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Ca.1829



4235 Jockey St.

June 1983

Ca.1844



Jockey St. # 4214

On the left is the brick house on the Jean Currie farm. This farm is made up of the north 200 acres where the house stands, and a 100 acre tract, to the south, that was the James Callen Farm. We find that Asher Cook, purchased the north 100 acre tract, in 1781, but it is doubtful just when he built the brick house. When he sold the 30 acre tract, on the east side of Jockey St., in 1822, he no doubt then built the brick house as a permanent home.

In 1982, Peter Schrader, a Glenville building contractor, restored the house to par excellence, creating a Charlton showplace.

The south farm was purchased by James Callen, but his daughters, in 1866, lost the farm at a tax sale. No doubt Fred O. Cook removed the Callen house when he purchased this farm.

On the right is the home of the David Stockheim family. His wife Rurth, is the daughter of Roman Henick, who purchased this farm in 1938. Over the years it was known as Ransom Booth farm, and at times as the Peter Bliss farm.

In 1850, Rockwell Harmon purchased this farm from a sheriff's sale. It contained 76-1/6 acres, and over the years the family bought, and sold, parcels of land to the east as woodlots.

We find that Cyrus Harmon resided here in 1844, and legend tells us that this was the home of William Harmon, who at the young age of 20 years, died at the Battle of the Wilderness in the Civil War.

Down thru the years the families of; Harmon; Cheesman; Nare; Watkins; Test; Flynn; Booth; Bliss; and Heneck have resided here.

This lovely early colonial house still retains the charming veranda that was popular in the horse-and-buggy-days, of yesteryear.



1793



4256 Jockey St.

June 1983



Ca. 1822

Jockey St. # 4228

Set back from the road is the home of the Alan Grattidge family, The family moved here in 1966.

This house was built on a 30 acre tract that Aher Cook set aside from his 100 acre purchase from the land commissioners in 1792.

Ebenezer Olmstead resided here. He purchased the farm from Sherman Sanders. As yet no information has been found when Sherman Sanders purchased the property.

Pierson Crane purchased this 30 acre farm in 1832, and then purchased a series of woodlots in Lot 2 of Lot 11.

The Springer family settled here, in 1879, and owned it until 1937. Since that time the farm changed hands to the families of; Arnold; Heckler; and now Grattidge. When Charles Heckler owned this farm, in 1955, it contained 47 acres, of which 17 acres were the Crane woodlots.

As we move nothward we find the home of the Charles Koenig family, who moved here in 1965. The house is pictured on the left.

In 1793, David Mead purchased a 70 acre tract from Eber Isbell, and this house is located on the south 40 acres of this tract. The Mead families resided here for a span of 172 years. Ferry Mead died Sept. 22, 1978, age 96, and was the last descendant of John Mead who settled at West Charlton in 1788.

In 1903, the Mead families must have had some reversals as we find that Caroline Mead bought back the farm at a tax-sale. In her will she deeded the farm to Ferry Mead.

The original 100 acre tract of Eber Isbell, or Lot D, was subdivided. The south 30 acres became the Grattidge farm; the 40 acres the Koenig farm, and the north 30 acres the Beller farm.

Ca.1800



4289 Jockey St.

September 1983



Ca.1855

Jockey St. # 4551

On the left is the home of the Orville Curtiss family. This farm is owned by the Holbrook family, so we shall call it farm # 2.

As early as 1794, James Whitney leased a 150 acre tract of land, and in 1813, Rhoda Whitney sold this 100 acre farm to William Powers. The other 50 acres of the original tract is now a part of the W. Guy Smith family farm.

In 1838, James Watkins purchased this farm, and in 1910 the heirs of Watkins sold the farm to James Lloyd Bunyan. The Bunyan family resided here until 1959 when the farm was sold to the Holbrook family.

From the north end of this farm a tract of 1-3/4 acres was sold off to George Hummer, who operated a garage here. This small tract is now owned by the Curtiss family.

The picture of this house was taken in 1965, and since then the Holbrook family have applied new siding, and it now appears as beautiful as it must have looked when it was first built in the Revival Period.

On the right is the home of the W. Guy Smith family. It appears that the rear wing could have been built by Joel Sherwood in 1825. Possibly the two-storey Greek Revival facade was added on by William Alexander in 1855.

In 1837, John Salnave purchased a 10 acre tract of land off the south end of this farm, and east of the old Holbrook school. It is not known whether a house was built here, but the land reverted back to the farm.

This farm was purchased by Wm. Alexander, in 1855, and was sold to the Potter Heddon family in 1857. The farm was in the possession of the Heddon family for 72 years, and in 1929 it was sold to Walter Guy Smith, who held the position of Councilman for many years.

Recently son William built a fine 2 1/2 storey colonial house just south of the farm-house. The family produce milk, and have extensive orchards.

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Ca.1832



4619 Jockey St.

September 1983



Ca.1800

Jockey St. # 4609

On the right is the home of the Edward Jacobs family, who purchased this farm in 1944. The farm borders the Galway Line.

In 1792, Phenix Cox purchased this 101 $\frac{1}{4}$ acre farm, but did not get full title until 1805. The Cox families resided here for 119 years. When our town was erected, in 1792, Phenix Cox was one of our first Pathmasters.

In 1913, Aretas Cox sold the farm to Jay White, and since then the families of Swart; Champayne; Poirier, and now Jacobs have resided here.

Edward Jacobs is a retired carpenter from Alco, where he was active in building rigging to ship out locomotives, badly needed during W.W.II.

Mrs. Jacobs, for many years, has been a dedicated leader in the 4H movement which teaches integrity to our farm youth.

On the left is the home of the John Gibbons family, who moved here in 1958. Mr. Gibbons owned and operated the Gibbons diner, in Scotia, for many years. Mr. Gibbons renovated this house, and added a bow-window to the front facade. The renovation partially hid the colonial aspect of this house, but with these renovations the house stands proudly as a tribute to our early pioneers.

In 1794, Phenix Cox leased this 100 acre farm. It was sold, in 1841, to Enoch Lacey, and over the years was known as the Lacey Farm.

Asher Cox appears on the Pathmaster rolls in 1832, so possibly he built this house then.

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2115 Route #67

October 1983



Ca. 1832

The house above is the home of the Clarence Linder family, who moved here in 1976.

Brewster Abel settled here before 1791. His name does not appear on the roll of early Pathmasters. Possibly he hired someone to carry out his duties in that capacity. His deed was recorded before 1791 in the Albany County records, of which we have no knowledge. Mr. Abel sold the farm to Luther Herrick in 1832.

In 1833, Rymier Mynderse purchased this farm, containing 100 acres at the time. This family retained title until 1905 when it was sold to Ira Palmer.

The old Rt. #67 bordered the north bounds of this farm, and came out on Cook Rd. at the Schermerhorn farm. This portion of the road was abandoned when the present road was built past the farm. The new road left a pie-shaped parcel of $3/4$ acre of land between the new and the old roads. George Watkins sold this parcel to Samuel Martin who planted an apple orchard there.

Harold Hackett purchased this farm, in 1965, and made some startling changes to the house. He built a fur-storage over the garage, a fire-escape at the rear of the house from the bedroom floor, and in the cellar he built a self-contained emergency lighting plant in case of a power failure. These preventive measures are quite rare in rural houses.

Mr. Hackett, an hydro-dynamics engineer, planned and installed the water supply system from the Alpaus Creek to the building complex of the Charlton School for Girls.

It is not known when the Dutch dormers were added to the house but we can assume that this change was made by Rymier Mynderse, of Dutch descent.

Although general farming is not presently carried out on this farm, the well-preserved house adds charm to the countryside.

Ca.1801



2108 Cook Rd. October 1983



Ca.1832

Cook Rd. # 2119

On the right is the Alexander Grodek summer home. They live in New Jersey, and purchased this 78 acre farm in 1946.

John Grodek, a son, resided here until his death on Oct. 19, 1982. He was a casualty of W.W.II.

Elias Smith resided here in 1832, but we find no deed for his purchase of the farm, except a deed for 15 acre tract, which may be where the house is located. In 1848, Elias Smith II purchased this farm from the heirs of Elias I, and the farm contained 105½ acres of land, which was located on both sides of the road.

When Daniel Smith purchased this farm from the heirs of Elias Smith the farm contained 130 acres of land.

Nestled behind giant shade trees, on the left, is the home of the George Cook family. George Cook purchased this farm from his parents, in 1962, and it contained 111 acres of land. Recently George Cook added large porch columns to the front facade. This gives the house a Georgian aspect, yet does not take away the colonial facade of the house. With its handhewn oak beams, this house probably was built by Asher Cook, when he purchased the farm from Abraham Johnston, in 1801.

Of the 111 acres of land only about one-half of this total still is retained with the house lot. The balance of the farm has been subdivided into building lots. Where once tilled fields could be seen now a series of modern houses dot the roadside.

With all the modern additions the road still retains the family name.

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Ca. 1836



Cook Rd.



Ca. 1830

November 1983 2204 Cook Rd.

On the right is the house on the #1 tenant farm owned by William Smith, which he purchased, in 1959, from John Squires. The house on the left is #2 tenant farm owned by William Smith, which he purchased recently from the estate of Evelyn Schermerhorn.

Farm #1 is made up of several parcels of land. The house is located on a 50 acre tract, that was in the possession of Elisha Jennings in 1830.

Oris Tabor purchased this farm of 50 acres, and then in 1867 he purchased an additional 23 acres of land. That same year he sold a one acre lot at Rt 367, for a schoolhouse.

In 1840, William Alexander resided here and he purchased an additional tract of 93 acres, at Rt #67,

In 1921, Edgar Palmateer purchased this farm, and in 1945 sold it to John Squires.

On the left is tenant farm #2 that Smith recently purchased from the estate of Evelyn Schermerhorn. This farm contains 95 acres, and is a part of the 132 acre tract that Joseph Cook purchased in 1792. As this house has a Greek Revival facade probably it was built by Jonas Crane when he resided here in 1836.

Levi Callen resided here on a 23 acre tract that is now a part of the farm. His son Bryon, age 4 years, is buried across the road in the Adams burial ground, on the Oliver Adams farm.

From 1836 the families of; Adams; Harrington; Dawson; Gellan; Callen; Kelly; Weld; Jakway; and Overbeck resided here.

Walter Lair was the overseer of Mrs. Schermerhorn's farm, on lower Cook Rd., and resided here until his death. His wife Anna also spent her declining years here too.



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2520 North Line Rd.



November 1983

Ca.1825

The east&west road that connects Cook Rd. and Division St., is called North Line Rd. It is the division line between the towns of Galway and Charlton. On the south side of the road is a brick house which is the home of the George Allen family, who moved here in 1959.

In 1825, Joel Adam purchased a 50 acre tract, with this house, from the estate of Oliver Adam, who purchased this farm after the Rev. War. The farm then contained 112 acres of land.

Oliver Adam, on Jan. 11, 1777, was an Ensign in the Connecticut Regiment, and resigned his tour of duty on Dec. 12, 1777. He also was a private in the New Hampshire Line for 19 months.

William McConchie, on June 30, 1841, ae. 22, married Almira Adam, ae 19, and they became full owners of this farm. The farm was in the McConchie family hands from 1873 to 1952, when the farm was sold to Bertram King. Mr. McConchie, for several years, held the position of Commissioner of Highways. He traveled by horse and buggy to check the road conditions. On these trips he occasionally took along his daughter Marion (McConchie) Combs. She recalled, as a child of five years, that on these trips she was saddened by the disrepair of the St. Mary's Church, at Blue Corners.

In 1873, Nancy Adam, when selling her father's farm, reserved the burial ground plot on the west side of upper Cook Rd. This author did not restore this burial ground as it is covered with poisonivy.

Descendants of this family are still searching for the burial place of their ancestor Oliver Adam. Possibly he is buried in New Hampshire, or Vermont.

In recent years a few parcels of land have been sold off from the farm for building lots, so in time these roads will also contain a variety of modern houses.

Ca.1794



Ca.1797

1528 Division St. December 1983 1576 Division St.

On the right is the house on Farm#1, and on the left is the house #2, of the Falmer family holdings.

The house on Farm#1 stands on a 75 acre tract of the original farm, which was owned by Bostwick Brown as early as 1787.

The Smith families owned this farm, in 1838, and at that time they purchased a 30 acre tract of land on the east side of the road, and a 15 acre tract south of the home farm.

In 1930, Leland Falmer purchased, from Thomas Morrow, the 125 acre tract of land, west of the house, that was the Delsa Benjamin farm. The Benjamin house has disappeared from the countryside.

Leland Falmer purchased Farm #2, of 95 acres, in 1960 from Dora Hakes, Son Leroy, and family, resided here while helping the parents to operate the farms. At the death of Leland Falmer, May 29, 1978, age 72, Leroy, and family, moved to the home farmhouse to be with the mother Edith (Perkins) Falmer. Leroy continued to operate the farms, but due to rising operating costs, and unavailable farm-hand help, he gave up the dairy industry on the farms, but still operates the farm with cash crops. He is now employed with the town highway department to supplement the family income. The house on Farm#2 is rented to tenants. Leroy, and his wife Kay, are still active in the 4H movement, and are leaders of the Division St. Raiders.

John Weld, in 1794, purchased this farm from Asa Phelps, at which time contained a tract of 200 acres. Possibly this house was built by John Weld at that time.

Some thought should be given to the plight of our farmers. As the family farms go under our food will be produced by the wealthy, and this eventually will lead to unionism, and higher prices. Beware!

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Ca.1826



1500 Division St. December 1983



Ca.1831

Division St. *destroyed*

The house on the right is the home of Edgar Palmateer Sr., who purchased this farm, of 40 acres, in 1944. Edgar is retired from the town highway department. In 1948 he held the position of Supt. of Highways.

This farm is located in the south portion of the 200 acre tract that Asa Phelps purchased, in 1792, and is believed to be the second house on the 200 acre tract.

John Weld purchased the 200 acre tract from Asa Phelps, in 1794, but lost it at a tax-sale. Weld and Phelps repossessed the 200 acre tract, and the Weld families held ownership of this farm until it was sold, in 1866, to Thomas Wager. The following year the Weld family bought back this farm from Wager. Ownership of this farm continued with the families of Alexander; Cocklin; Wemple; and was sold to James Suits in 1887.

The house on the left is the home of the Earl Hansen family. Earl is the grandson of Rasmus Hansen who purchased this farm in 1923. The house lot now contains only 4 acres the original farm.

On the north bounds of this farm is the Isaac Smith cemetery, of which the south half came from this farm, and the north half came from the Weld farm. There is a right-of-way clause in the deeds for this farm, whereby visitations may be made to the cemetery from the main road.

Samuel Baldwin Jr. purchased this farm, in 1826, from his father. The families of Harmon; Barrett; Broughten; Ballou; Mead; Janiga; and Jorgensen have resided here over the years.

This farm is the north section of a 100 acre tract of land that Isaac Smith purchased in 1792. Possibly, at that time, this was the home of the Isaac Smith family.

Harry Hansen, D.V.M., of Ballston Spa, spent his boyhood here.