



*Cedar Glen*  
**BEDFORD, VIRGINIA**

*A Sense of Place*



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124.9 acres of rolling farmland and panoramic views at the base of Sharp Top Mountain. An exceptional opportunity to restore a piece of history and enjoy life in this peaceful setting.

# *A Voice From The Past*

*A letter from Edna Chowning to the new owners of Cedar Glen in 1979. Transcribed by family.*

March 25, 1979

Dear Nancy,

I am glad to give you some of the things I know of cedar glen. I loved the old place, and miss it. And I am glad you and your parents have it and treasure it.

House was built by Mitchell Ewing of Pennsylvania, probably in late 1700s, and bought from him(or his heirs) in 1880s (or thereabouts) by Martin Luther Hatcher (called Luther) . . . of Montvale vicinity.

There were two separate houses, joined by an enclosed passageway. I, Edna Hatcher Chowning, married Edward C. Hatcher, called Eddie, in 1912. When I came to Cedar Glen from Roanoke (where I was born), the back porch was where it is now. The front porch was the same as now.

The original steps to upstairs came up from the passageway to front of house. Later, Eddie and I remodeled; passageway was included in dining room, new steps (present ones) put in front hall. There was a rather circular stairway from the big downstairs room (now your dining room) up to what was called "the girls' room. When remodeling was done by us, the present upstairs bath is now where the front stairway came up and took in some of the bedrooms. We added the closets in both front bedrooms. There was a bath over original kitchen.

The flooring in front bed room is original boards, and probably in upper hall. Front door is original. All fire places original. All brick in chimneys made by slaves on the place. Also all stone used [was] from the place.

Slave cabins were gone when I came in 1912, but were beyond the present Hatcher graveyard.

The Ewing graveyard is on road on ridge towards Madison Cottrell's house. If it is not too overgrown, you may find interesting names and dates on the tombstones. Rock wall surrounding it [was] built by slaves, and at one time, of late years, in good condition, without use of mortar for building it.

A lot of the small glass windows in upper bedrooms are original. The legend is that "George Washington slept here"—in the front bedroom, on a surveying trip to Bedford County. As Cedar Glen was first house in that part of the county, he had to sleep there if he did come.

Since I knew Cedar Glen there have been green shutters on the windows. E. C. [Hatcher], Jr. took them off saying they needed repair, as they did. And they did not get back before his death. I think the house loses something by their absence.

I always intended to go to the Court House and get dates concerning Cedar Glen, but never did. Maybe your parents, or you, might want to do so, at some time.

There was a large grove of chestnut trees beyond the garage. There was also a large barn in that vicinity.

Front part of house, probably built first, was of logs. Must have been 4 rooms at that time. I do not know when boarding was added. Maybe when Luther Hatcher bought the place. There was a "spring house" at top of where pond is—a cool spot where milk, butter, etc. were kept. A lot of trees below, and a stream. Water was brought from Peaks mountain side, piped down by gravity as now, before I came to Cedar Glen.

All mantles and fireplaces in front part of the house are original, as far as I know. And, of course, the chimneys.

The room on left, as you came in front door, has always been "the parlor." The large room to right has been a general living room, or den, until used as a bedroom. Probably used as a bedroom in the beginning also. It was a bedroom for Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hatcher at one time.

Edna Chowning



# *Embracing History*

Legend has it that George Washington once stayed at Cedar Glen while on a surveying trip to Bedford County. As you stand in front of the circa 1760 home, time stands still. It is easy to imagine horse and rider galloping through the 124.9 acres of rolling farmland in need of an overnight stay.

As you approach the house, you will notice the beautiful setting surrounded by mature trees. Life was full here when children grew up with swings tied to trees, eggs collected each morning, and the cows signaling their content in the fields. Now, the house needs restoration to bring it back to life so that the past can meet the present.

As you enter through the original front door, the living room and parlor with fireplaces greet you. The original house was likely a two-room house. The owners made many additions; three bedrooms, office space, and a bath upstairs; the main level with the living room, parlor, kitchen, and den.

As with many historic properties, there is a cemetery where the original owners are buried. The rock wall surrounding the cemetery is extensive.

The land is 60 percent cleared farmland used for cattle and hay production, and the gently rolling topography is tucked into the base of Sharp Top Mountain. Adding to the picturesque setting are a pond and outbuildings.

The land and home would make the perfect homestead, family retreat, or compound. A Bed & Breakfast Inn would be ideal with the winery and orchard just down the road and the numerous hiking trails into the mountains.

Cedar Glen offers an opportunity to restore a piece of history and enjoy life in this peaceful setting. Although the house will require extensive renovation, the location and panoramic views will inspire you to consider life in the Virginia countryside.

With an airport in Roanoke and Lynchburg, you can find connecting flights to make travel easy to this exceptional area of Virginia.





**124.9 ACRES**

**2021 LAND USE TAXES - \$1,270**

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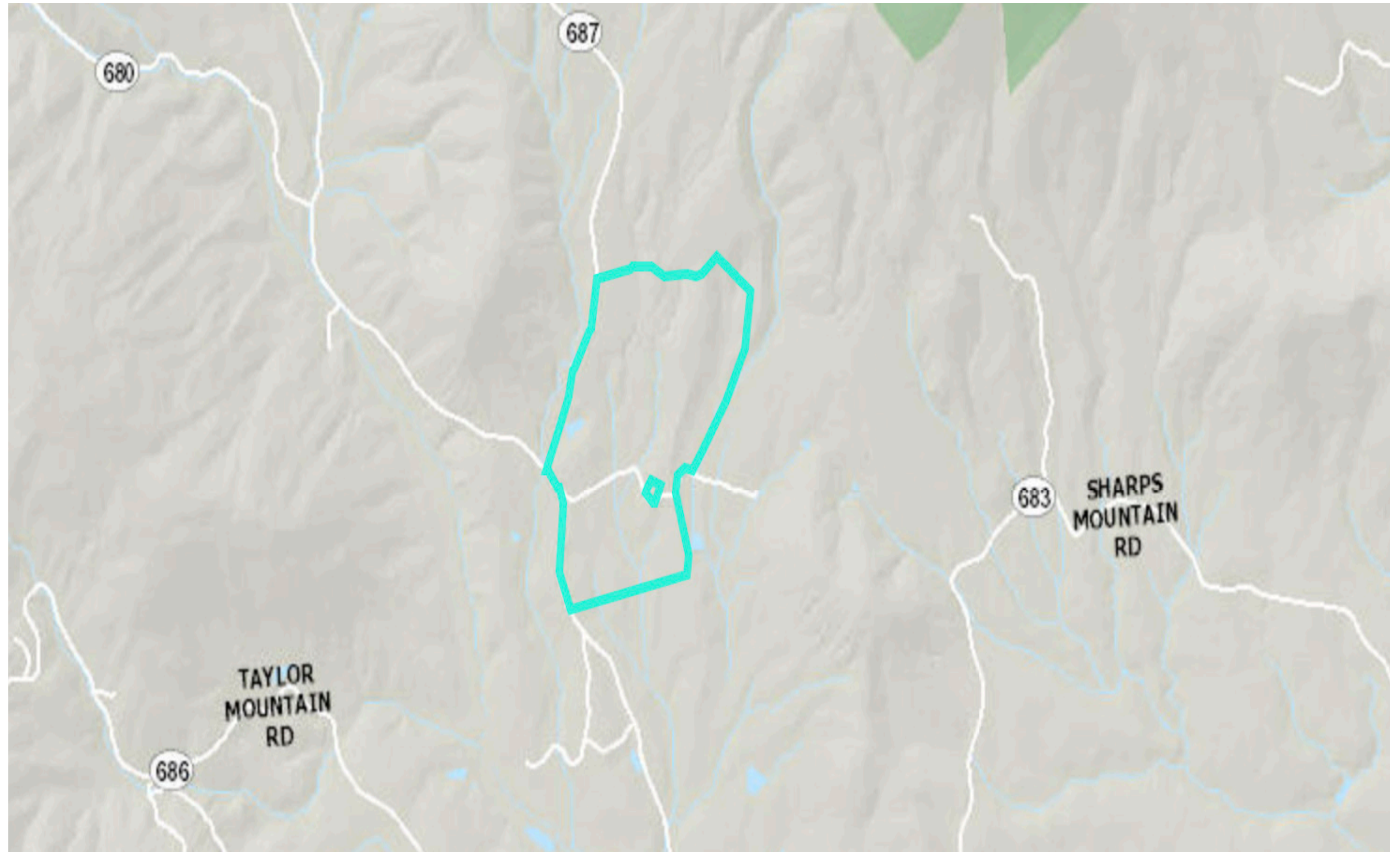


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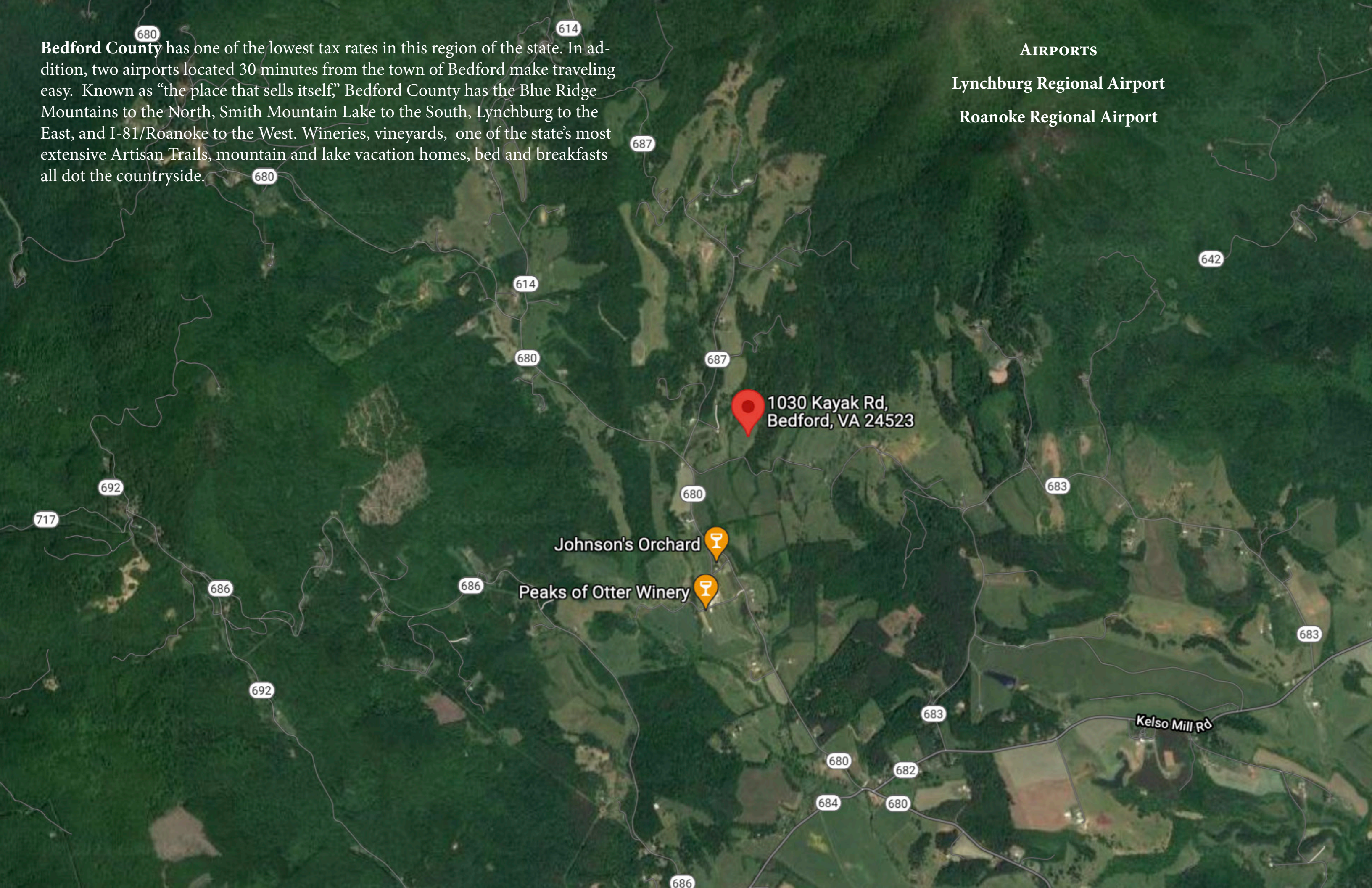


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