

## **Upton Pyne Revisited**

The original Upton Pyne estate was site of the first Mansion in May in 1974. Mansion in May organizers returned to the Upton Pyne site in 1991, this time using the cottage on the property as the location for this seventh Mansion in May. The cottage was constructed at the turn of the century as a coachman's cottage on the estate of Percy R. Pyne, a



New York banker, financier and philanthropist. The 205-acre Upton Pyne Cottage became the summer residence of Mary Pyne Cutting, the sole surviving child of Pyne, in 1919, which was two years after her marriage to her first husband, Oliver D. Filley. The Cottage was enlarged and renovated in 1930 according to a design by Eugene Mason of Bernardsville. This addition included bedrooms, second-floor enclosed porch, domed glass dining room, ballroom and outdoor porch while providing a graceful and airy French look to the Cottage. Extensive changes and additions to the landscape areas were also made according to plans by Clarence Fowler of New York City. The cottage was home to Mrs. Cutting, her first husband and their family for 40 years. After the death of Mr. Filley, she married a childhood friend, Charles Suydam Cutting, and they continued to reside in the Cottage until his death in 1972. Mrs. Cutting lived there until she sold the property in 1988. The Upton Pyne cottage is now privately owned.

