

History



"Ilahee" taken around the turn of the century, circa 1902

King's Victorian Inn was built in 1899 by Dr. Henry S. Pole, a well known physician in Bath County, Virginia. He named the home "Ilahee" which translates to "high Victorian house" with an unusual exuberance of details and elements. The irregular plan is typical, however the main stairwell has several landings and runs in several different directions. The house has unusual projections, turrets, bay windows, and a veranda which extends around most of the house. The interior has been somewhat altered, although six of the eight fireplace mantels remain.



The Pole family photo taken at their Valley View Farm home in the late 1890's

Dr. Pole was a natural physician and through the many years he practiced, he acquired an extensive knowledge of spa treatments which was unequalled. This was especially appropriate due to the home's proximity to the hot and warm running mineral springs located nearby. He was the first in the area to purchase an automobile. The noisy machine caused many residents to attempt to outlaw