

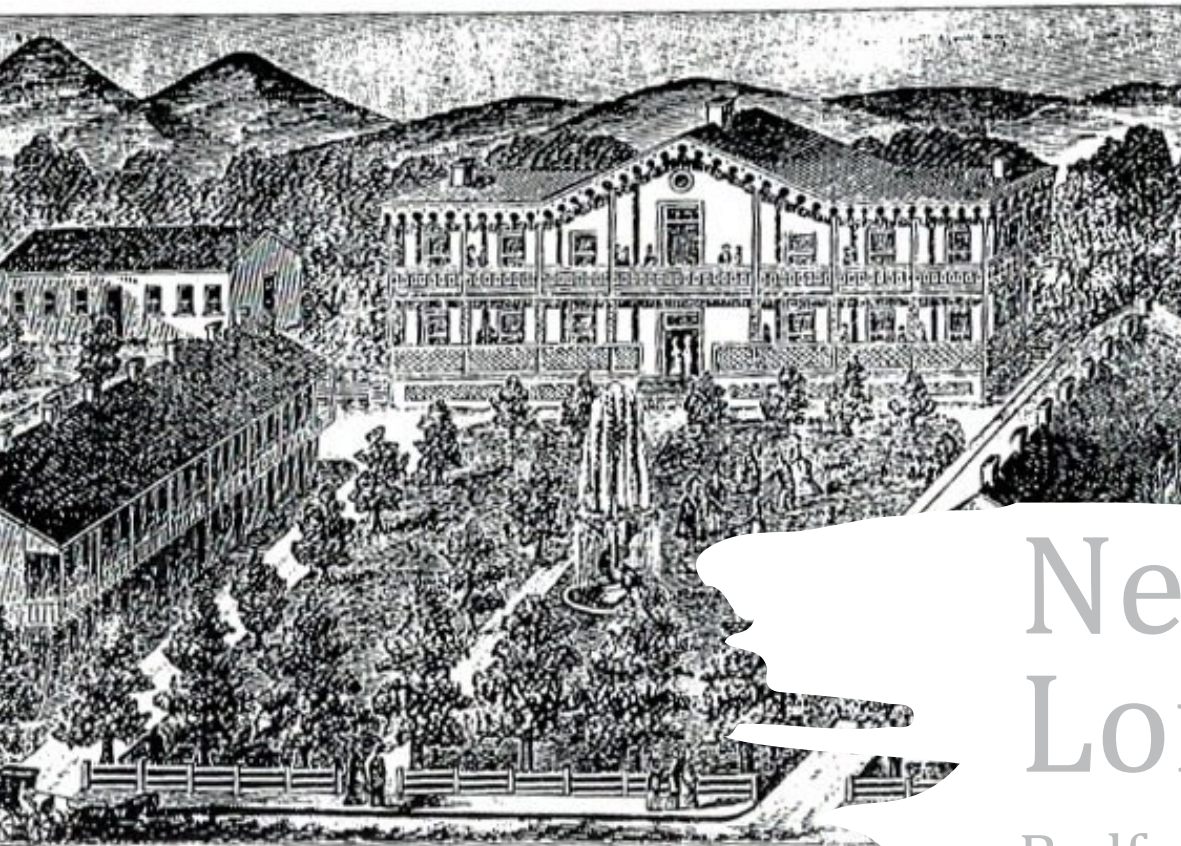


# Bedford Alum Springs Hotel

Guests and Dress of the late 1800's

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Bedford (Va.) Alum and Iron Sp.



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Bedford Alum Springs Hotel

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**NATURE'S**  
**GREAT BLOOD TONIC**  
**Piedmont-Bedford Concentrated**  
**Iron & Alum Water**  
(Representing the Famous Bedford Alum & Iron Springs of Va., contains 17 of the most powerful Mineral Tonics.)

An 18-oz. bottle contains all the minerals in a barrel of the average water. We furnish the minerals, you furnish the water.

We have certificates both from the public and from eminent physicians, telling of its virtues in **Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, a large variety of Female Diseases, Chronic Diarrhoea and Dysentery, General Debility, Anemia, Malaria, Ulceration of the Throat, Diabetes, Piles, Chronic Eczema, Nervousness, Chronic Constipation,** and many showing the wonderful cures in that dreadful disease, **Scrofula.**

**Dr. T. L. KARRER,** for fifteen years a resident at the Springs, says: "For Scrofula, that awful disease, which has been called the 'King of Evil' in this water a remedy which neither poison nor a false remedy could be better found or used. It is in this healthy and pure form of minerals and factory supplies, that this water when carried to the full objective stage, displays its highest curative powers. In all forms of disease, provided the water itself is found to exert a curative influence second to none in Virginia."

I have given your Concentrated W. for six trials, and say with pleasure I have been greatly benefited. For some years I have suffered more or less with indigestion, followed by Constipation and other attendant ills. Within the past two months I have felt much relief from your remedy that I have improved in strength and vigor, I have enjoyed what I have not dared to do for a long time, and have done harder work than I have been able to do before for years.

—DR. CHARLES LEVETTER,  
Farmingdale, Elyria, Ligonizing, Va.

Some time I have been afflicted with Chronic Diarrhoea, about six months ago, I commenced using your Concentrated Iron and Alum Water with the most wonderful and satisfactory results. For some time past I have been deprived of the privilege of visiting friends or going to church, any trouble kept me in my bed and in my room, but now I am entirely the control of my bowels; but now I am happy to state that after using about a half dozen bottles of your remedy I am entirely cured, and having used any for the last four months, I am confidently and most gladly recommend your remedy for Chronic Diarrhoea.

—C. W. RUPPIN AMBS, Virginia, Va.

I was an intense sufferer for some months with Indigestion, and could get no relief from the ordinary remedies. During the month of January I began the use of your Concentrated Water, and one bottle has entirely relieved me. I can now digest any diet and am entirely free from suffering. I take great pleasure in giving this testimonial.

—H. M. BLAIR,  
Editor, N. C. Christian, Johnsonsboro, N. C.

I have used said powdered water from several Iron and Alum Springs, but none of them begin to come up to your Concentrated Iron and Alum Water, but to make the blood abundant, nourishing, purifying and restorative. It is at once a stimulant and a laxative, and it is so gentle and so easy to try it, and always with slow and quick results. In January I had a bottle sent me from your factory to help with the indigestion, and I did not at once improve but digestive apparatus, I would say I did so rapidly, that not only indigestion and the bile, but had a part of several doses each bottle, and is now completely cured of a long and annoying Piles and Trouble. This seems to be the case with all who try it.

—R. P. HELMARD, M. D.,  
Rocky Mount, N. C.

**1001**  
**Bedford Springs Company,**  
**Alum & Iron**  
**Lynchburg, Va.**  
Jan. 1888

In two I give credit

According to report we have just received the statement of your sale which in the past few days has been a satisfactory thing for you will exceed with our sales I am

The Remedy is ordered and used by the Medical Profession and its results prove its efficacy.

"A fine nervous tonic."—H. H. C. FORBES, Tenn.

"I wish to state that I have not been in health since I have used your O."—B. J. HANNA, N. C.

"I have not used your O."—B. J. HANNA, N. C.

"Very beneficial in strengthening and improving a reduced system."—Rev. J. W. HICKMAN, Bishop of Ga.

"Always prompt and successful in headache, both old and new."—Mrs. MARY B. MERRILL, daughter of Prof. T. H. MERRILL, 227 No. 10th Street, Philadelphia.

"Of great service when."—Thos. F. BROWN, M. D., St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,  
J. W. Younger

**BEDFORD**  
**ALUM and IRON SPRINGS,**  
VIRGINIA.

Extracts from Testimonials.

OPEN JUNE 24, 1888.

These Springs are Adapted to both the Health and Pains-Driving Classes.

J. W. YOUNGER, Lenoir.

**Guest**  
**Testimonials**



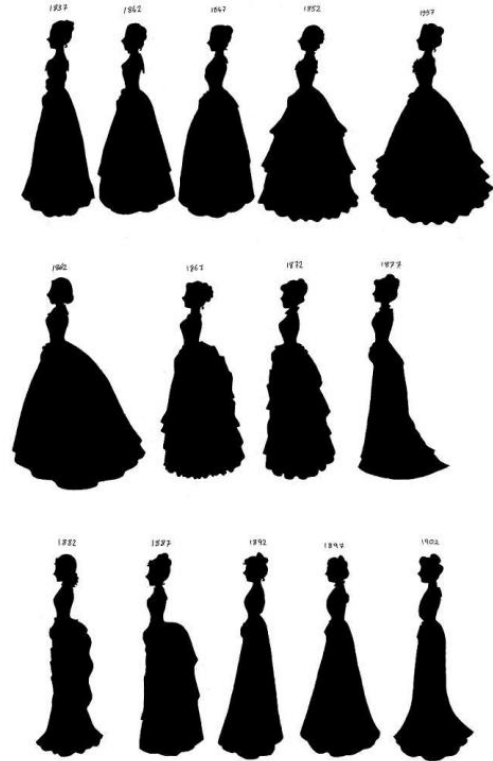
# Women's Dress

1880's



# Silhouette

- Small changes but same basic concept
- Hair pulled up into bun
- Blouse - form fitting at waist
- Skirt - spreads out to a bustle in the back





# Men's Dress

1880's





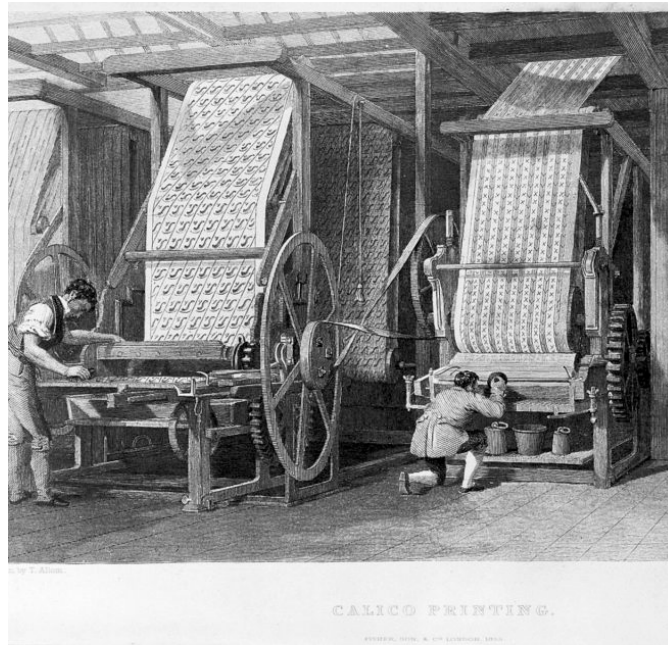
# The Basics

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- Hats
- Collar
- Ties or Bow Ties
- Vest
- Pants
- Jacket



# Fibers of the Time



- Fiber
  - Linen
  - Cotton
  - Wool
  - Silks-
    - brocades, velvet, & chiffon
- Weave/ Type
  - Calico, Printed, Damask, Eyelet, Flannel, Sateen, Broadcloth, Twill, etc...



# Photographic Examples



Miss Nettie Moore Mrs. I. S. Moore  
Cold Sulphur Springs, July 29, 98.

July 29, 1898 Cold Sulpher Springs

Tucker Clark

Mr. Harry Alberti



Cold Sulpher Springs

## Inspiration

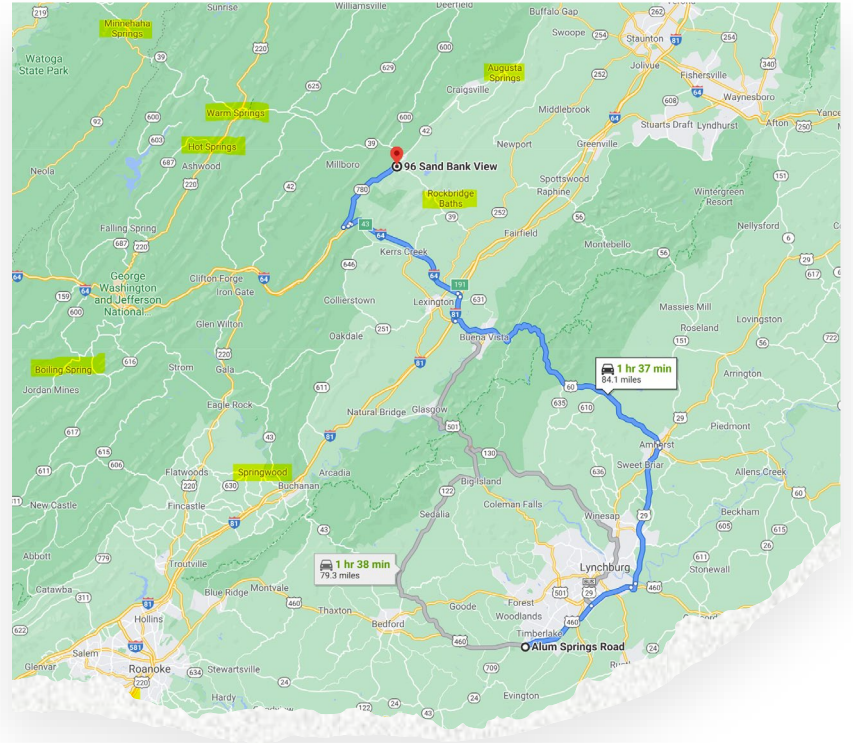
Miss Tucker Clark

Mr. Harry Alberti

# Map:

## Snapshot of Google Earth

- Map leading from Bedford Alum Springs Hotel to Cold Sulpher Springs.
- Highlights are towns with either Spring or Bath in the name.





# Warm Springs



## **Biblical: 1857 - 1920**

- - The Third Great Awakening
- - Healing Water





# The Third Great Awakening

- Great revival spreading throughout the country
  - American Civil War 1861-1865
    - Estimated 620,000 Men Died
  - People were searching for something
  - This search brought many to God
  - It also took many to healing springs
  - Explains the surge in spring popularity at the end of a major war



# Healing Water

## Biblical Use

- Pool of Bethesda (John 5) (NKJ)
  - Angel stirred the waters
- Naaman the Leper (2 Kings 5) (NKJ)
  - Elisha told him to wash in the Jordan River seven times.
- Only God has the power to heal
  - Jesus is the Living Water
  - God can choose to use water
  - Lady at the well (John 4) (NKJ)



# Conclusion

Looking for hope, people went to a spring.

The spring did not satisfy.

Many springs closed.

Bedford Alum Springs closed.

History needs to be remembered.

For this reason, attentions must be captured.

This is the purpose of a costume.

Costumes and actors send people back in time.

This shows them things they did not know.

Parallels can be drawn between the times.

People can be pointed to Christ through searching the past.

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