



(Map Location P)

At one time a world famous health resort and spa, the Glen Springs is beautifully sited on grounds overlooking the village. It was developed by William E. Leffingwell. While visiting the site in 1890, Leffingwell was convinced that "with its singular variety of valuable mineral springs and magnificent situation overlooking Seneca Lake, it was an ideal place for a great health resort." The resort was highly successful for a time, due principally to the appeal of the mineral baths as a treatment for chronic heart disease. The hotel gradually declined in prominence and was purchased by Cornell University in 1942 and used as married student housing for two years. Since then it has been used as a high school, first by the Franciscan order and then by the Glen Springs Academy. It now sits vacant.

(Map Location Q)

The Oddfellows Building has changed little since its construction and provides a good view of what many storefronts must have looked like during the mid 1800's in Watkins. The structure is nicely proportioned and has good detailing around the doors and windows.