

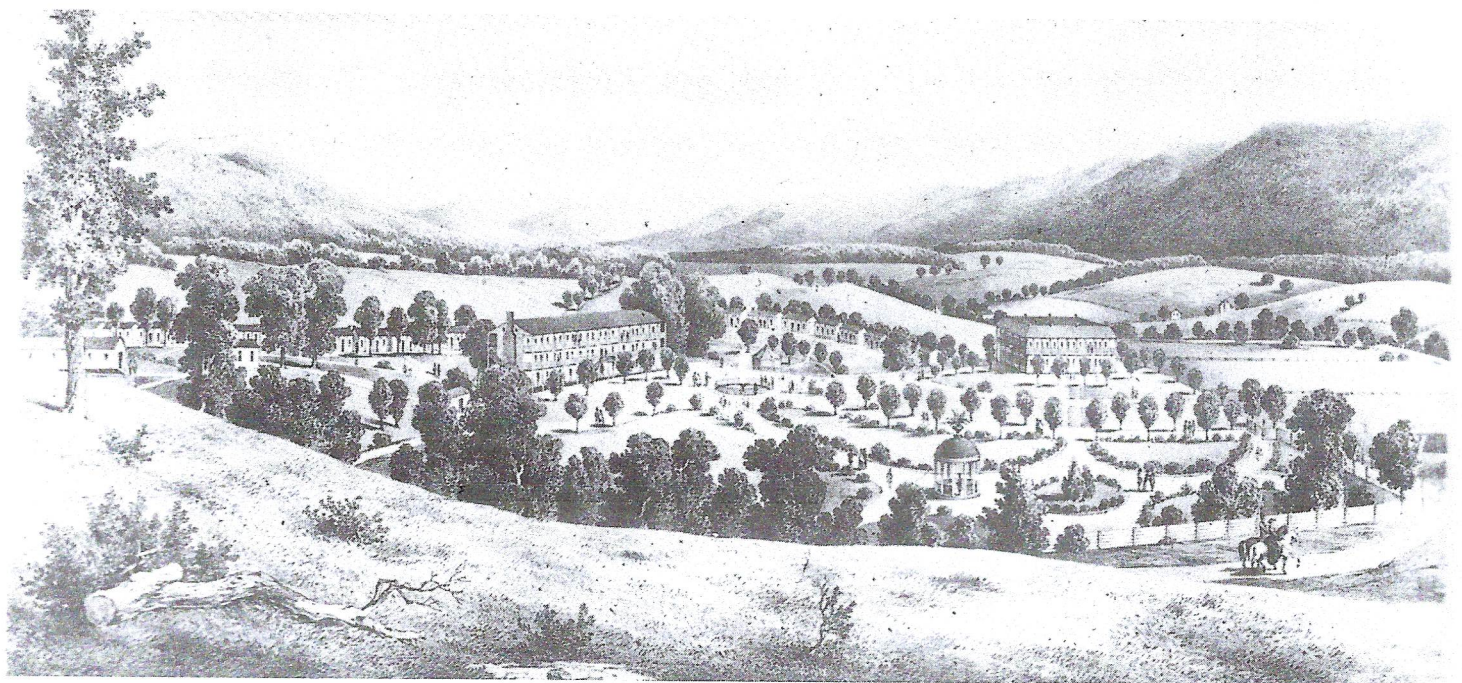
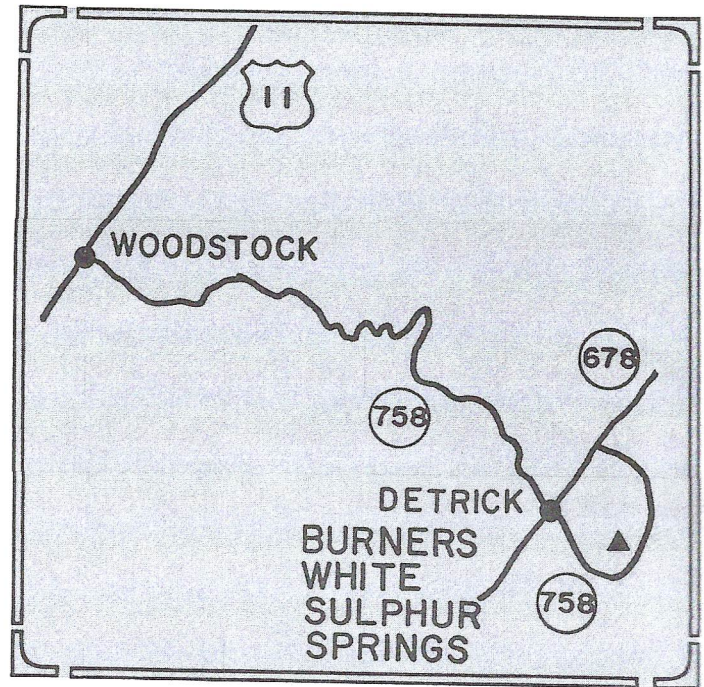
Burners (Seven Fountains) White Sulphur Springs

Located nine miles east of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, and one mile east of Detrick on C.R. 758 in the Fort Valley.

Powell's Fort Valley where Burner's resort was located is a long, narrow valley, 23 miles long by five miles wide, typical of the small valleys within the broad Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It was used as a hunting ground by both Indians and white settlers. As it is somewhat isolated, it never received the population influx that other small valleys of the region received in the early 1800s.

Burner's, or Seven Fountains, has seven different springs, all within a half acre—chalybeate, magnesium, lithia, white, blue and black sulphur and limestone.

In 1850 a large three-story frame hotel was opened at the springs with a large ballroom and verandas that stretched the entire length of the facade. There were also detached cottages, pavillions and bathhouses and extensive gardens. Six hundred guests could be ac-



Beyer's rendering of the springs from his Album of Virginia, 1857. VA

commodated. Three stage coaches ran here daily from Woodstock, Waterluck and Overall. A band met each stage as it pulled up in front of the hotel entrance. Much of the work at the resort was done by slaves.

In 1852, a notice in the Woodstock newspaper reported the sale of the resort for \$12,000.

During the Civil War, Burner's was the headquarters of the famous Confederate guerilla leader, Col. Harry Gilmor. He was captured here in 1864, and Gen. Sheridan's troops burned down the hotel on his sweep through the Shenandoah Valley.

After the war, the resort never reopened but was used as a summer home by the Walton and Newman families up to the 1920s. Today the 400 acres of the former resort is owned by a corporation from Fairfax, Virginia. At one time a small fishing camp was operated here.



Remains of Burner's White Sulphur Springs in the early 1900's. The spring house in the center has been gone for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipe
St. David's Church, Virginia



Remains of the spa as it looks today. All seven springs were located in this general area. The main hotel was located where the barn at the upper left is now.