

Ukraina

“Revenge On The Wolves That Devour The Lambs”



Father Agapius Honcharenko

This land, known as Ukraina, was once the home of Ukrainian expatriate Father Agapius Honcharenko and his wife Albina. The quotation above, which once greeted visitors here, expresses the essence of his social reform beliefs. Father Honcharenko detested slavery. Observing, as a youth, noblemen in feudal Russia living in splendor while their workers barely survived, he retreated to a world of religious study only to discover inequality in the Church. As a lifelong activist for social justice, he received death threats by his own government, eventually leading to his immigration to America. After years as a hunted man, Agapius found sanctuary on this beautiful, remote spot. He lived here for 43 years growing fruits and vegetables while continuing to promote social reform through his writings. In his later years he was known as a gentle, holy man. He was once celebrated for growing a squash that weighed 50 pounds and a sunflower 44 inches in diameter. He conducted worship services and baptisms here and was laid to rest near his beloved Albina



State Historic Landmark No. 1025



The house where Father Honcharenko and his wife Albina lived from 1872 to 1916

Quotation from the Book "Our Present-Day Religion.."

"Сьогодні наша релігія є релігією мучеників, але завтра принесе нам релігію переможців"...
(Отець А. Гончаренко в Календарі Русино-Українського Народного Союзу, Шамокін, Пенсильванія, 1899.)

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"Перемога над вовками, які пожирають ягнят"

На цій землі жив отець Агапій Гончаренко з дружиною Альбіною. Вище наведена цитата показує головну суть його соціальних стремлінь. Він з огидою дивився на кріпацтво, невільництво і несправедливість. За це він був переслідуваний аж поки не знайшов притулку серед каліфорнійської природи. Тут він відправляв щоденні служби Божі.