



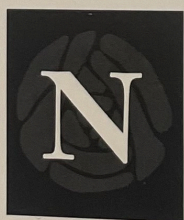
The SUMMER of 1905



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A fictional first-time guest to the Inn helps us imagine the magic of the Roycroft



NINETY YEARS AGO, in the summer of 1905, professional baseball scout Philip Barnaby came to East Aurora to watch two members of the Roycroft baseball team, John Tarnisch and Billy Schumaker, compete against the All-College team from Buffalo. Although he found no potential New York Giants on the diamond at Hamlin's park, he discovered the Roycroft and was taken, as so many who visited East Aurora were, by the magnificence of the Roycroft buildings. He found, too, during his brief trip to East Aurora something that we will all discover as this next chapter of the Roycroft unfolds. He realized that there was a community that existed on the Roycroft Campus, a community comprised of both residents and visitors who combined to produce an oasis of sophisticated tranquility and peaceful industry unlike anything he had ever known. In the letter to his fiancée Emily which follows he echoes what hundreds of Roycroft first-timers must have felt. Listen:

My dearest Emily,

These few hours on the train give me an opportunity to write you about my most extraordinary experiences this weekend.

You've heard that being a scout hundreds of miles from farm to ballplayers who enthusiasm for t play it. I hope ag appear in this b Brush [New York a reason to notice

Well, let m Saturday in a t found the peari handed nor left In fact, this pear baseball and not you sufficiently r

My task in players, John T pitcher and c Roycrofters. Th neither is destin that of any othe atmosphere a convivial that following the Roycroft Inn.

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I spent a porch of the with people f arts, the Roy timid at first gathering. matters of l would have baseball com something c great [star C

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ABOVE, "THE ROYCROFTERS"

BASEBALL TEAM. LEFT TO

RIGHT: SEATED: BILLY

SCHUMAKER, HERB BOWEN,

ELBERT (BERT) HUBBARD II,

CLARENCE ODELL.

STANDING: WALLACE GAIL,

FRANCIS BOWEN, UNKNOWN,

ELBERT HUBBARD,

AL MILLER, CY ROSEN, LYLE

HAWTHORN. COURTESY THE

ELBERT HUBBARD-ROYCROFT

MUSEUM.

