

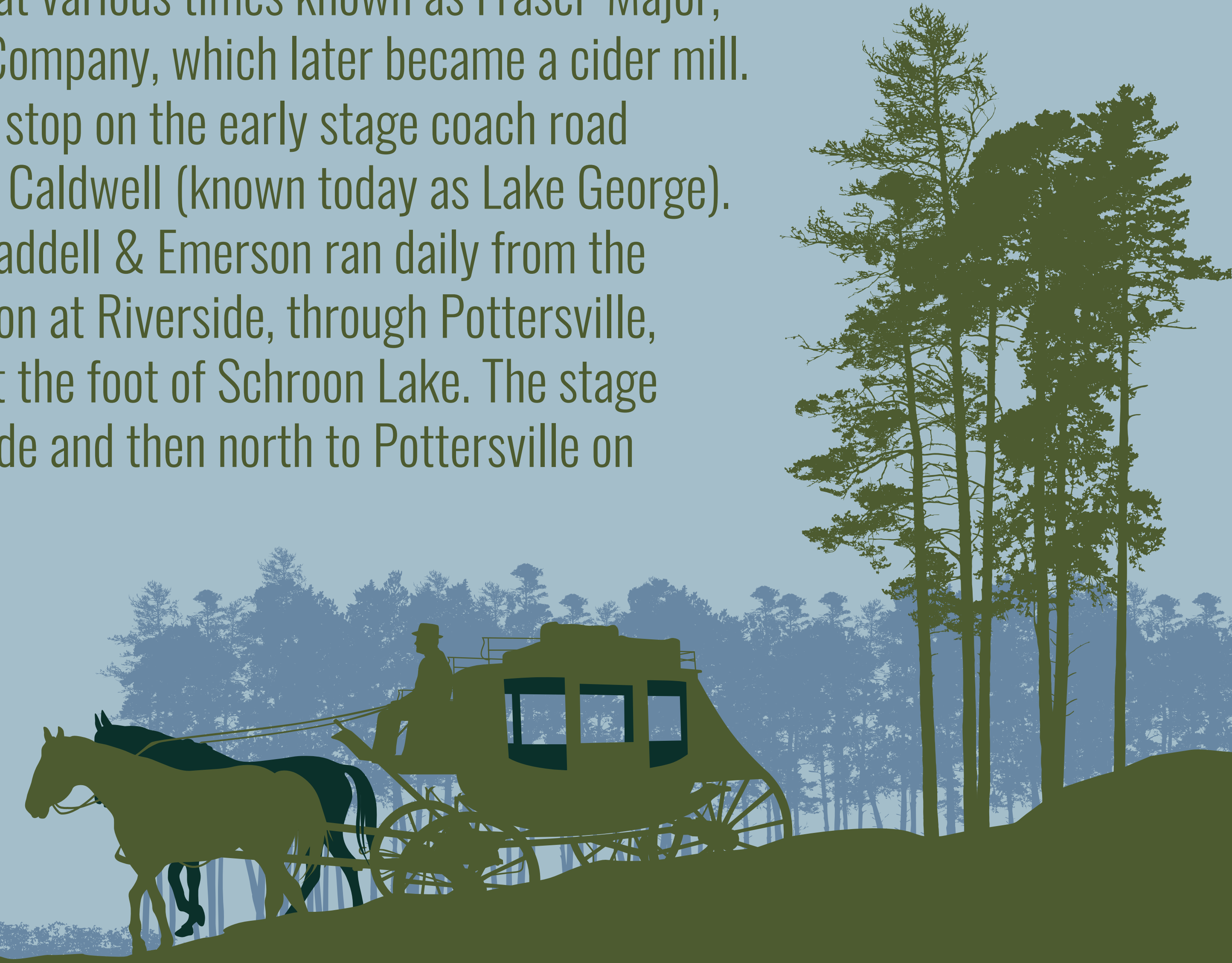
# POTTERSVILLE

## TOWN OF CHESTER

### Historic Pottersville

Pottersville was founded on March 25th, 1799 as a part of the Town of Chester, in Warren County. The post office in Pottersville was established on December 5th, 1839. The first postmaster was Joel F. Potter, which gave the hamlet its name. In the years after the Civil War, Chester became a center for summer visitors and hotels and boarding houses sprung up to welcome them. Numerous summer camps were established for children and adults in and around Pottersville. Cottages, colonies, and motels were added with the coming of automobile transportation.

Early economy centered on farming, lumbering, and tanning. Pottersville had a tannery, at various times known as Fraser-Major, Milton Sawyer, and Fay & Company, which later became a cider mill. The Town of Chester was a stop on the early stage coach road north of Warrensburgh and Caldwell (known today as Lake George). A stage line operated by Waddell & Emerson ran daily from the Delaware and Hudson station at Riverside, through Pottersville, to the steamboat landing at the foot of Schroon Lake. The stage route ran east from Riverside and then north to Pottersville on all single track dirt roads.



### The Wells House

The Wells House in Pottersville was built around 1845. It became known as a midway rest stop for travelers on their way to Schroon Lake. The Wells House offered fish dinners caught on Schroon Lake and venison from the surrounding forests. The hotel was frequented by "Summer Folks" from areas such as New York City, Albany, and Glens Falls.

### Natural Stone Bridges & Caves

Pottersville's greatest natural wonder is the stone bridge and its caves. It has always been and continues to be a major tourist attraction that features the largest natural marble cave entrance in the eastern United States. A self-guided trail winds around water falls, potholes, and deep pools. Trout Brook emerges into a gorge through several caves, some accessible on foot, others only with spelunking (cave exploring) gear.



### House of Worship

The Pottersville United Methodist Church is a structure of local interest. Methodists formed a society there in 1810 and built the building in 1847. It is the oldest Methodist church in Warren County still holding services.



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