

Ca.1800



Ca.1903

1401 Peaceable St. January 1983 Peaceable St. # 1417

On the right is the home of the Lester South family, who reclaimed this farm, of 58 acres, in 1944. In 1945, Lester purchased the north 70 acre tract to add to his holdings. The south 58 acres was the north section of the 100 acre tract that Joseph LaRue purchased in 1795.

South of the house the early South families built a millpond, and operated a sawmill there. When Herman LaRue operated this mill he derived his power for the saws from a large gasoline engine. The mill has disappeared, but remnants of the pond still exists as a portion of the Mourning Kill watershed.

In 1903, the Harmony Assn. Patrons of Industry purchased a lot from the South families, and built this hall. When the society disbanded the property reverted back to the South family from a reversion clause in the original deed. In 1960, Lester donated the hall-property to the Harmony Fire Dept.

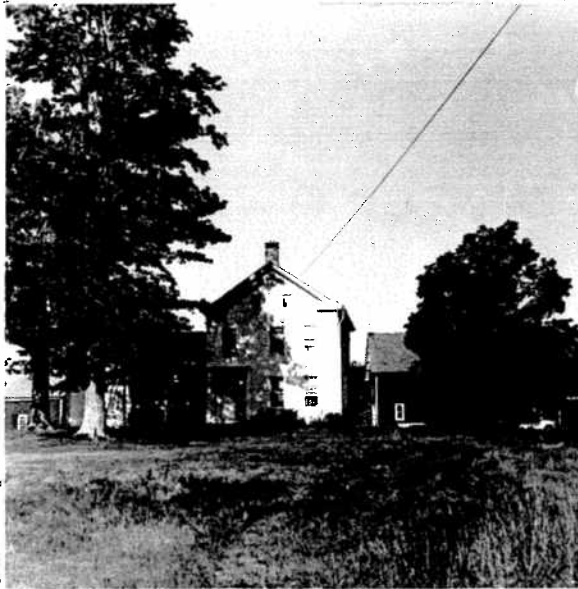
Recently a group of interested citizens, of Harmony Corners, got together and restored the hall. Every one should visit the hall, and enjoy the beautiful panelled ceiling, rarely found in any other building in the district.

South of the Hall stood Dist. #9 schoolhouse, known as the Parent School. When the district joined the Ballston School system the district number was changed to #6. When alterations in the State Road were made the schoolhouse was removed, and the lot reverted back to the Parent Far,

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1279 Peaceable St. January 1983



Ca.1795

Peaceable St. # 1299

On the right is the home of the Roland Diemers family, who moved here in 1962. This property is part of the 100 acre tract of Joseph LaRue holdings, of 1795, and is believed to be his first home in Charlton, before settling on Charlton Road.

Joseph South resided here, in 1840, and was also one of the first homes for the Parent families.

At the death of Joseph LaRue, this property fell to the share of his son Mathew, as well as the farm on Charlton Road. The balance of the 300 acre tract was willed to Joseph LaRue's granddaughters; Eleanor Boone; Margaret Valentine; Catherine McKnight; Anne Valentine; and Margaret Gordon. These farms contained 50 acres each, and extended southward to the 400 acre tract of Thomas Brown.

On the left is the home of the Stanley Vedder family, who purchased this farm from George Parent in 1974.

This farm fell to the share of Margaret Gordon. Her heirs, David and Kenneth Gordon sold the farm to John Parent in 1831.

In 1864, Joseph L. Parent purchased a 25 acre woodlot on Maple Ave, and it joined the Parent farm to the east. Legend tells us that Parent harvested the timber from the woodlot to build this house at that time. The Parent families engaged in farming until 1935, at which time the farm was willed to George Parent, in 1962.

Presently there are several carriages stored in the barn, and recently Stanley Vedder donated one of the Parent carriages to the St. Paul's Folk Museum.

When Rev. Joseph Sweetman, retired from the ministry, due to poor health, he spent his last years with the Parent family.

Ca.1830



1203 Peaceable St. February 1983



Ca.1850

Peaceable St. # 1245

On the right is the home of the Robert Rasmussen family, who moved here in 1975.

This 50 acre farm fell to the share of Eleanor Bowne, one of the granddaughters of Joseph LaRue. In 1865, Henry son of Capt. Henry and Eleanor (LaRue) Bowne sold this farm to Joseph L.R. Valentine, who in turn sold it, in 1883, to Thomas Bliss. Over the years this was known as the Bliss Farm.

The Louie Hall resided here, in 1921, and their daughter Anna married Lansing Parent. They were two daughters born to Lansing and Anna Parent. The eldest daughter Betty married Erwin (Pete) Murray, one of our town councilmen now serving the community.

It was believed that this house was built in the handhewn oak beam period, but when renovated by the Rasmussen family, it was found that much of the interior lumber could have been derived from some outbuildings, that contained sawn lumber. Possibly the Bowne house was devastated by fire, and the sawn lumber is a replacement of materials.

On the left is the home of the Arthur Catuccio family, who moved here in 1958. Mr. Catuccio has successfully raised breeding beagle dogs, as well as for show. He operates the Harmony Hill Beagle Kennel.

This 50 acre farm fell to the share of Anna (LaRue) widow of James Valentine, and granddaughter of Joseph LaRue. Since that time, the property has changed hands many times, and each owner contributed to the upkeep of the house. The house is reached by a short lane, as pictured.

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Ca. 1830



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1304 Peaceable St. February 1983 Peaceable St.

To capture the beauty of a house, with a camera, can be quite difficult at times, and such was the case with the house on the right. This is the home of the George Butterfield family, who moved here in 1980. This farm contains $23\frac{1}{2}$ acres, less a house lot, of the original 50 acre tract that Joseph LaRue willed to his granddaughter. A tract of 27.78 acres, off the west end of the farm, was sold to Francis Curtis to join his farm at Maple Ave.

David Gordon purchased this farm, and sold it to Joseph Gordon in 1830. Many early Charlton families resided here such as 'Gordon; Smith; Brown; Valentine; Cox; Goodwin; and Olmstead.

In 1874, George Valentine purchased this farm at a mortgage sale, and in 1875 sold the property to Jane Cox, with only $23\frac{1}{2}$ acres of the original farm.

On the left is the home of the Lester Denison family, who moved here in 1937. The house lot contained 2 acres. In 1830 Lucy Hamblin resided here. She purchased the property from Kenneth Gordon, who at the time owned the DeRidder farm, of which this lot was a portion of. Lucy Hamblin resided here for 25 years, and her heirs sold the property to James Guernsey, one of the early families of Clifton Park.

John Finch moved here, in 1899, and in 1928 Jennie Finch purchased an additional 25 foot strip to add the house lot.

The pine trees surrounding the house seem to be lost from their woodland environment, yet they add charm to this rural home. It will be interesting to note the number of tree-rings in a stump when the trees are felled. Possibly John Finch planted these trees in 1899, or we may learn the the house lot was carved out of a pine forest that may have extended to the roadside.

1794



1792

132 Valentine Rd.

March 1983

If you were to drive down this lane pictured on the left, cross the creek over the bridge, you would come out at an open field to the house pictured on the right.

The Noel Hayner family purchased this 125 acre farm in 1945. They have restored this early colonial farm-house so that it is worthy of the home of a country squire.

In 1792, Frederick Valentine purchased a 100 acre tract of land from the patent commissioners where this house stands. The farm is the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of Small Lot 13, of the 5,000 acre tract. As the lot line fell near the center of the LaRue Creek, Frederick Valentine purchased an additional tract of 25 acres of Small Lot 12. The west line of the 25 acre tract is the Valentine Road, so named to honor this early Charlton pioneer. With the lane, and bridge across the creek, the owners of this farm are able to reach the main road.

In 1832, Amasa Spring purchased this farm, and succeeding owners were Cavert; Fursman; Budd; Valentine; Wendell; Shippee; Chavalier. Goggins; Smith; and Hayner.

While residing on this farm, in 1853, James N. Budd held the office of town Supervisor. His daughter Orcellia married Gideon L. Valentine, and they purchased this farm from the heirs of James L. Budd. Once more the property was in the hands of the Valentine families. Their son, William Henry Valentine, born on this farm, held for many years the office of Town Clerk. He married, in 1887, to Lenora Marvin, and they resided at the Ann Morgan property, in the hamlet of Charlton. Their son Frank resides in Schenectady, and is the last surviving male member of this early family, who distinguished themselves, and added to the heritage of our town.

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114 Jenkins Rd. March 1983



Jenkins Rd.

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On the left is the home of the Richard Bievenue family, who moved here in 1963, and on the right is the home of the William Rowledge family, who moved here in 1947. These two properties were a part of the large landholdings of the Rowledge families, that settled here in 1909. The Rowledge farms extended from Sweetman Rd, to the Ballston Line. on both sides of Jenkins Rd.

Donal Rowledge purchased the farm from James Rowledge, in 1931, and in 1964 he built his present family home near the LaRue Creek. He sold the old farmhouse, and built a housing development on the east end of the farm, which he called "The Pines".

While researching land deeds we found that these farms were once owned by members of the Conde family, who settled in Charlton in 1774.

An early road survey revealed that John Maxwell, and John Landrum, each owned farms on the south side of Jenkins R. The road survey commenced at a large Pine stump (at Lakehill Rd.) and went North 1 degree East 7 chains, and then east 16 chains. Maxwell, and Landrum, each donated 1 rod of land past their farms for the road. Their houses have since disappeared, and their farms are now a part of the Rowledge farms.

The William Rowledge property has had many owners over the years, one of which was Thomas Brady, who we believe was the father of Adam Brady, our rural mail carrier for many years. The Brady family resided here in 1874.

On the east side of Sweetman Rd, near Jenkins Rd. was another farm owned by Lauren Rowledge, father of William. Lauren Rowledge purchased his farm in 1936, and the farm contained 83 acres. This farm was once owned by Albert Conde, as early as 1809, and was purchased by Stanley Garrison in 1966.

The present house could be a replacement of the Alpheus Harvey home when he resided here in 1858. At that time the farm contained 110 acre of land. Some of the road frontage has been sold off into building lots.



Ca.1797



35 Featherbed Lane



Ca.1832

April 1983 1 Featherbed

On the left is the home of the Frank Fee family, who moved here in 1957. This farm extends northward to the Galway Line. Here the family specialize in teaching English riding classes, and their stable is called the "Fran-Meryl Farm".

As early as 1791, William Morford purchased a 104 acre tract from Everett Bancker, an heir of one of the 13 loyal subjects of Queen Anne of England. In 1797, Morford sold a tract of 52 acres of land to Joseph Brown, where the house stands, and in 1808, Brown purchased from Gideon Hawley, and Sylveter Harmon, a tract of 51 acres to the west.

This house faces Maple Ave. Ext, now called Featherbed Lane". This writer does not know of the origin of the latter name of the road.

The house on the right is the home of the C. Russell Mason family. Russell is a retired electrical engineer at the General Electric Co., and Dorothy is a retired teacher from the B.H.-B.L. Central Schools.

In 1807, Edward J. Callen purchased a tract of 38-3/4 acres, of the 104 acre tract, from William Morford.

South of Rt. #67, is a 10 acre plot owned by the Sowles Est, which is a part of the original 104 acre tract, purchased by Morford. With simple arithmetic, we find a 4 acre disputed tract between the farms of Fee, and Mason.

The home of the Mason family is of the Greek Revival period introduced about 1832. It is not known if this house was built by Callen, or whether he renovated the house with the Revival period. In the cellar of the house there is a Dutchoven, in good shape, and is a tribute to the heritage of our early settlers.

In 1919, Lawrence Willie resided here, and to supplement his income he made, and sold, reed baskets made of local willow shoots. He was fondly called "Willie the Basketman".

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4074 Jockey St.



1844

April 1983 4084 Jockey St.

On the left is the home of Arthur Riley who was born here in 1899. He purchased this farm, in 1975, from the heirs of his father.

Thomas Riley Sr. purchased a 20 acre tract, in 1840, and sold the north 10 acre tract to his brother-in-law, James Leo Martin.

James, brother of Arthur, was born here. At his death, in 1948, he was 74 years of age. His lower limbs were disabled from polio so that he had special equipment attached to his cars so that he could drive without use of his feet. From 1912 to 1919, and from 1926 to 1935, James Riley served in the position of tax collector.

The Riley Brothers; Thomas, Arthur, and James managed a fruit farm here. They called their farm the "Charlton Fruit Farm". This farm is listed in our archives as one of the century farms.

In 1794, Levi Betts owned a tract of 35 acres of land which included this farm, the Hilton farm, and about 15 acres of the Cronin farm.

Joseph Porter, a captain in the militia of the Revolution, settled in this house soon after the war.

The house on the right is the home of the Leo Hilton family, who moved here in 1971. Mr. Hilton is employed as a sheet metal mechanic, and to supplement his income the family engages in truck-farming. They call their farm the "Hilton Green Acres".

In 1844, James Martin purchased this 10 acre farm from his brother-in-law Thomas Piley. The farm had been in the Martin family for 127 years, and is listed as a Century Farm.

Emmett Martin, a lifelong Democrat, held the position of Supt. of Highways in 1925. In those days a man was chosen, not by his politics, but whether he was the best man for the job. Keeping the roads passable was most important in the minds of the towns-people, and still is.

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Ca. 1820



Ca. 1798



4120 Jockey St.

May 1983

Jockey St. # 4138

On the left, the view blocked by large shade trees, we still get a glimpse of the James Cronin family home. The Cronins moved here in 1947, on a 11½ acre tract of land with the house, which was a portion of the Andrew Smith family. Mr. Cronin is retired pattern-designer at the General Electric Company.

As in many cases where farming was discontinued, this farm was subdivided into building lots. Andrew Smith resided here, in 1820, but we are unable to determine when this house was first built. In 1855, Smith sold the farm to his son Harvey but reserved the first house. Harvey Smith set up his tin-shop on the knoll south of the Cronin house.

From 1820 to 1947, this property changed hands 20 times, and in 1907 it was referred to as the "Bushnell Farm".

While Norman Smith resided here he held the office of Town Clerk. He was a prolific clerk, and is credited with being the first one to correct the spelling of the family names in Charlton.

On the right is the home of Carl & Ruth (Finkle) Hall. They are both retired employees of the B.H.-B.L. Central Schools.

The Staats Finkle family moved here, in 1932, and at the death of Jennie, widow of Staats, the farm was willed to children Ruth and Staats Jr.

Zopher Wicks resided here, in 1798, having purchased a 59½ acre tract from William Clark, who in 1785 owned a 309 acre tract on the east side of Jockey St., from the hamlet to Packer Rd.

In 1805, Abraham Paymond purchased this 120 acre farm from Rueben Sprague, and in 1832 he sold off 25 acres of the north bounds to Hollister Sherman.

The Brann families resided here for over 90 years, and during their ownership bought back the 25 acre tract. They also purchased a 14 acre tract on their east bounds, south of Packer Rd.

Ca.1832



4129 Jockey St.



Ca.1791

May 1983 445 Jockey St.

On the left is the home of Ruth(Barnes)Heckeler, widow of Floyd Heckeler, a Glenville building contractor. The parents of Ruth were Stephen and Lillian(Sanders)Barnes. The Sanders family can trace their heritage back to the early settlers of this area.

In 1824, Sherman Sanders purchased a 20½ acre tract, where the house now stands, and in 1827 purchased an additional 20 acre tract of land to the west. These two tracts lie on the north side of the old Stage Run. In 1831, Sanders purchased the 100 acre glebe lot, to the west bordering the east bounds of the Low Farm. This glebe lot once belonged to the congregation of the Freehold Church.

The old Stage Run continued westward to reach the Low farm, and then it veered northward to come out at the old Balaam schoolhouse, on Eastern Avenue.

The house on the right is the home of the Reginald Barnes family, who purchased this property, in 1937, from the heirs of Albert Barnett. This farm was the main farm of Silas Sherman, who settled here before 1791. It is believed that the deed for the Sherman farm was recorded in the Albany County records, when this was a part of Albany County.

In 1850, James W. Sherman purchased this farm from the heirs of Silas Sherman, and at that time contained 87½ acres of land. James Sherman, in 1860, sold a 12 acre tract to Daniel Collins, on the north side of Eastern Ave. which over the years was known as the Collins Farm. The Fish family now reside on the Collins Place.