it. Miss Mary Hopper his daughter. now. Mrs. Johnson lived there throughout her high school years, she said today. She graduated from CFA: in: 1913.7 The Knoll was built in: 1916.

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Pinewood Sanitarium more or less a Northside com munity center, and on Sunday afternoons frequently Dr. Ingersoll and his wife brought the piano out onto the porch and presented piano-violin concerts to audiences.

Dr. Purdy was president at one time of the Southern Tier Homeo pathic Society: Dr. H. B. Smith was associated with him and other physicians, at Highland Pines on the Southside Dr. Smith retired here a fe wweeks ago. He was coroner for several years

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On the south side of Corning on a hill just above
Cedar Street there was a generally flat area above the normal
contour of the slope of the hill. This flat area was called
The Mound in an 1890 Corning Journal article. Some time
before 1905 The Mound was changed to The Knoll.

There is some speculation that this Mound might have been man-built, attributed to Indian Mound Builders. But it is contended that the Indian Mound Builders did not build any mounds as far east as the Corning area and that it is most probable that such platform type areas around Corning are of glacial origin.

Corning Journal - "September 4, 1890 - Dr. Mark S. Purdy has bought of John Fowler "the mound" above the head of Cedar Street at the foot of the Hill and has contracted with Harry C. Heermans for ten acres of land in the rear and on the south. The land extends up the steep hill mostly, there being several acres sloping at the foot, on which he will build next year a Health Cure or Sanitarium in a grove of pines. The "institution" will be for patients desiring the massage or Swedish Movement or electrical treatment. (It was also used as a hospital.)"

Corning, New York The Crystal City 1891 states "All manner of diseases of the nervous system will be treated -facilities will include baths of all kinds."

Leader - March 5, 1935 - "Highland Pines has 24 rooms besides a large general medical operating room and a lounge."

Corning Journal - February 26, 1891 - "On Tuesday, ground

was broken for Dr. Mark S. Purdy's Sanitarium, at the head of Cedar Street. The building will be in a grove of pines and the name given will be "Highland Pines." It will be of wood, three stories in height, and it is expected that it will be open for patients by the first of July."

The Sanitarium was not in use in about 1905 because of lack of patients and was purchased by G. E. Thomas, a Corning grocer, to be used as a dwelling. It was too lonely there for the Thomas family and they moved to Cedar Street and Mr. Hooper, one of Mr. Thomas' employees, moved in to look after it. There are recollections that around 1910-15 The Knoll was used as a picnic place. The Hoopers lived there until the Sanitarium was torn down in 1915.

There was a separate building adjoining the Sanitarium which was originally used as a lodge and doctors' home.

Before 1905 this lodge was purchased by Dr. Proctor who lived there until 1916-17 when he moved it to its present location, 4 Park Place, just west of the entrance to The Knoll.

Leader, November 12, 1949, states - "The Pine Hill Club, a nonprofit corporation, was established about 1907 to frustrate a plan of others to acquire the hillside and cut off all of its timber for lumber. The group did not want the hillside, which rises above the residential section on the southside of the city, to be denubed down to a bleak area of stumps and grass.

"The Pine Hill Club purchased the Harvey farm on the south slope of the hill and the Lawrence farm on the north slope of the hill.

"The Original incorporators included George B. Hollister,"
Hassell W. Baldwin now of Schenectady, Samuel Hawkes and the
late Messrs. Alanson B. Houghton, Arthur A. Houghton,
Marvin Olcott, Glen W. Cole, Dr. William Churchill, William
W.Sinclaire and Townsend deM. Hawkes. They planted thousands
of pine trees secured from the State Conservation Department."

In 1940 this tract was split up. Amory Houghton, Chairman of the Board of Corning Glass Works, acquiring 70 acres, the Corning-Painted Post Girl Scouts Council taking 20 acres as a site for Camp White Oaks and Dr. Richard O'Brien purchasing the remaining 90 acres.

In 1916 the Highland Pines and some adjoining property were sold to Mr. A. B. Houghton and he had "The Knoll" built as his residence. This has been described as a magnificant estate situated on a hillside at the south side of Corning. New York. The attractively landscaped grounds complement the principal structure on the site, a large and handsome brick residence in the Tudor Revival style. The residence is an excellent example of early twentieth century architecture with impressive exterior proportions and well conceived interior Its sensitive placement in the landscape and its interior reflect a growing awareness on the part of architects of natural light and orientation to the outdoors. A large automobile garage, also in the Tudor Revival style, exists to the east and down the hillside from the residence. Details of this purchase are included in the attached articles published in the Evening Leader - December 2, 1915, December 30, 1915, August 24, 1916.

In 1973 The Knoll was acquired by the Corning Glass
Works to serve as an educational and conference center for
the company. Copy of study of "Conference Center, J.D.
Milner, June 14, 1972" is in secretary's office in The Knoll.
Also attached are:

- 1. Picture of "The Mound."
- 2. Picture of Highland Pine Sanitarium.
- 3. Xerox copies of "Knoll." Originals are in 1973 Study of Conference Center.

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May 13, 1976



OUR INDIVISION



FAME IN OUR TIME

by ARCH MERRILL

THROUGH the pages of Arch Merrill's 19th regional book, FAME IN OUR TIME, march 30 well-remembered Upstate New Yorkers who made their impact on this amazing century. This book completes the "profile" series of four, each dealing with the personalities of an era. The others are Pioneer Profiles, Bloomers and Bugles and Gaslights and Gingerbread.

FAME IN OUR TIME brings you young George Eastman, a bank clerk who took up photography as a hobby, mixing chemicals in his mother's kitchen; barcfooted Frank Gannett peddling papers in a country town; Glenn Curtiss mending bicycles in a village shop; Bob Jackson trying a case by lantern light in a peace justice's barn; "Young Jim" Wadsworth making his maiden political speech in a Genesce Valley hamlet; Elbert Hubbard selling soap at the start of his fabulous career.

You will learn how "Wild Bill" Dono-

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and an explorer and an underrated Governor, Higgins of Olean. bred; Carl Akeley, the Orleans County wright Philip Barry, Rochester-born and farm boy, who won fame as a naturalist preacher of "the Social Gospel"; playof the Heretics"; Walter Rauschenbusch, who wrote so many books he lost count; Little Giant"; Algernon Crapsey, "Last political boss; Clinton N. Howard, "the Aldridge, "The Big Fellow," Rochester's among them Samuel Hopkins Adams, will meet rnany other interesting people, read the moving story of prison reformer Goldman became an anarchist. You will Tom Osborne's last masquerade. You van got his nickname; why "Red Emma"

This region and this century also produced such captains of industry as John N. Willys, George F. Johnson, Thomas J. Watson, Myron C. Taylor, LeRoy's "Jell-O King"; the Houghtons of Corning and John J. Raskob, who also was a political power.

Old grads will relish the stories about "Prexy" Bartlett of Hobart, Rhees of Rochester, Schurman of Cornell and the fiery Day of Syracuse. Adding a dash of spice are Rochester's "Rattlesnake Pete" and Dansville's Lon Whiteman, "prince of penmen."

Arch Merrill puts the spark of life into his characters. There is not a dull line in FAME IN OUR TIME.

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Chapter 21

House of Glass

Corning is a one-industry city and the Corning Glass Works a one-family industry.

For 92 years and through five generations the Houghton family has controlled and operated the Corning Glass Works, which employs 9,000 in a city of 18,000 and which has made the hill-girt Southern Tier community a world center of the technical and art glass industry.

Half way up the mountain above the Crystal City and its row of factories that symbolize its economic lifeline, a great stone mansion stands out among the trees. It is the residence of the reigning head of the Houghton clan and it is symbolic of the relation of the family to the city below.

Amory Houghton, who quit the wharf business to open a glass factory in Somerville, Mass., in 1851, moved his business to Brooklyn in 1864 and in 1868 moved again, this time to the village of Corning on the Chemung. His equipment and 100 hands came from Brooklyn by canal boat.

With \$75,000 of his own and \$50,000 from local citizens, he opened the one-chimney Corning Flint Glass Works. The plant made tableware, thermometer tubing and other conventional glassware. Competition was fierce and in

1871, the first Amory Houghton, suffering a severe financial loss, was forced to sell control of the company. That is the only break in the long success story of the Houghtons.

Amory Houghton Jr., who was an amateur chemist as well as a shrewd executive, became manager under the new setup. Realizing that the conventional glass-making field was overcrowded, he introduced specialized products. The new policy paid off and he, with little cash, bought control of the plant. In 1875 when a new company, the Corning Glass Works, was organized, he was its first president, with his brother, Charles F., as right hand man.

The first order from Thomas A. Edison for bulbs for his first incandescent lamp was a turning point in the fortunes of Corning Glass. Since 1880 the company has not passed a dividend. And the Houghton family has been in firm control.

The second Amory, saviour of the dynasty, had two sons, Arthur A. and Alanson B. While the latter, who was ambassador to Germany and to Great Britain in the 1920s, is the principal character in this chapter, there are so many Houghtons in the story that this must be a sort of composite "profile" of a remarkable tribe.

Alanson Bigelow Houghton was born in Cambridge, Mass., in 1863 and was five years old when the family moved to Corning. In the early years the Houghtons lived in a modest home on Erie Avenue near the railroad tracks and did not belong to the town's elite.

Alanson was graduated from the Corning Free Academy in 1880. By that time the glass business was doing so well that he was able to attend a private school, St. Paul's in Concord, N.H., and Harvard.

At Harvard his interests were mainly intellectual. He was on the staff of the college paper, The Crimson. He be-

Europe, studying that movement. After graduation from Harvard, he studied abroad for three years, at Gottingen and Berlin in Germany and at the Sorbonne in Paris. He intended to become a writer on economic subjects and contributed to financial journals. James Bryce, English author of *The American Commonwealth*, acknowledged material furnished by young Houghton.

Alanson's dreams of a scholarly career ended in 1889 when his father's illness called him back to Corning and the family business. At the age of 26 he entered the Glass Works as a shipping clerk at \$1.25 a day. It is a family tradition, like attending St. Paul's and Harvard, that Houghtons learn the business from the ground up.

The senior Houghton recovered and remained as president until his death. However, active direction of the industry fell to his sons, Arthur and Alanson. "A.B.", as he became known, was in charge of sales and Arthur handled production. Arthur developed a machine for making thermometer tubing, a milestone in glass-making.

The brothers concentrated on high profit specialties, shunning large volume, low profit lines. They made valuable agreements with other companies. In this field, the courtly, impressive "A.B." excelled. He made the heads of bigger companies treat him as an equal and won their respect.

The Houghtons brought top scientists to Corning and gave them a free hand, never pressing them for quick results. One of them, Dr. William Churchill of Yale, solved a serious problem for the railroads, a lack of uniform signals, by evolving a standard color system. (There had been 32 shades of green!)

In 1908 a brilliant young chemist, Eugene C. Sullivan,

left the United States Geological Survey, to establish at Corning one of the first industrial research laboratories in the nation. There a heat-resistant glass for railroad lanterns was developed—and out of that came, Pyrex, the heat resistant ovenware that is a boon to every housewife. The list of other scientific triumphs at Corning Glass over the years is an impressive one. That same Dr. Sullivan, now 88 and looking 25 years younger, is honorary chairman of the board of the Glass Works and at his desk every day.

"A.B." was elected a vice president of the company in 1903 and when his father died seven years later, he succeeded him as president. He served for eight years, a period during which the Works trebled in size and became the world leader in the making of technical glassware.

He was deeply interested in Corning affairs, serving on the school board (another Houghton tradition) and on the library board. He was a vestryman and warden of Christ Episcopal Church and high in the national councils of the church. He married a Corning girl, Adelaide Wellington, a banker's daughter. After World War I he built the stone residence and, despite its commanding height above the city, named it "The Knoll."

"A.B." served on the board of managers of the Willard State Hospital by appointment of Gov. Theodore Roosevelt, he had been a Republican presidential elector and a generous donor to G.O.P. campaign chests.

But he had never been active in politics and when in 1918 he resigned the presidency of the Glass Works to

become chairman of the board, his announced candidacy for a seat in Congress came as a surprise.

Alanson B. Houghton, successful industrialist, intellectual and first citizen of Corning, was highly respected. But he wasn't the vote-hunting type.

His political friends told him that before he went out into the foothills asking for votes, he would have to discard his white spats, his cane and the liveried chauffeur who drove his Pierce-Arrow. To this "A.B." cheerfully agreed. But he couldn't change his unbending manner, his aloofness or his Harvard accent (although that was no drawback to a politico named Franklin Roosevelt.)

"A.B." Houghton looked for all the world like an English squire. He was of medium build, with quiet, gray eyes, carefully brushed and parted hair, horn-rimmed glasses which gave him a sort of owlish appearance. He was always calm and unhurried. He had a dry sense of humor and, Yankee like, wisecracked with a poker face. He was generous to his employes and called many of them by their first names. He was persuasive and cordial in a small group. Back of the austere façade was a sentimental and affectionate nature.

Despite his inability to slap backs, his lack of warmth, he easily won two elections to Congress. His district was traditionally Republican.

Service on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, coupled with his years abroad and his knowledge of the German language, fitted Houghton for the post of ambassador to Germany to which President Harding appointed him in 1922. He was this country's first ambassador to Berlin after the end of the first World War.

He found Germany in the throes of economic depression. With sympathy toward a beaten people, he worked to ease war hatreds and he led a campaign for the relief of hungry German children. He strove to get Germany back on a sound economic footing and worked for German acceptance of the Dawes Reparations Plan.

Houghton left Berlin in 1925 with the warm friendship

of the German people, to take another high diplomatic post, that of ambassador to Great Britain. He had the recommendation of retiring Secretary of State Hughes. At the court of St. James he helped further the Locarno peace agreement and the Kellogg-Briand Treaty outlawing war. A speech he made at the Pilgrim Dinner in London

A speech he made at the Pilgrim Dinner in London attracted wide comment. Houghton warned that America would not continue to pour money into Europe if it was to be spent for further dissension and struggle.

He approached his job with the common sense of a business man, not with the traditionalism of a professional diplomat. History credits him with distinguished service abroad at a critical stage in world affairs. His forte was diplomacy, not politics. He looked like an ambassador.

Still he had to have another fling at the political game. In 1928 he resigned his ambassadorship and came home to run for the United States Senate. Hundreds of his Corning neighbors welcomed him home with a mass meeting in Centerway Square. They had bidden him Godspeed with a similar demonstration when he left for Germany. They jammed the Corning Opera House when he formally accepted the Republican nomination for the Senate. Corning was proud of its first citizen.

"A.B." waged anything but a spirited campaign for the Senate. He spent more time in German-American centers in the Middle West than in his own state.

On election night early returns indicated he had won. A victory party was in the making at "The Knoll," when the bad news came from the metropolitan area. There his opponent, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, was piling up a huge margin. Copeland overcame Houghton's Upstate lead and won by 50,000 votes, while Herbert Hoover was carrying the state over Al Smith by 103,000.

That defeat spelled Houghton's retirement from public life, although he never lost interest in public affairs. In his last years he spent less time in Corning and more in his Washington residence and his summer home in Massachusetts, where on Sept. 16, 1941, he was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while reading the morning paper. He was 78.

Corning's Christ Church was crowded for the funeral service. Alanson Houghton sleeps in Hope Cemetery in the city where he lived so long.

His son, Amory, present ambassador to France and since 1941 board chairman of Corning Glass, has followed in the footsteps of "A.B." He went through the traditional training in the Works before assuming the presidency in 1930.

His reign, marked by vast company expansion, saw the pouring of the largest piece of glass in history, the 20-ton, 200-inch telescope disk that is mounted in an observatory atop a California mountain, and the opening of the Corning Glass Center, a fabulous place which draws tourists by the thousands.

Amory Houghton lives in the big house on the hillside. As was his father, he is active in local affairs. He is less austere than his father, more like his outgiving uncle, Arthur A. On the other hand, Arthur A. Jr., who developed the celebrated Steuben crystal line, is a scholarly, reserved man after the pattern of his uncle, "A.B."

And now Amory Houghton Jr., the fourth of that name and fifth of his line in the Glass Works, is serving his apprenticeship in the family industry. He is popular in Corning, this unassuming young man who served in the Marines as a private.

So amid the Southern Tier hills an unique family industrial dynasty carries on-after nearly one hundred years.

HOUGHTON FAMILY

The first Amory Houghton shown in the Houghton Family Chart (h.f.) founded the Glass Works in 1851. (See CORPORATE HISTORY; Brooklyn; Somerville, Mass.)

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For their biographical sketches, see individual names in general index, under PEOPLE.

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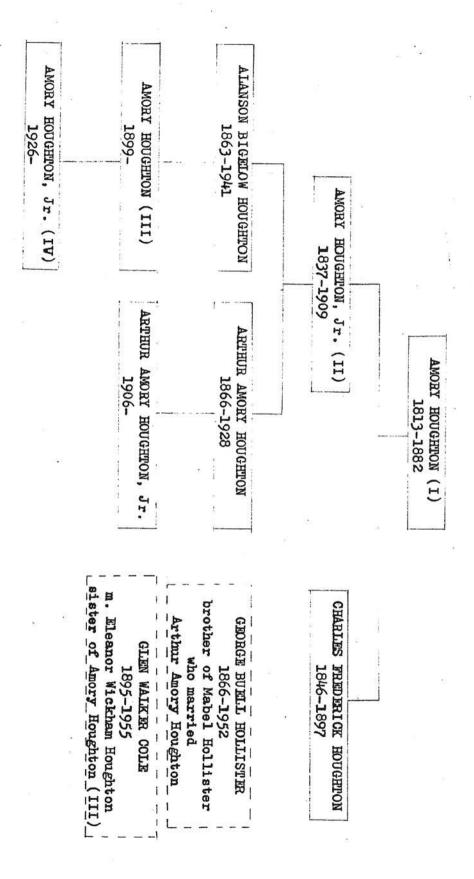
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T.N.E.C.; ditto, Tax Cases; ditto, Securities Exchange Commission.

For vital statistics and necrology, see photostat (h.f.) of pages 140-141 from Notebook of Amory Houghton, Jr. (father of A. B. and A. A. Houghton) presented by him to his son, Arthur A. Houghton, on "February 8, 1900, Wednesday, 11 A.M." according to the flyleaf inscription in Amory Houghton, Jr.'s handwriting.

HOUGETON FAMILY CHART

(Shown are only those who have been or are executives of Corning Glass Works. Dotted boxes indicate members by marriage.)



HOUGHTON FAMILY TREE

Generation 1 Amory Houghton, Sr. (1813-1882) married Sophronia Oaks (d. 1880)

Generation 2 Amory Houghton, Jr. (1837-1909)
married Ellen A. Bigelow (1839-1918)

Charles F. Houghton (1846-1897) married Helen H. Hall (d. 1935)

Generation 3 AMORY HOUGHTON, JR. LINE

Lizzie (4/12/1861-7/30/1861)

Alanson Bigelow Houghton (1863-1941) married Adelaide Louise Wellington (1867-1945)

Arthur Amory Houghton (1866-1928) married Mabel Hollister (1867-1938)

Annie Bangs Houghton (1868-1940)

Clara Mabel Houghton (1870-1958) married William J. Tully (1870-1958)

CHARLES F. HOUGHTON LINE

Laura Houghton (d. 1924) married Ieuan Harris (d. 1940)

Florence Houghton (d. 1888)

Maybelle Houghton (d. 1953) married Joseph H. Plumb (d. 1951)

Generation 4 ALANSON BIGELOW HOUGHTON LINE

Quincy Wellington Houghton (1901-1906)

Eleanor Wickham Houghton (1896-1920) married Glen W. Cole (1895-1955)

Amory Houghton (1899-1981)
married Laura DeKay Richardson (1900-)

Mathilda Houghton (1904-1957) married Chandler P. Anderson (d. 1973)

Elizabeth Houghton (1908-1974)

ARTHUR AMORY HOUGHTON LINE

Phoebe Houghton (1902-1907)

Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. (1906-1990) first wife Jane Olmstead (1909-) second wife Ellen Crenshaw Gates (1906-1961) third wife Elizabeth Douglas McCall (1919-) fourth wife Nina Rodale (1937-)

Gratia Buell Houghton (1905-1939) married Alan G. Rinehart (d. 1982)

CLARA MABEL HOUGHTON TULLY LINE

Alice B. Tully (1902-)

Marion Tully (1904-1981) first husband Reeve Hoover second husband John M. Dimick (d. 1983)

LAURA HOUGHTON HARRIS LINE

John H. Harris (d. 1954)

William Rees Harris married Harriet B. Harris

David F. Harris married Jane M. Harris

MAYBELLE HOUGHTON PLUMB LINE

Joseph H. Plumb, Jr. (d. 1970) married Dorothy B. Gibbs Bray (d. 1977)

Generation 5 ELEANOR WICKHAM HOUGHTON COLE LINE

Phyllis Cole (d. 1931)

Adelaide C. Griswold (1923-) married Brendan Griswold

Sidney T. Cole (1927 -)

Eleanor C. Hallenbeck (1932-) married William W. Hallenbeck

AMORY HOUGHTON LINE

Elizabeth Houghton Weinberg (1922-) married Sidney J. Weinberg, Jr.

Amory Houghton, Jr. (1926-) married Ruth W. Houghton

Alanson B. Houghton (1930-) married Billie F. Houghton

James R. Houghton (1936-) married Maisie Houghton

Laura Houghton Beer (1938-)

MATHILDA HOUGHTON ANDERSON LINE

Eleanor Anderson Lieber Ray married Bill Ray (1928-)

ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR. LINE

Jane Houghton Carothers (1930-) married Chalmer J. Carothers, Jr.

Sylvia Houghton Garrett (1933-) married Richard Garrett

Arthur A. Houghton III (1940-)

Hollister Houghton Haggard (1945-) married William D. Haggard III

GRATIA BUELL HOUGHTON RINEHART LINE

Gratia Rinehart Montgomery (1927-) married Gordon E. Montgomery

Patricia Rinehart Barrett-Brown (1933-) married Hilary Barrett-Brown

MARION TULLY DIMICK LINE

William G. Hoover married Janet Hoover

Louise H. Neuhoff married Roger Neuhoff

Hillary H. Luther married C. James Luther

Clara H. Herdin married Arnold Herdin

HARRIS LINE

Laura H. Harris

William R. Harris, Jr. married Adelaide H. Harris

David F. Harris, Jr. married Dorothy H. Harris

G. Anne Harris

John M. Harris married Kathryn L. Harris Dorsey W. Harris

Kathryn H. Harris

PLUMB LINE

Joseph H. Plumb III

Generation 6 COLE LINE

Cole Heyniger (1949-)

Susan H. Hussein (1954-) married Mehdi Hussein

Geoffrey Griswold married Geri Griswold

Kim Griswold

Wilson R. Page III (1953-) married Peggy M. Page

Peter T. Page (1955-)

William W. Hallenbeck, Jr. (1961-) married Tracy H. Hallenbeck

AMORY HOUGHTON LINE

James B. McCord III (1945-) married Dee McCord

Alan H. McCord (1947-)

Laura McCord Grauer (1949-) married Peter Grauer

Elizabeth W. Smith (1952-) married Peter B. Smith

Sydney H. Weinberg (1953-)

Peter A. Weinberg (1957-) married Deborah L. Weinberg

Amory Houghton III (1951-) married Stephanie French Houghton

Robert W. Houghton (1954-) married Sharen B. Houghton

Sarah R. Houghton (1957-)

K. Quincy Houghton (1962-)

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Alexander S. Houghton (1956-)
 Alanson B. Houghton III (1964- )
 Hope H. Houghton (1965- )
 John Carter Houghton (1969- )
 James D. Houghton (1963-)
Nina B. Houghton (1966- )
Elizabeth A. Beer (1965- )
Andrew D. Beer (1967-)
ANDERSON LINE
Elisabeth M. OeDell (1958- )
married Steven J. OeDell
Mark A. Keaton (1961-)
Melody A. Ledbury (1963-)
married Robert N. Ledbury
Brian G. Ooten (1965- )
ARTHUR A. HOUGHTON, JR. LINE
Susan H. Carruthers (1951-)
Jane H. Preziose (1952-)
married Paul W. Preziose
Hope H. Naumann (1954-)
married William Naumann
Peter V. Hadley (1956-)
married Deborah J. Hadley
Michael H. Garrett (1966- )
David R. Garrett (1968- )
Stephen B. Garrett (1970-)
Andrew A. Houghton (1969-)
James P. Houghton (1971-)
RINEHART LINE
Peter J.D. Allatt, Jr. (1946-)
married Nancy Allatt
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Stephen Alan Laiser (d. 1976)

Christopher R. Campbell (d. 1976)

Alan Sebastian Lassalle (1956-)

Gratia H. Lassalle (1957-)

Alexandra Lassalle Wiggleston (1965-) married Joe C. Wiggleston, Jr.

TULLY LINE

William G. Hoover, Jr. married Brenda Hoover

Arthur T.R. Hoover

Elizabeth K. Hoover

Michael M. Hoover

Amy E. Hoover

W. David Hoover II

Geoffrey H. Neuhoff married Janis Neuhoff

Marion N. Hickman married Simon J. Hickman

Eric A. Neuhoff married Lisa Neuhoff

Alexander A. Neuhoff

James H. Luther III married Melinda Luther

R. Gray Luther married Lori Luther

John T. Luther

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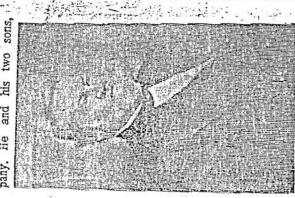
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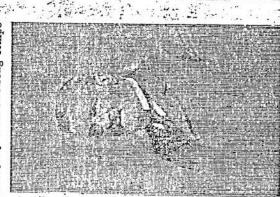


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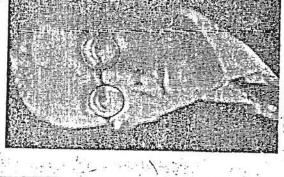
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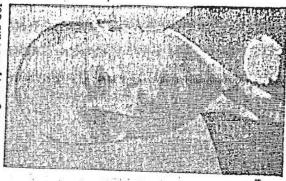
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For their biographical sketches, see individual names in general index, under PROPLE.

For financial interests of the Houghton individuals in CGW.

Repire Machine Company, Hartford-Empire Company, Houghton Associates, etc., see STOCKHOLDERS; also LIZIGATION AND HEARINGS.

T.N.E.C.; ditto, Yax Gases; ditto, Escurities Exchange Commission.

For vital statistics and ascrology, see photostat (h.f.) of pages 140-141 from Notebook of Amory Houghton, Jr. (father of A. B. and A. A. Houghton) presented by him to his son, Arthur A. Houghton, on "Yebruary 8, 1900; Mednesday, 11 A.H." according to the flylest inscription in Amory Houghton, Jr.'s handwriting.