

# Glen Park

1. Glen Park, west side of Fourth Avenue above Main Street (M-22)



Augustine W. Farr bought this property in transactions during 1880. In 1882, he deeded it to the Onekama Lumber Company, of which he

was president; Farr and Charles Secor, treasurer of the Lumber Company, were both active in the development of the Glen, where the first bona fide resort in Manistee County rose and fell during the late 1800's. The springs on the property had "rare combinations of the curative and health-giving properties," as found in testing.



Improvements were made to what was called in one brochure the "Onekaming Mineral Springs," when a camping and picnic ground were opened. In 1886, the Glen House hotel, accommodating one hundred guests and built at a cost of \$18,000, was opened by the Lumber Company. It was on the site of the home at the northwest corner of Fourth Avenue and Main Street. The different waters from the Springs, which were collected in tiles, were piped to the Glen House and bathhouses for consumption and for baths. The mineral waters

were bottled even after the hotel burned in 1891. The iron pipes that led from the tiles still can be seen beneath the flowing waters, today.



The Glen House, 1886-1891

Although the property was not officially deeded to Onekama Township by Newton C. Farr until 1961, the paths and trails that lead over the brook, through the woods, and eventually among the Glen Springs for an enjoyable respite with nature have been used by the public for many years. The Onekama Commercial Club backed a

movement for the area's restoration, with that work being completed by the summer of 1930. The present wellhouses, bridges, and stairs were constructed to be reminiscent of the originals by workers provided through the Federal Title X program of the Manistee Soil Conservation District in 1976. Students in the Onekama Consolidated Schools and the Onekama Community Corps made repairs in the Park during 2000.



The Glen as It Appears Today

## The Glen Spring as It Appears Today



## Historic Views of Some Nearby Cottages

4362 Main Street (above Prospect Street)



4388 Main Street



4404 Main Street





4440 Main Street

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