

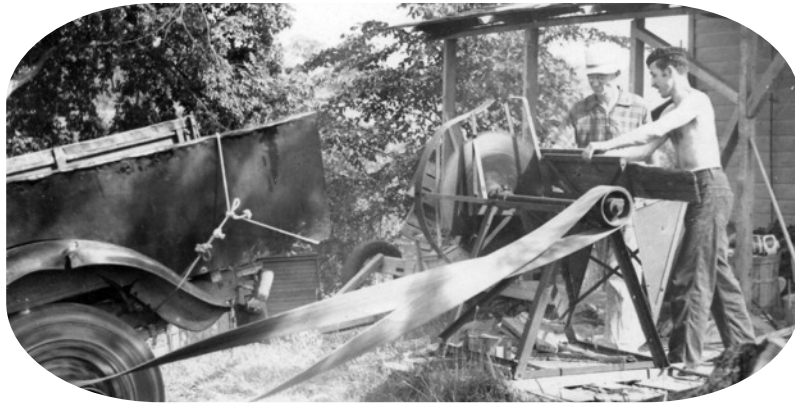
Our 75th Anniversary 1937 - 2012

The roots from which we have sprung: we honor all the founders who were guiding lights in word and deed, practical genuine theosophists.

It was an *experiment in living*, with *reverence for life*; they gathered in nature to study and practice, to share and to serve.

John Sellon, a founder also remained a steady supporter and strong gentle presence as the Hollow evolved. One New Years, John offered clear direction and teaching in his new year's wish for us at Pumpkin Hollow. *Let us contemplate his wishes.*

**An intelligent use of the life force flowing through us.
We have to make the effort to gain Wisdom.
Do something useful; be a center of peace.
Demonstrate Brotherhood as a way of life.**



From Memorial Day to Labor Day these hearty souls came to Pumpkin Hollow Farm enthusiastically devoting themselves to hard work: building cabins, scything fields, sawing wood, sowing a garden. Then all would gather on the front lawn to listen to Fritz Kunz, another founder, inspiring teacher who integrated ancient wisdom and modern science.



So how many hands, hearts and Hollowers would it take to support an environment conducive to nurturing each individual's desire to discover and explore their inner path? Over 75 years? Without getting technical I would say thousands, tens of thousands or perhaps a hundred thousand! I do not believe anyone counted but the transformation speaks for itself.

Whether you call it altruism, volunteerism, or karma yoga, which by the way is a real practice where people dedicate their lives in service to humanity, it is all service. Despite the rumors, Carolyn did not make-up the term 'karma yoga' so you would help clean-up after meals. Karma yoga, volunteerism or service performed right will dramatically and often radically, positively transform a person's life. A very wise man once said: "The keynote of service is the fundamental law of brotherhood and love." And as we look back through the endless photographs of our volunteers over those 75 years we can agree indeed.

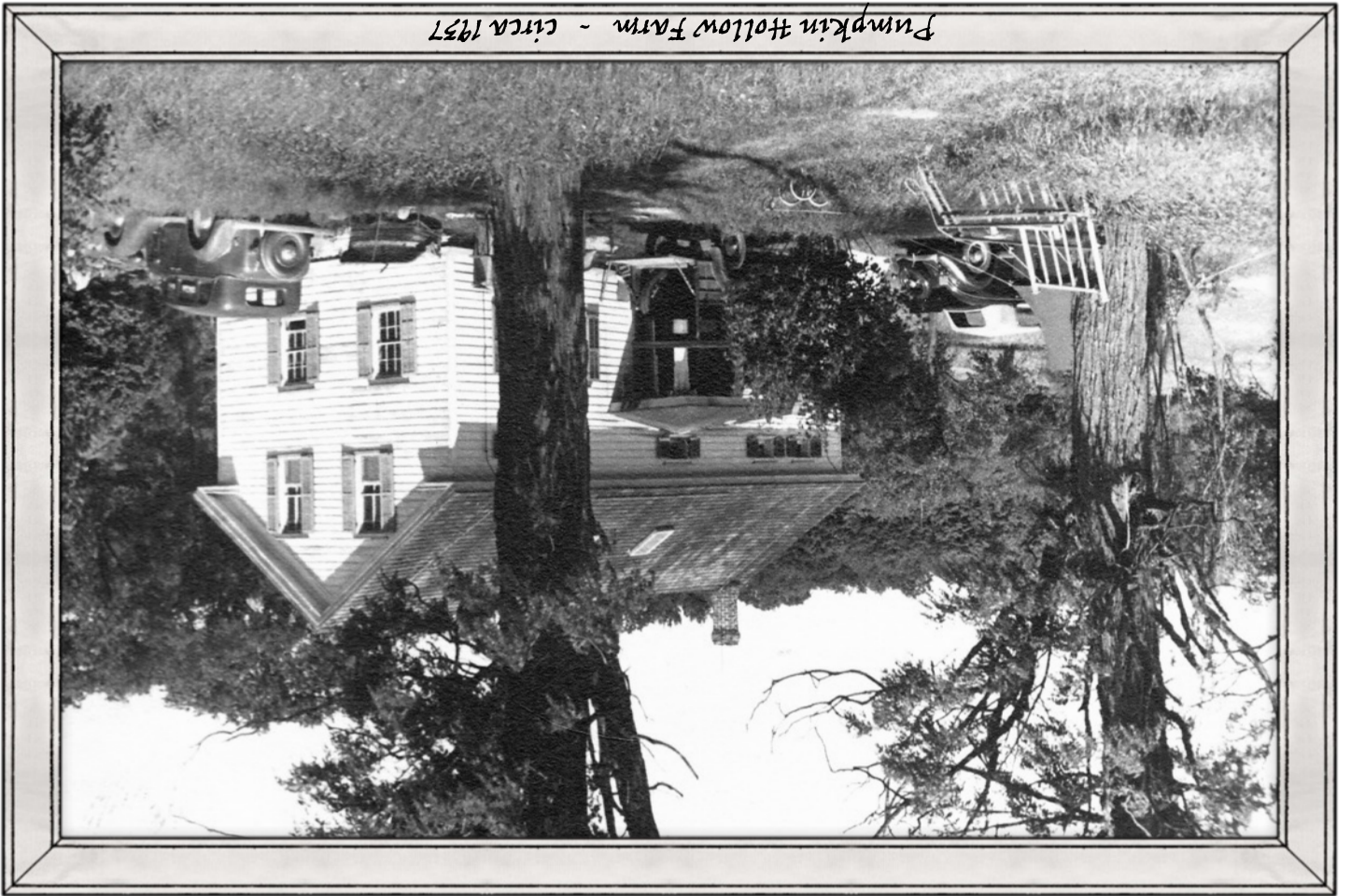
So how many hands would it take to applaud all those involved over the years? **Is that thunder I hear?**



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Pumpkin Hollow Farm - circa 1937



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