



The Heritage Exhibit is housed in the building that was once used as the farm's storehouse. It was built in 1905.



## Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit at Miner Institute



**A historical exhibit that highlights William and Alice Miner — their lives, contributions, and impressive model farm in Chazy, NY.**



More than 5,000 historical negatives, many labeled and dated, along with original maps, blueprints, and letters provide documentation of the development of Heart's Delight Farm and a means to share this remarkable story with others. The exhibit is also an opportunity to learn about the lives of philanthropists William and Alice Miner, who funded CCRS, one of the first centralized rural schools in New York State and the Physician's Hospital, the first modern hospital in Clinton County.



### *Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit*

Open Weekdays  
May to October  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Admission is free!

To arrange group tours, please contact Rachel Dutil at (518) 846-7121, ext. 115 or email [dutil@whminer.com](mailto:dutil@whminer.com).

Picnic tables are available adjacent to the exhibit. If you bring food, please take everything with you when you leave.

The exhibit and adjacent Wayside Walk are fully handicap accessible.



For more information about the Heritage Exhibit or Miner Institute, visit [www.whminer.org](http://www.whminer.org)



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## Heritage Exhibit

The Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit was opened in 2003 — 100 years after William and Alice Miner moved to Chazy and began building Heart's Delight Farm.

The exhibit is a tribute to William and Alice and the farm they developed and loved. It chronicles William Miner's youth and his career in the railroad industry and references the many contributions that William and Alice made to the area.



An exhibit depicting Mr. Miner's extensive use of drain tiles.

The exhibit, located in the farm's original storehouse, features numerous historic photographs; a diorama of the farm; informative panels describing innovations such as hydroelectric power production and the use of drain tiles. Several videos that portray life and work on the farm include early video footage and photographs from that time.

## Heart's Delight Farm

In 1903, William and Alice decided to return to Chazy and build up the farm willed to William by his Uncle John. The 144-acre farm that had a modest farmhouse and a couple of barns grew into a model farm of 300 structures in 15,000



acres over the next 10 years.

The farm utilized a scientific approach to agriculture, embracing hydroelectric power and technological advances to run an enterprise that employed 800 workers in its heyday. It shipped items such as ham, sausage, eggs, and other produce to restaurants and hotels in New York City and Chicago.



## Wayside Walk

Adjacent to the exhibit is the Wayside Walk, produced in conjunction with the Lake Champlain Basin Program's Wayside Exhibits series. Ten outdoor panels tell an abbreviated version of life on the farm, both as a worker and as a guest of the Miners. The panels have been placed within a garden walk, overlooking a Morgan horse pasture.



Informative panels and flower gardens line the Wayside Walk.

## 100 Years & Growing

Visitors will find our newest video, "Miner Institute: 100 Years and Growing" in a new theater of the same name. The DVD highlights changes in North Country agriculture during the last century and the prominent role that Miner Institute continues to play in the industry.



The 100 Years and Growing Theater.

## Miner Institute Today



The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute is the present-day manifestation of the philosophy and principles once embodied in Heart's Delight Farm.

Created by a provision in William H. Miner's will, its principal function is the economic improvement of agricultural operations through education, research, and demonstration.

Miner Institute conducts research programs that apply basic science to contemporary problems confronting the dairy and equine industries. Educational programs and conferences prepare students, farmers, and agribusiness professionals for decision-making roles in the dairy and equine industries.

Utilizing both the onsite Holstein dairy farm and Morgan horse herd, Miner Institute demonstrates the latest innovations in crop and dairy production and equine nutrition and reproduction.



## How to Get Here

Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit is located off NYS I-87 at Exit 41, 12 miles north of Plattsburgh. Travel west on Miner Farm Road. Turn right at the stone gate entrance to Miner Institute, located at 1034 Miner Farm Road. The driveway will bring you to the Heart's Delight Farm Heritage Exhibit.

