

# I. INTO THE WOODS

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Second Quarry Lake under ice

Late February, early March [date not recorded]



We called this the Second Quarry, a natural pond surrounded by woods, one of my parents' favorite haunts for finding wild flowers. If we walked from our house and turned right down the hill on Heyburn Road, we would come to the dirt road to the First Quarry, an old kaolin quarry where clay was removed to be sold for porcelain. We would continue through the woods and come to the next quarry, what we called the Second Quarry Lake, a lovely private place.

Skunk Cabbage, leaves, *symplocarpus foetides*  
[date not recorded], off Heyburn Road





Skunk cabbage, *symplocarpus foetidus*  
March 20, 1960, Keen-Edge Road



Skunk Cabbage, flower, *symplocarpus foetides*  
March 20, 1960, Keen-Edge Road



*Hepatica*, *hepatica americana* or *acutiloba*  
April 14, 1960, Morgan's Woods





Bloodroot, *sanguinaria canadensis*  
April 15, 1960, Heyburn Road by Allen's





Dutchman's Breeches, *dicentra cucullaria*  
April 15, 1960, Brandywine Railroad



Trailing Arbutus, *epigaea repens*  
April 16, 1960, Keen-Edge Path



Rue-anemone, *anemonella thalictroides*  
April 17, 1960, Wyeth's Woods





Dwarf Ginseng, *panax trifolium*

April 26, 1959, Morgan's Woods





May-apple, group, *podophyllum peltatum*  
April 26, 1959, Lincoln's Woods



May-apple, in bud, *podophyllum peltatum*  
April 26, 1959, Morgan's Woods



May-apple, in flower, *podophyllum peltatum*  
May 3, 1959, Lincoln's Woods





Dog Tooth Violet [or Trout Lily], *pyrethronium americanus*  
April 26, 1959, Morgan's Woods



Blue Cohosh, *caulaphyllum thalictroides*  
April 24, 1960, Wyeth's Woods



Blue Cohosh, umbel of dark berries, *caulaphyllum thalictroides*  
September 15, 1959, Wyeth's Woods





Lousewort, *pedicularis canadensis*  
April 30, 1960, Keen-Edge Path



Common Purple Violet, *viola papilionacea*  
April 30, 1960, Heyburn Road



Green Violets, *hybanthus concolor*

May 10, 1960, Brandywine path above Smith's Bridge





Crowfoot Violet, *viola pedata*

May 18, 1959, Mrs. Sawyer's Garden



Sweet White Violet, *viola blanda*  
May 20, 1959, Keen-Edge Road



## Second Quarry Lake in bloom

May 4, 1959



The Second Quarry is accessible only by foot on two dirt paths, one from the front from Heyburn Road past the first kaolin quarry, and one from behind, where an old knife factory sits in ruins.



Pink Azalea, Pinxter-flower, *rhododendron nudiflorum*  
[date not recorded], Second Quarry



Showy Orchis, *orchis spectabilis*

May 7, 1960, Second Quarry



One quiet afternoon in early May, my father and I found this showy orchis hidden in the leaves just a few steps from the side of the lake. It was one of the most triumphant days of our explorations. My mother was quick to explain how precious orchids are because they need generations of undisturbed growth to mature. That is why they should never be cut as a wildflower souvenir.

Indian Cucumber Root, *medeola virginiana*  
May 16, 1959, Second Quarry





Sessile Bellwort, Wild Oats, *Uvularia sessilifolia*

[date not recorded] [place not recorded]



Nodding Trillium, *trillium cernuum*

May 4, 1959, Brandywine north of Twin Bridges



Bluets, *houstonia caerulea*

May 4, 1959, Brandywine north of Twin Bridges





Jack-in-the-Pulpit, duet, *arisaema triphyllum*  
May 16, 1959, Second Quarry



Jack-in-the-Pulpit, *arisaema triphyllum*  
May 15, 1960, Twin Bridges



Jack-in-the-Pulpit, berries, *arisaema triphyllum*  
June 20, 1959, Morrel's garden





Jack-in-the-Pulpit, red berries, *arisaema triphyllum*  
August 25, 1959, Rocky Hill Road



Wild Ginger, *asarum canadense*  
May 10, 1960, Wyeth's Woods



**One-flowered Cancer-root, *orobanche uniflora***

May 10, 1960, Brandywine path above Smith's Bridge





Squawroot, *conopholis Americana*  
May 24, 1960, Wyeth's Woods



First Quarry  
May 16, 1959, on Kaolin Road, though woods from Heyburn Road



Carrion Vine, *smilax herbacea*  
May 20, 1959, Keen-Edge Road





Solomon's Seal, *polygonatum biflorum*  
May 25, 1959, Lincoln's Woods



Mountain Laurel, *kalmia latifolia*  
June 1, 1959, Keen-Edge Path



Mountain Laurel, close, *kalmia latifolia*

May 28, 1959, Bank on Ridge Road

