

Auction at Mt. Nebo, present location of Charter Oak Park

Notes by Susan Barlow, January 2020

Local farmers trucked in their farm produce to this auction shed, organized by the “Manchester Fruit and Vegetable Producers Association.” Note the steep hill in the background of the photos – known as Mt. Nebo. Local genealogist Dianne Lenti said, “Strawberry and peach farmers from Manchester and Bolton brought their produce here. Buyers came from as far away as Boston and New York. My late husband, John Lenti, told me about this market. His family were market gardeners and sold strawberries at that auction, besides supplying stores on Front Street in Hartford with produce.”

C. 1940 photo from Dave Russell. Photographer unknown.
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1953 photo by Sinch Ofiara, taken from the tower of the South Methodist Church, northwest corner of Main St. and Hartford Road, kitty-corner from the shed.



1892 map shows Mt. Nebo Avenue cutting into the present-day park from South Main Street. Just north of Mt. Nebo Avenue is Gould's Pond.

