

Historical Highlights of Zelený Les

Paul Campbell, a fourth-generation descendent of Jabez Campbell, is a primary source of 19th century historic accounts surrounding the property's provenance and provided the Tutter family with known details up until 1940, when the land changed hands outside of his family. Additional details were shared by neighboring farmer Flavius Mauer (now deceased), his brother Floyd Mauer, and Wilbur Haynes - a current Bloomville resident, town historian/genealogist and longstanding keeper of the Bloomville Cemetery.

- 1830 Jabez Campbell (1775-1854), thought to have been born near Rensselaer, NY, moves to the property and operates what was most likely a dairy farm as part of a land-lease program.
- 1851 Jabez Campbell buys the property and builds the farm house on the western bank of Kidd Brook with his son William Campbell (1818-1873) after the abolishment of a feudal land-lease system. This is the earliest known land deed date. The original barn is also presumed to have been built around this time, on the eastern bank of Kidd Brook, slightly north of the farmhouse.
- 1854 Property is inherited by William Campbell.
- 1900 Around this time, the property is inherited by William's son William Alfred Campbell (1864-1931). Original barn is said to have been destroyed around this time by fire and hastily re-built on the opposite bank of Kidd Brook, adjacent to the farmhouse.
- 1940 Property is sold by William Alfred's wife Ella McIntyre after being leased out several times.
- 1940-1965 Between 1940 and 1965 the history of the property is unclear. According to Wilbur Haynes (current Bloomville resident, town historian, and keeper of the Bloomville cemetery), the property ceased farming activity upon its sale in 1940, and all of the livestock and farm equipment auctioned off. It is believed that one of the leasers between 1930 and 1940 was an Italian farmer whose holdings were reportedly raided for running a moonshine operation. The farm was sold several times within this period. None of these owners actively farmed the land.
- 1965 Property is purchased by Antonín and Adele Tutter from Clarence Burns, a local farmer from Bovina, and named Zelený Les (Czech for "Green Woods").
- 1982 Original road running between Kidd Brook and Scotch Hill Road is bulldozed and a reconfigured serpentine road excavated by a local contractor.
- 1983 A three-mile network of new trails is bulldozed in the wooded area of the western parcel, joining up with original logging trails.
- 1984 A 3/4 acre pond site is excavated in a single day, in a open spring-fed field, bounded by evergreen plantation stands and a grab apple grove.
- 1986-1988 Construction of a winterized retirement home for Antonín and Adele Tutter takes place.
- 2002 Barn roof collapses under heavy snowfall.
- 2006 Epic flooding of Kidd Brook takes out the bridge.
- 2009 New bridge is built, rejoining the two halves of the property.

Farmhouse and barn are razed and buried in an excavated pit, reduced by controlled fire that burns for over 24 hours.
- 2011 Property becomes a protected conservation site under the auspices of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.