4-H Quest 💫
Hiram’s Hide-a-Way- Cameron County

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Sizerville, PA
As you travel the country sides of Cameron County, one little town seems to be forgotten. The small village of Sizerville has been almost lost and forgotten in the “folds” of time. This is your opportunity to go back in time to a simpler time and place. So gas up the “grocery-getter” and head out to one of Cameron County’s forgotten villages!

Directions
From the North:
This quest begins at the parking lot of the Keating Summit Hotel (Formerly the Forest House) on Route 155 South heading towards Emporium, PA. From the parking lot, head south on Route 155 for approximately 7 miles until you see the green sign for the town of Gardeau on your right. You will turn right onto Park road until it ends. You will then turn right and go 2/10 of a mile until you reach the Portage Township Cemetery on your right. This is where your quest for Hiram’s Hide-a-Way begins.

Directions from the South:
This quest begins by traveling North on Route 155 towards Port Allegany from Emporium. You will travel approximately 6 miles north until you see a green road sign for Gardeau on your left. Proceed approximately 1 mile until you reach the Portage Township Cemetery on your right. This is where your quest for Hiram’s Hide-a-Way begins.

How to Quest
This quest takes place in Historic Cameron County. It is a driving and walking quest and will take you about 2 hours. Bring a road map and camera with you. At the end of this Quest you will find a treasure box, where you can sign in, collect a copy of our Quest stamp and then replace the box for the next visitor.

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YOUR CLUES

Clue #1:
As you pull into the driveway
You will see the sign “Portage Township Cemetery”
Go through the gate and up the hill
Look for a place that overlooks Sizerville.

Clue #2
Feeling confused about the first clue
Walk back to the gate and start a new
Pace off 54 average steps up the hill
Stop and keep breathing still
Turn right and walk 8 paces along the side of the hill
In front of you will appear the stone overlooking Sizerville

Question #1:
How many names are on the tombstone, other than Hiram Sizer?

Clue #3
Stand on the side of Hiram and look over the null
What you see is a small creek that sometimes runs full
Walk down through the gate and over to the creek
This flowing water gave Sizerville life at its peak

Question #2:
What is the name of this little creek?

Clue #4
Head back to your car and slowly get in
Proceed through 2 more townships where school would begin
An old steel bridge sings when entering Norwich township
The school is now a place of worship

Question #3
Who is the Pastor at the Gardeau Church?

Clue #5
The final stop before turning around
Is the presumed spot of treasures abound
Black Beard’s silver is thought to be hidden by this marker
It is a stone grave with the name Parker

Question #4
What year is listed next to Parker on the top of the grave?

Clue #6
Winding back down Gardeau Road
Stop at the Cemetery to get out and unload
Walk back to the bridge and take a few steps more
The town of Sizerville was in front of you forevermore
Clue #7
The Sizer Springs Bath house used to sit on your right
Now a little blue camp takes up its old sunlight
Many have come and gone on the tracks to your right
Even the deceased President passed during the early morning light

Clue #9
The hotel, the sawmill, and general store had great yield
Now all that remains is an open field
When walking back to your car to go back on your way
Bid farewell to Sizerville until another day!

Question #5
Which deceased President passed through Sizerville in 1901?

Clue #8
While standing just past the small gurgling stream
Look to your left and imagine the scene
Main street of Sizerville in its prime
Forgotten now...it was just a matter of time

Clue #10
Before departing on your way
Stop at Sizerville State Park for a place to stay
Camping, Swimming and picknicking too
Even check out a Program or two

Question #7
How deep is the Sizerville State Park Swimming Pool?

Treasure Box
The building where questions are asked
Venture on in to learn about wildlife,
But it is behind this place you shall find,
Your reward for all of your strife!

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