

# Liberty, N.Y.

## *The Ideal, All-year-round Resort for Health and Recreation*

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### **Introductions**

This booklet is not issued for the purpose of enticing visitors to our community, but merely in an endeavor to set forth with clearness and accuracy its many advantages as to climate, scenic beauty, convenience and accessibility for those anxious to find just such a place not too far removed from eastern localities.

Nestling in a picturesque spot in Sullivan County, among the highest portion of the foothills of the Liberty is one of the most happily and beautifully situated in her most beautiful expression must have selected the site of the little town which has since become widely known as an ideal health and pleasure resort, and as a place which has retained all its rural charms while affording to visitors every means of comfort and amusement that the most fastidious demand.

### **Accessibility and Climate**

Liberty is only one hundred and nineteen miles from New York, and by means of railroad connections is easily accessible to residents of here cities and towns in the east. A pleasant journey of four hours, on the New York Ontario and Western Railway, along the banks of the magnificent Hudson and through the fertile valleys and rugged hills of Orange and Sullivan Counties, brings the visitor from the metropolis to the bracing air and refreshing quiet of this delightful locality. The village and its immediate surroundings are from one thousand six hundred to two thousand four hundred feet above sea-level, in a country possessing all the varying charms that Nature in her kindest mood presents during the successive seasons of the year. The climate is noted for its healthfulness and has been well described as "Delightful in spring restful in summer, charming in autumn and invigorating in winter." Statistics show that the death-rate among life-long residents of Sullivan County is the lowest in the state, the natives being hardy and long-lived and retaining their health and vigor far into the period of old age.

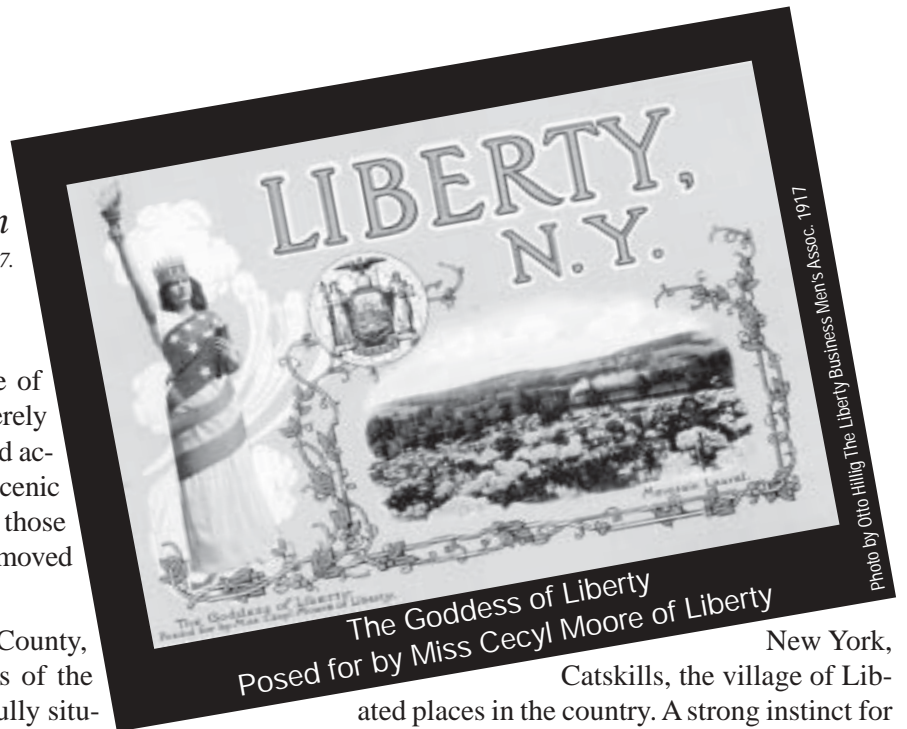
A comparison of meteorological records for a number of years shows that more than three-fourths of the days in the year are clear, the greater percentage of the remainder being only partially cloudy. The average temperature in winter is about eighteen degrees above zero and in summer about seventy-five degrees. It is, of course, at times much colder in winter, the temperature occasionally dropping to zero, or below; and in summer the thermometer, during unusually heated terms, sometimes registers as high as eighty-five degrees. Owing to the low percentage of humidity, however, neither heat nor cold is as noticeable as when experienced on the seacoast. This makes it possible to live the outdoor life here, without discomfort, almost every day in the year.

### **Liberty as a Health Resort**

For those afflicted with any illness benefited by an outdoor life, the high altitude, bracing climate and scenic beauty of Liberty offer rest and recuperation for the failing body and the jaded nerves.

In addition to hotels, of which mention is made later, there are in Liberty a large number of first-class boarding houses for invalids, some of them in charge of trained nurses, which accommodation may be had at prices ranging from twelve to thirty-five dollars a week. Furnished or unfurnished apartments are obtainable for the season or by the year. Furnished apartments may be rented for twenty-five dollars a month and upwards. Heated and unfurnished apartments, of five rooms and bath, are procurable for from seventeen to twenty-five dollars a month. Rents for furnished houses ran from four hundred to one thousand dollars per annum,

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New York, Catskills, the village of Liberty

ated places in the country. A strong instinct for guided the choice of those who, more than a hundred years ago, widely known as an ideal health and pleasure resort, and as a place which has retained all its rural charms while affording to visitors every means of comfort and amusement that the most fastidious demand.