



# Food at Lucknow

Situated at the foot of the mountain on Route 171, today's Ledgewood Farm was once locally known as "Tom Plant's Farm." The farm, owned by Plant during his residence at Lucknow, included two houses, a workshop and shed, and three barns, including one resembling a traditional English sheep barn, which still stands today. It is reported that following an ill-fated attempt at raising sheep himself, Tom hired qualified farm workers from the local community to run the farm on his behalf. Under their supervision, the farm supplied a fair amount of the beef, pork, lamb, poultry, eggs, dairy products, and fresh vegetables that fed the Plants and their domestic staff.

In the 1930s, the Frye family served as caretakers for the Plant Farm. Lou Frye cared for livestock, planted and tended the vegetable garden and maintained the farm buildings.



His wife, Jennie, was responsible for making milk, cream, butter, and cheese, as well as canning and preserving the fresh vegetables and fruit.

By 1935, Lou and Jennie's son Clarence Frye and his family were also in residence on the farm. Following Lou's death, Clarence continued to manage the farm until at least 1940.

Herbert Person purchased the Plant Farm in 1949 and gave it the name it now bears. Ledgewood Farm continues to be owned and operated by the Person family today.

To supplement their food supply, the Plants received regular deliveries from the S.S. Pierce grocery store, based in Boston but with a shop in nearby Wolfeboro.

Perishable goods were kept in pantry refrigerators as well as in cold storage rooms located in the basement. Dry goods were stored in the Cook's Pantry, and possibly in one or more of the basement storage rooms.