

- ]796 - Major John R. Livingston, a Revolutionary War officer acquired the property and constructed the first house.
- ]85] - Livingston died at 96 and passed the "Massena", the house, through several hands. 'Massena' is the name of one of Napoleon's Marshals.
- ]860 - New York shipping magnate bought the estate. John L. Aspinwall, the owner, enlarged the home and grounds. He was related to the Roosevelts.
- ]868 - Theodore Roosevelt spent a month at the "Massena" house with his parents when he was nine years old.
- ]870 - A writer called "Massena" one of the largest, finest, and most beautiful dwellings in America.
- ]870's - Mrs. Aspinwall, now a widow, donated land to the Episcopal Church, St. John's of Barrytown. The building of a rectory and cemetery followed.
- ]880's - Christian Brothers retreat house was located in Amawalk, New York.
- ]885 - Fire destroyed the main house and another smaller, different style house was built. This stands today opposite the main Chapel's entrance.
- ]880's(late) - The Christian Brothers acquired the statue of Saint Michael and the chapel bell and soon afterwards moved to the Pocantico Hills.
- ]91] - With Mrs. Aspinwall's death, her heirs sold the "Massena" property to Garret B. Kip, a descendant of the Rhinecliffs. The estate was maintained as a country home.
- 1928-1930 - The Christian Brothers purchased and moved into the Barrytown estate.