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Ca. 1800

1410 Division St.
Charlton

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The present trend of locating houses is to build them to face the main roads, but how different it was in the early days when man built his home in an aesthetic surrounding. Here we see a lane leading down into the valley to the home of the Moffatt family. This two-story colonial house is not only setting in an aesthetic surrounding, but also a historic setting as well. In the early days of the Stage Run the road came from the east, circled the house and continued north to Eastern Avenue.

When James Low purchased this farm in 1775, it contained 120 acres. He purchased it from an attorney for the patent commissioners for 108 English pounds.

In this century the valley was called "Hickory Hollow", but at this time hickory trees are a scarcity. During the ownership by Leonard Witbeck a greenhouse was added to the east end of the house. The Moffatt family recently added an extension to the north of the house which its facade is in keeping with the colonial aspect.

The farm was in the possession of the Low family from 1775 to 1868, at which time it was purchased by John Young. This was a period during the depression following the Civil War so no doubt the Low family experienced some difficulty in paying the taxes of such a large land holding.

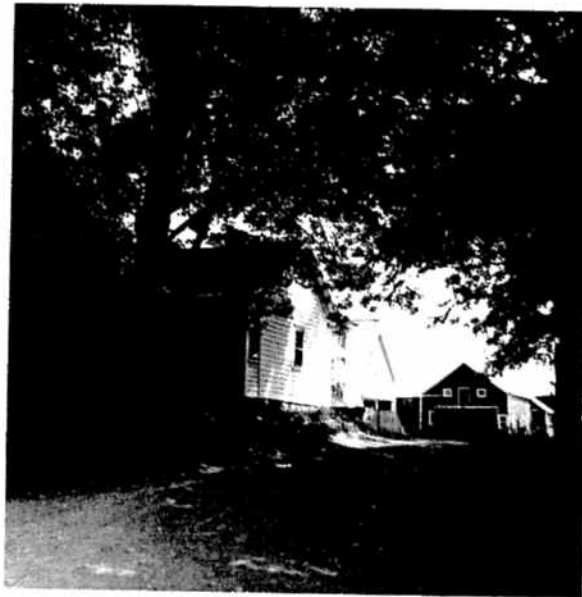


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4296 Jockey St.
Charlton

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1795

Here we see the complex of the Holbrook family. The house is surrounded by large shade trees so only the south facade is visible in this picture. Nathan Pardee purchased this 109 acre farm in 1795. There have been several additions made to the house so it is difficult to determine which part of the house is the original structure.

In 1837 Isaac Smith purchased this farm. He was the grt-grt-grandfather of Frank Holbrook. Frank H. Holbrook, grandfather of Frank, purchased this farm in 1900 and it still remains in the family today. The Holbrook family is one of the few remaining commercial farmers in the area. They are engaged in the dairy industry and also grown New York State apples for market. They also own the Bunyan farm of the south side of Rt. #67. Their daughter and her family reside in the Bunyan house. Son Frank has built for his family a house in the wooded area on the west end of the Bunyan farm.

With Isaac Smith's purchase in 1837, this farm is now listed as one of the century farms of Charlton.



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692 Charlton Rd.
Charlton



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Ca. 1828

Tilled fields surrounded by stone walls, fields of pasture for livestock, and approached by a long lane, here stands a Colonial two-story house of great dimension. This house stands as a tribute to the industrious farmers who tilled these fields. They certainly added to the heritage of our town. The house has now been owned for more than 50 years by Ben and Marion Pashley.

Thomas Brown first purchased 200 acres in 1777 where this house stands, and in 1971 he purchased an additional tract of 200 acres. In between these two purchases he purchased the 103-1/6 acre farm on Maple Avenue. William Brown purchased this 200 acre farm from Thomas Brown, and it is believed that he built this house at the time of the purchase. The Feeney family then bought the farm in 1864. Marion Pashley is a descendant of the Feeney family, she and her husband purchased the farm from them in 1928.

Of the original 200 acre purchase by Thomas Brown, the north 100 acres was sold by William Brown to Alexander Davidson. It now makes up the east half of the John Simoni farm on Maple Avenue. The second 200 acre purchase to the north of the first, now makes up the farms of Ernest Morris and Milton Possillico on the west side of Peaceable Street.



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1791

Peacable St.
Charlton



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1879

1145 Peacable St
September 1980

The colonial house on the left, constructed of hand-hewn oak beams, is owned by Ernest and Clara Morris. It is situated on the south end of the 200 acre tract that Thomas Brown purchased in 1791. The Morris family purchased this farm in 1937 and since then have made extensive repairs to save the house, including the replacement of the original oak floor-beams.

At the death of Thomas Brown Jr. the farm then contained 140 acres, and was purchased by James Sweetman at a mortgage sale. William Walton resided here in 1863 having purchased the house with 100 acres from James Sweetman. At this time the farm sold for \$2,200 which indicates that the house was in good condition, but since that time the repairs were lacking until the Morris family purchased the property.

The north 50 acres of this tract was sold to Richard Walton in 1879, at which time he built the house shown on the right, now owned by Milton and Marlyn Possillico. In 1882, Hiram Morehouse purchased a 20 acre woodlot off the north end of the farm, which was subsequently purchased by Francis D. Curtis, and is now part of the Corbin farm on Maple Avenue.



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763 Main Street
Charlton



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Ca. 1825

This house, now owned by the Stephen Pavlosky family, with its beautiful Greek Revival facade, truly enhances the setting of the historic district of Charlton. As with many homes built in the early period there were two parts to this house. The portion on the left, with its hand-hewn beams, was the first dwelling and the addition on the right was added at a later date.

In 1795 Myndert VanYevern purchased a one acre houselot here but it is not known whether that lot contained a part of this dwelling house. Michael Cavert resided here in 1825 and in 1865 his daughter bought out the heirs of her father. She married Dr. Abraham Underhill and they resided here until 1875.

The property started with one acre in 1791 and additional land was purchased until it now contains $12\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land.

Carl F. Schaus, resided here from 1965 to 1979, and named the property "Frog Hollow" after the frogs that inhabited their swimming pool at the rear of the barn. The barn was built by Mr. Schaus while he lived here in Charlton Village.

This houselot is a part of the 200 acres of Small Lot 5, 5,000 acre tract, that Jesse Conde purchased in 1774, and lies within the south bounds of the historic district of the hamlet.



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194 Stage Road
Charlton



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Ca. 1836

Although the housing developments dominate the area of South Charlton, there still remains the touch of the bye-gone days. Here we find a 2½ story colonial house that stands as a monument to the early days of the territory. This house is now owned by the Donald Rossman family. From research we learn that James Stewart purchased in 1793, a 96 acre tract from Joseph Bettys, where upon the house is located. The farm was a part of Small Lot 24, of the 5,000 acre tract of the patent.

From a will of 1898 we find that Laura K. Fulton, wife of Reverend Justin Fulton, willed her husband \$1,000. In her will are these words--"Whereas my husband has repaired, rebuilt, and enlarged the dwelling house on my farm...". From this direction we assume that Reverend Fulton had the front porch and balcony added to the house. Over the balcony is a lettered board with the words: "Praise the Lord". These words indicate that the Reverend did not depend wholly upon the efforts of the builder to make this addition a worthy cause.

To many of us this farm was known as the Tucker Farm, and Ernest Tucker developed the greater part into a housing development that he called "Tucker Heights Estates".



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Ca. 1803



Ca. 1901

1422 Peaceable Street
1980

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The scenery of the countryside is enhanced by many native trees, and nestled in the shade of a mighty maple tree is located the home of Harry and Helen Wood, which is a part of Lot 2 of Lot 12, XIII allotment.

In 1803, Josiah Gould resided here on a 100-acre farm that extended east to Sweetman Road Extension, and south to Route 67. The Wood home is on the north 50 acres of the Gould farm, and the Holbrook family resided here from 1835 to 1925, nearly a 100 year span.

South of the Wood house is the home of the Gabri family, pictured on the right. Here, in 1901, the Holbrook family operated a blacksmith shop that stood to the rear of the house.

Emerson Holbrook sold the Wood farm to Homer Clark in 1944 and successive owners were Harry Gilchrist and Johann Assman. In 1962 the farm was purchased by the present owner, Harry Wood. With the care shown by the Wood family for this colonial farmhouse, the house should still be standing here for another 100 years to come.



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468 Charlton Road
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Ca. 1801

When this picture was taken the foliage in front of the house was so dense that one could not see the house clearly, so a side and rear view was captured by the above picture. Since that time Gerald and Diane Majer have cleared away the brush, renovated the house, replaced the barns, and cleared the yards so that now it has the appearances of the home of a country squire.

In 1801 Edward Harger purchased this farm of 170 acres from the heirs of Hezekiah Seeley. The farm is in Lot 3 of Lot 13 of XIII Allotment of the patent, and borders the Ballston Line.

The Taylor family resided here from 1839 to 1866, and since that time the land has been subdivided. Reverend Phillip Moore purchased this farm in 1916. To many of us the farm is known as the Domini Moore place. David Palmer purchased this farm in 1937 and in 1946 sold 65 acres and the farm to Susiewells Lusk, and reserved the balance of the acreage to be a part of his farms on the east side of the Ballston Line. The Lusk family then sold the farm to the Majers. We are most fortunate to have neighbors such as the Majers who by their efforts are preserving many of our fine early homes.



2046 Maple Avenue
Charlton

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Ca. 1856

The affluence of the present day residents of Charlton is well shown by the care of this early Greek Revival Period house, built between 1856 and 1860. This farm is now owned by John Simoni.

This farm is the north 57-acre tract of the 103-1/6 acre farm that Thomas Brown purchased in 1786. The balance of the farm is made up of 96 acres bordering the west side of Peaceable Street, and is the north 100-acre section of the 200-acre tract Thomas Brown purchased in 1777.

This farm is a portion of Lot 3, Lot II, XIII Allotment and was labeled Lot A. The farms on the east side of Maple Avenue were all surveyed into 103-1/6 acre tracts, and they ran from Main Street to the Galway Line.

Farming here is on a limited basis but before 1904 it was a very productive dairy farm. With the fading away of the family farms on or before the Great Depression of the 30's, many houses on such farms began to fall into disrepair, but not so with this house. Each succeeding landowner contributed to the upkeep of the house and it now stands as a tribute to their labors. The term "Gentleman Farmer" seems to carry a jâbing title, but fortunately we are blessed with their intent to create beautiful homes in our rural setting with distinction.



JUL 6

1790



JUL 6

1835

2106 Maple Avenue
Charlton

2084 Maple Ave December
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This house, now owned by Jerry and Mary Damiano, was the first home of Eleazor Dows and his family when he purchased Lot B 103-1/6 acre tract of Lot 3 of Lot II XIII Allotment of the patent in 1790. Eleazor Dows was one of the early building contractors in the area. He built St. Paul's Church in 1804, and the Village Shop in 1829. In 1831, Dows sold the house and 90 acres to John B. Packer reserving 13½ acres where he built his second house, now the Mission House property.

In the transactions of this farm there were many additions and deletions over the years. When William Packer resided in the first house there were 34 acres of the original farm and 58 acres of the McGuire farm which was on the west side of Peaceable Street.

During the ownership of this farm, in the 30's, by the Porkzywka built the farm was divided into two parcels, the north portion going to the house, and the south portion reserved where Joseph Porkzywka built the house where his son John resides. With the reduction of farming so comes further subdivision and several lots have been sold off the farm.

The picture on the right is that of Dow's second home and now is the home of Reverend Leon Cartmell, retired minister of the Episcopal Churches.