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Pond, the family's Sinnissippi Forest Christmas Tree Farm. In 1948, the wholesale and retail business began providing high-quality firs and pines for the holidays, and operated until it closed in 2009. In 1955, Sinnissippi Forest was designated the first Illinois Tree Farm.

Warren's brother, Phillip Lowden Miller, gave the forest to the state in 1993. In offering their land for sale to the state, the family said they were achieving their goal of keeping the area an actively managed forest and preserving its beauty for future generations.

Currently, the forest still serves as a field laboratory for the forestry department at the University of Illinois. The forestry department at the University of Illinois continues to study the trees and monitor forest growth from the footprints.

The state of Illinois purchased a 2,356-acre wooded area that is one of Ogle County's most beautiful and historic sites. Its scenic qualities come from 120-foot bluffs along 3.5 miles of riverfront forested with hardwood and pine trees. The history stems from the individual who, in the early part of the 20th century, augmented the natural hardwood forest by planting trees—Frank O. Lowden (1861-1943), Illinois' governor from 1917-1921. He ardently embraced proper forestry practices.

In June 1992, the group of 25 or more people is encouraged to visit the site for further information on the site is available at each lot. For more information about Lowden-Miller State Forest, contact Castle Rock State Park, (815) 732-3729.

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