

Kate
Macy
Ladd
Convalescent
Home

Far Hills, New Jersey

Excellence in convalescent care. . .

The Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home provides a complete, professionally planned and supervised, medical and diversionary program for ambulatory female patients following a recent medical or surgical condition.

The Home, a non-profit organization financed fully by the Kate Macy Ladd Fund, supplies excellent short-term care to eligible female patients eighteen through sixty-nine years of age. No charges are made for a guest's sojourn at the Home or for any services deemed necessary or desirable by the staff. Guests' expenses are limited to their purchases of incidental items at the Home's Hospitality Shop and to the telephone calls they make.

The year-round beauty and serenity of its environment, the dedication of its staff, and the conscientious medical care provided each guest combine to make the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home an ideal place for a woman to regain the strengths needed to once again assume her life's responsibilities after an illness.

Past the entrance gateway, the mile-long private drive traverses fields and woods as it ascends to the lovely mansion with its magnificent view of the surrounding countryside.





A magnificent setting. . .

Located in the picturesque Peapack Valley section of north-central New Jersey, the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home is ideally situated to perform its function of providing convalescent care for its guests.

The magnificence of the estate and the Home's site, at the crest of a mile-long slope, are impressive. Well-kept lawns bordered by natural forests, the leisurely winding course of the North Branch of the Raritan River through the estate's grounds, and the pure country air provide a propitious setting for convalescent care.

The efficient medical facilities include a treatment room, diagnostic X-ray unit, clinical laboratory, physical therapy unit, and electrocardiographic services. The medical and technical staffs are fully qualified to carry out the specialized types of treatment indicated for the convalescent guests. A physician is available at all times. The nursing services are performed by experienced registered nurses and supervised aides.

A professional social worker is available for counseling.

The brick Tudor mansion housing the Home's convalescent facilities is an architectural gem.

A unique, inspired philanthropy. . .

Kate Macy Ladd, daughter of Josiah Macy, Jr. and Caroline L. Macy, and wife of Walter G. Ladd, devoted much time and energy during her lifetime to the problems of the convalescent woman.

She maintained a summer rest home on the Ladds' country estate in Far Hills, New Jersey, for thirty-five years. This rest home, known as Maple Cottage, provided a retreat for convalescent women and those in need of rest.

Her long devotion to the Maple Cottage project inspired her husband to provide in his will that their Far Hills estate, Natirar, be converted into a convalescent home for women upon Mrs. Ladd's death. The will further stated that the recipients of the home's convalescent services would not pay any charges. To finance the convalescent home, Mr. Ladd established the Kate Macy Ladd Fund.

Mr. Ladd's primary purpose in making these provisions in his will was to insure the continuation of the work which his wife had established in memory of her parents.

Since the Home opened in 1949, over 20,000 convalescent women have benefited from the Ladds' generosity.

These portraits of the benefactors of the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home are on exhibit in the reception area of the mansion.



KATE MACY LADD
1863-1945



WALTER G. LADD
1857-1933

A memorable experience. . .

When the Ladds' country estate was converted into a convalescent facility for women, every effort was successfully made to preserve its comforts and its hospitable atmosphere.

The foyer is tastefully furnished with Jacobean pieces, the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Ladd, and other lovely decorating accessories. This provides an impressive preview of the Home's interior.

In addition to the reception area, guests' facilities on the first floor of the mansion include a spacious, comfortably furnished living room with a piano and an organ, a library, the dining room, a Hospitality Shop, the Arts and Crafts Department, a solarium, and a terrace.

Oak wood paneling, carved ceilings, multipane windows, and fireplaces enhance the beauty of the rooms. Artful arrangements of fresh flowers from the Home's Greenhouse adorn the interior throughout the year. The maintenance care is reflected in the cleanliness prevalent throughout the Home.

Convalescing at the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home is a memorable experience.

*The Home's gracious living room
is a favorite gathering place of
the guests.*



Varied diversionary activities. . .

Besides providing excellent medical care, the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home offers its guests a rounded diversionary program to help make their convalescent stay as pleasant as possible.

Some of the recreational activities available are: movies, concerts, games, fashion shows, cosmetic demonstrations, arts and crafts, sewing, holiday parties, special programs, and leisurely walks on the grounds.

Nonsectarian services and visits from the clergy are held weekly on the premises.

On Sunday and special visiting days, guests can entertain family members or friends on the Home's first floor facilities, the veranda, or the grounds.

Books, magazines, and newspapers spanning a wide range of reading tastes are supplied in the Home's comfortable and airy library. Here, guests can enjoy reading, writing letters, or quiet contemplation.





Thoughtfully-planned dining. . .

Since proper nutrition is an important aspect of convalescence, thoughtful planning is given to the nutritional requirements of the guests.

A full-time dietician plans the well-balanced menus and supervises the dietary services in the modern and meticulously clean kitchen. An experienced chef prepares the delicious meals, both for guests on regular diets and those requiring special diets as prescribed by their physicians.

The cheerful atmosphere in the tastefully-appointed dining room encourages good appetites. The tables are attractively set, the company congenial, and the waitresses well-trained and efficient.

The pleasant decor of the Home's dining room and the well-prepared and attentively served meals are conducive to mealtime enjoyment.

Charming accommodations. . .



*One of the bedrooms at the
Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home.*

The twenty-one bedrooms on the second and third floors of the Home are charmingly decorated in pastel shades. They are attractively furnished – comfortable lounge chairs and desks are provided. Limited drawer and closet space is available for each guest.

Each bedroom is usually shared by two, three, or four guests. Care is given to the assignment of bedrooms to ensure the congeniality of the occupants.

The second floor is the center of medical activities. It houses a Nurses' Station, the Treatment and Examining Room, and the Physical Therapy Room.

There is a beauty shop on the lower level of the second floor.

A superior convalescence program. . .

Medical science asserts the importance of thoroughly planned convalescent care. It is during the convalescent period that intelligent contributions will speed a patient's return to a normal and rewarding life.

Guided by this, the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home has as its objective the provision of a completely interrelated program of medical, nursing, counseling, dietetic, therapeutic, and diversionary care for its convalescent guests.

Prior to discharge, each guest receives a comprehensive medical evaluation. A progress report is made available to the referring physician.





A serene setting. . .

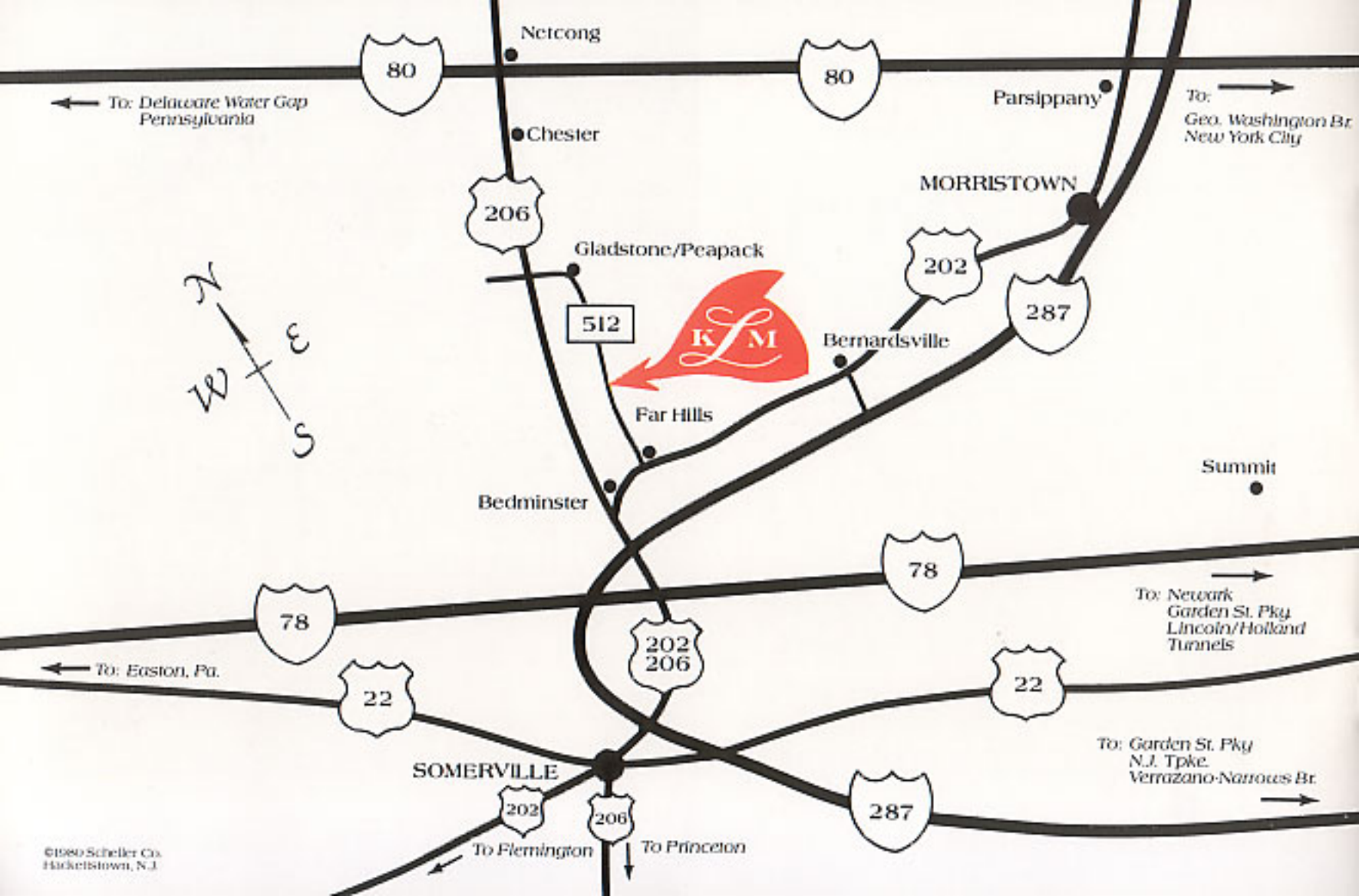
The secluded location of the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home creates a serene and restful setting for convalescing.

The solarium and veranda of the mansion, with panoramic views of the rolling far-off hills, the countryside, and the well-kept Home's grounds, are favorite places for sunning and relaxing.

Guests enjoy leisurely walks on the spacious lawns, the terraced gardens, and the woods surrounding the house. Occasionally they might glimpse the deer that roam the area. Benches are conveniently located throughout the grounds to enable guests to rest if they so desire.

Although secluded, the Kate Macy Ladd Convalescent Home is easily accessible by car.





KATE MACY LADD FUND

The Kate Macy Ladd Fund was incorporated pursuant to the directions contained in the last will and testament of Walter G. Ladd, who died May 21, 1933. The Home has been established and will be maintained by the Fund under a trust, which became effective after the death of his wife, Kate Macy Ladd, pursuant to the will of Walter G. Ladd, which provides in part as follows:

"...said corporation shall establish and maintain on the estate where I now reside, known as 'Natlrat,' in the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, a home in which deserving gentlewomen who are compelled to depend upon their own exertions for support shall be entertained without charge for periods of time while convalescing from illness, recuperating from impaired health, or otherwise in need of rest, in such numbers and at such times as available accommodations and the income assigned by such corporation to such trust will from time to time permit.

"My primary purpose in so declaring... is to insure the development and carrying on of the work which my beloved wife Kate Macy Ladd started in memory of her parents, Josiah Macy, Jr. and Caroline L. Macy..."

Under the terms of Mr. Ladd's will, the Home will not continue after May 21, 1983.

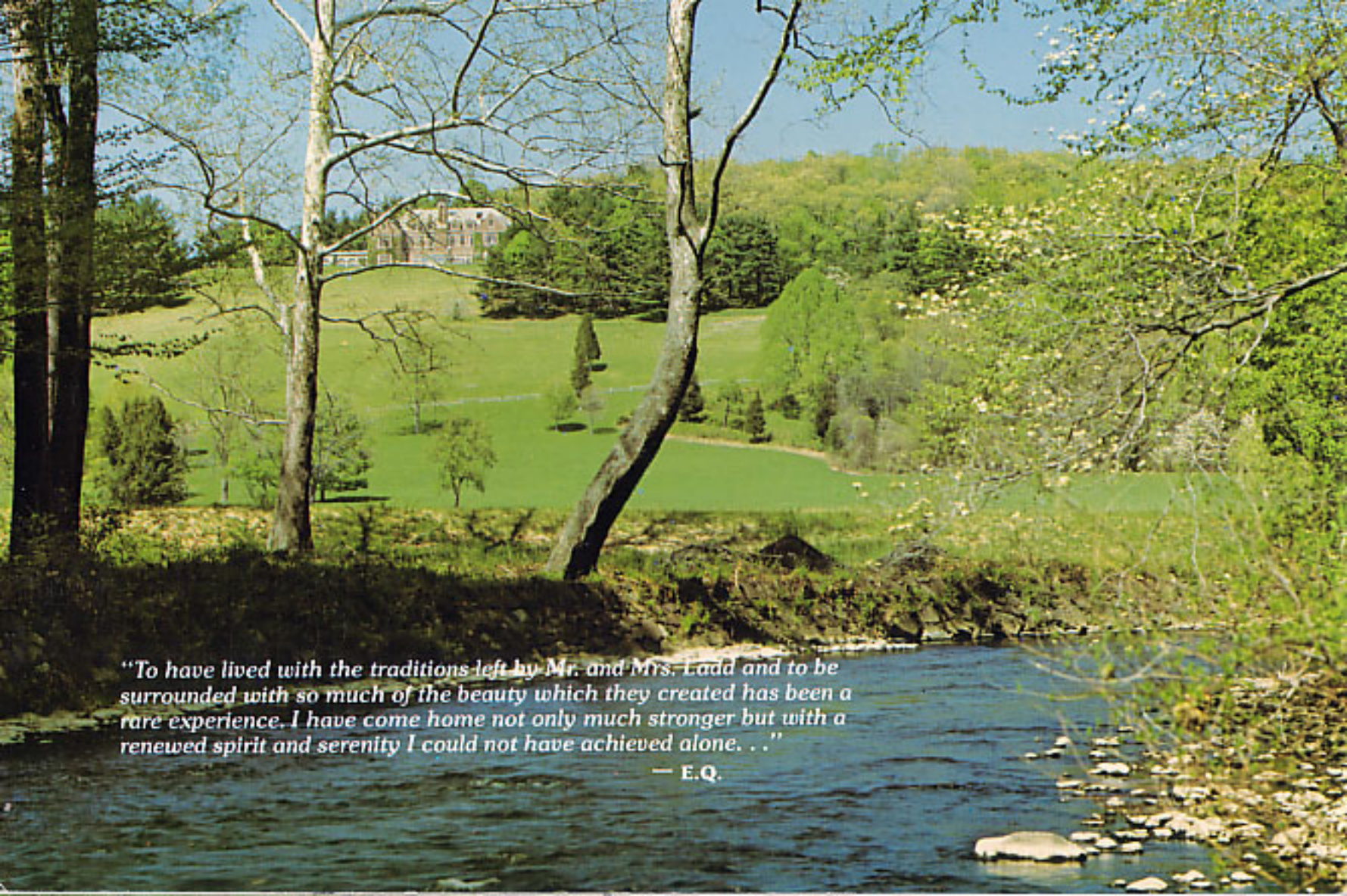
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A scenic landscape featuring a river in the foreground, a large tree leaning over the water, and a large house on a hill in the background. The scene is lush with greenery and trees, suggesting a rural or estate setting.

"To have lived with the traditions left by Mr. and Mrs. Ladd and to be surrounded with so much of the beauty which they created has been a rare experience. I have come home not only much stronger but with a renewed spirit and serenity I could not have achieved alone. . ."

— E.Q.