

PETOSKEY PEST HOUSE
“The House of The Dead”

**House for people who couldn't afford to go to hospital
for Small Pox, T. B., and other exposable diseases.**

**River Road
Petoskey, Emmet County, Michigan**

Mr. Marsh: Thanks again for your help

T H E S T O R Y

In the early birth of Petoskey, about 1900, it was known as the city of death. Other than being snow bound in from other cities, it was exposed to disease. Which forced the city to quarantine the city and build a Pest House .

In 1902, the City of Petoskey purchased land out on River Road from Mr. Joseph Omler. Sometime in 1903, the City of Petoskey built a Pest House for small pot, T.B., and other exposable disease. This house was for people who couldn't afford to go to the hospital.

Because of the name it got people were afraid to go there. It was a place were respectable people wouldn't be found dead in it. On the other hand it was a quarantine place and if you had a contagious disease you must go there. It was called "The House of the Dead".