

## **#3    *The Fishery Trout Ponds***

*In 1872, John E. Jones purchased the property on which you are standing from Edward R. Remington, whose estate bordered it to the north. He formed a partnership with Mr. N. W. Brewer who is listed in Pomeroy's Business Atlas in 1873 as a "Propagator of Trout." The business here consisted of a series of "Trout Ponds" on both Remington Run and the small tributary stream (Turkey Run?) flowing in from Heisley Valley to the east. The remnants of the dams and foundations are still visible here and on the Heisley Valley road to your left.*

*In his 1886 "History of Mosquito Valley," John H. McMinn wrote:*

*"At the confluence of Turkey and [Remington] Run, Jones and Brewer erected extensive hatching houses and numerous ponds to raise trout. Mr. Brewer erected a dwelling, stone dam, water ways, several cribdams and the propagating establishment, living there entirely alone for seven years from 1875. John E. [Jones] furnished the money and was to have the profits. They hatched about 1000 trout but they suffered serious loss from crabs, minks, polecats, snakes, etc., that the business was declared unprofitable and was abandoned. The premises are maintained as a resort during summer months for Mr. Jones and family."*

*Sometime after 1886, the property passed to a family named Fisher. In his 1962 "Mosquito Valley Chronicles" Eugene Bertin wrote that as a boy he passed by here often in the 1890s, and described in a walk up the valley:*

*"Next on our itinerary though Mosquito Valley were the Cabin Hills at the foot of which the Fisher family maintained a summer house. Here once were maintained Trout Ponds – and later a display of water wheels on the stream adjacent to the road. I used to carry milk in a small covered tin bucket to the Fishers – a two mile walk each way [from his farm]. Behind the cabin were a log-slide and stone quarry."*

*A former resident of this watershed, Mr. Michael Dincher has indicated that the stonework here was constructed by a mason named Lewy Ulsomer. Just below these "waterworks," a small dam was constructed on Remington Run by Edward Remington to divert the stream to an aqueduct comprised of wooden troughs to supply water to a reservoir on his estate, and below that was a sawmill dam.*



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