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Ca.1832



Ca.1792

1471 Division St. January 1984 Eastern Ave, #1220

On the right is the home of the Herbert Smith family. Herbert purchased this farm from his father Elmer Smith in 1962. Since the Revolution this farm has been a Smith homestead farm.

Elmer Smith was an active farmer yet had time to hold political office in the town. From 1926 thru 1935 he held the position of Supervisor, and again from 1953 thru 1959.

In 1792, Isaac Smith Jr. purchased a 32 acre tract, where this house stands, and it was the south portion of the 100 acre tract owned by Isaac Smith Sr. Isaac Smith was a veteran of the Revolution, and held the rank of Captain. No doubt his father was also a veteran of that war. Their families are buried in the Isaac Smith cemetery, on the Hansen farm, at the north end of the 100 acre tract.

Each succeeding member of the Smith family purchased additional land, and now the farm contains well over 200 acres. Herbert Smith, and his family, are actively engaged in dairy farming, and one of the few remaining family farms in Charlton.

On the left is the home of the Anthony Viscusi family, who moved here in 1971. A brick front has been added to the house, but it still retains its colonial farmhouse charm.

This farm was the home of the Reynard Smith family, from 1912 until the death of Katherine (Crawford) Smith, widow of Reynard.

Here we have one of our mystery houses, where land deeds are hard to find.

Francis Skinner, a Boston Merchant, resided here before 1844. In 1865, he sold the farm to John H. Skinner, which at the time contained 81 acres of land. This house, with its hand-hewn beams predates this sale.

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Ca.1797



Ca.1830

1371 Division St. January 1984 Division St. # 1447

On the right is the home of Chester and Joan (Majewsji) Orzolek, who purchased this farm from the heirs of Florian Orzolek. With their dairy complex they also raise show horses.

Although this house has the Greek Revival Period facade, the oak handhewn beams of the house predates this period.

Archibald Smith inherited this farm from his father, Jeremiah Smith, in 1830, as well as the homestead farm at the Charlton hamlet.

In the south pasture of the farm stands a lone gravemarker marking the burial place of Catherine, wife of John Spitcher, who held a contract on a 53 acre plot here. No resale appears for the Spitcher lot, so we have to assume that at the death of his wife, John Spitcher dropped his contract, moved away with his children, and never returned to the Charlton area.

John Sanders purchased, in 1860, this farm, and in 1862 he purchased the 25 acre tract, to the north, part of the Skinner farm.

On the left is the home of the Chester Gapcznski family, who moved here in 1968.

Chester Orzolek, in 1948, purchased this 100 acre farm, except this house lot, and added the acreage to his home farm complex.

The original 100 acre tract was owned by Thomas Low before 1814. He held the position for many years as Sheriff of Saratoga County.

In 1869, Charles H. Murray purchased this farm from Frances, widow of Thomas Low, and in turn sold it to Greenleaf Carlton. Succeeding owners have been; Fötter; Bann; Hummer; Nelson; and F. Wayne Snyder.

As early as 1797, Joseph Brown purchased the 100 acre tract from the patent commissioner Dirick Lefferts. Who knows who built this house, with its handhewn beams, or when.

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Ca.1825



Ca.1860

1175 Eastern Ave

February 1984

Eastern Ave. # 1111

On the right is the home of the Patrick Fish family, who moved here in 1973. They retain most of the original 12 acre tract, with the house, and raise collie dogs for show.

In 1860, Daniel Collins purchased this 12 acre tract of land from James W. Sherman, and built this house at that period. In the early days the road was called "Collins Rd.", in honor of this family, but in the last few decades the name was changed to Eastern Ave, which is a gross misnomer.

In 1808, a public highway was established here, between Jockey St. and Cook Rd. At that period the Stage ceased to travel over the old Stage Road on the Low Farm.

On the left is the home of Evelyn, widow of Donald Prudhomme, who moved here in 1964. The Prudhomme family raised champion Cocker Spaniel dogs, which they put on show as far away as England.

In the early days this farm was made up of several parcels of land, totalling 110½ acres. In 1791 this farm was owned by Stephen Weeks, but in 1829 the name appeared on the rolls as "Wicks".

On the east portion of this farm William Vanderlinden, in 1937, purchased a 24 acre tract of land, and in the valley he built an earth dam to form a pond to raise baitfish. A spring freshet washed out the dam, and the project was abandoned. On the knoll, James Schmidt built a Dutch colonial house for his family. Over the years the original farm has been further subdivided into building lots.

In 1946, Paul Lathrop resided here, with his family. He was a member of the Town Board, serving as a councilman, while his daytime hours were occupied as a division manager at the General Electric Company.



Ca. 1830



1236 Eastern Ave.



Ca. 1800

February 1984 1226 Eastern Ave.

The Joseph Kirschman family reside in the house on the right. They moved here in 1962. Mr. Kirschman is a teacher in the B.H.-B.L. Central Schools.

The early deeds for this farm were not found, but we did find that in 1831, Alvan Isbell sold off two woodlots to Alexander Donnan, his neighbor to the west.

The first comprehensive land deed found for this farm was that of 1860 when Joseph Alexander purchased the 112 acre farm from John L. Smith. In the early days the Hewitt family resided here. John L. Smith married Sara Hewitt, so we can assume that they inherited the farm from Susan's parents.

In 1868, John Preece purchased this farm and in 1917, Susan Preece sold it to Charles Heritage. In 1930, Susan Preece reclaimed the farm in a tax sale.

When Floyd Clark moved here, in 1933, the farm contained 5 parcels of land, a total of 143 acres. Frank Clark sold the house, and a lot, to Joseph Chabot, some acreage to Herbert Smith, and he reserved acreage on the south side of the road where he built his house in 1948.

On the left is the home of the Phillip Wright family who moved here in 1966. This lovely house appears to have belonged to this area of the early days, but not so. George Heckeler, an area builder, took this house apart, piece by piece, and rebuilt it on this site. The house lot contains 2 1/2 acres of land.

Mr. Wright is a Fine Arts teacher at the Perth Central Schools, which is a great distance from Charlton. No doubt he does not mind the long drive, as his family finds pleasure in residing in this house.

This house was once the rectory of the Calvary Episcopal Church at Burnt Hills. The charm of this house contributes to the pleasant rural area.



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Ca. 1810



1283 Eastern Ave.

March 1984



Ca. 1796

Eastern Ave, #1252

On the right is the home of the Lewis Nelson family, who purchased this 183 acre farm in 1932. The house is situated on a knoll at the end of a farm lane. Ray Nelson, and his brother now operate the family farm. Ray Nelson, in 1954, built his family home at the south end of the farm.

No doubt that John Bunyan built some part of this farmhouse when he settled here, on a 100 acre tract of land, in 1796.

In 1830, James Bunyan purchased an additional 29' acre tract of land, and in 1863 John Bunyan Jr. also purchased an additional 50 acre tract of land from Charles Weatherwax to the north.

The Nelson family from father to sons have been industrious farmers. Their tall silo can be seen from many directions in the West Charlton area.

On the left is the Marvin Morack family home. They moved here in 1947. The east bounds of their property is the mighty Alplaus Kill, which, in 1783, Abraham harnessed to operate his sawmill. One of the succeeding owners must have added a gristmill to the mill complex as Mr. Morack has found pieces of machinery for such a mill in his backyard.

In 1795, Herman Miller purchased a 1½ acre plot at Rt. #147, where he built a tavern. Later this tavern was known as "Bowlsby's Tavern", and many town meetings were held there as well as courts of law.

In 1924, George Bunyan purchased the south 50 acres, and James Arnold the north 50 acres of the Truax 100 acre tract. Recently to the west of the Morack home several new houses have been built, including the West Charlton Firehouse.

The Morack family still retain about 25 acres of the original tract.

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Ca.1802



571 Charlton Rd.



Ca.1802

March 1984 892 Charlton RD.

On the right is the home of the Peter Olsen family, who moved here in 1969. In his spare time, Mr. Olsen is engaged with our contsabulary. This house, of handhewn beam construction was probaly built by David Follock before 1791. The Follock deed does not appear in our county r... land deed ledgers.

The Follock family resided here until they sold the farm, of 100 acres, to James VanAtten in 1839. The ownership of this farm passed on to the families of; Wicks; Bann; Noonan; Walrath; Fobian; Palmateir, Beal; and now Olsen. The greatest change to this farm came in the last few decades when road frontage was sold off for building lots.

In 1843, Melancton Belding purchased this farm, and possibly it was he that added the dormers to the roof to give the house a Dutch Col- onial facade.

At the Division St. corner there once stood one of the early tave- rans operated by John W. Dickinson, and also there stood the Dist. #6 schools that operated here as late as 1916.

On the left is the home of the Roy Christie family, who moved here in 1961. The houselot is made up of two pie-shaped parcels of land, one of 1 acre and one of 2 acres. This houselot was once a part of the Follock farm. As early as 1835, Olive Beardsly purchased this property from Robert Follock, and Isaac Brush. It was then known as the Isaac Brush lot. To date the deed for purchase by Isaac Brush has not been found. It is believed that the 1 acre tract was purchased from David Follock by Isaac Brush, about 1802.

This past winter this early colonial house was nearly lost by a fireplace fire which overheated the nearby framing.

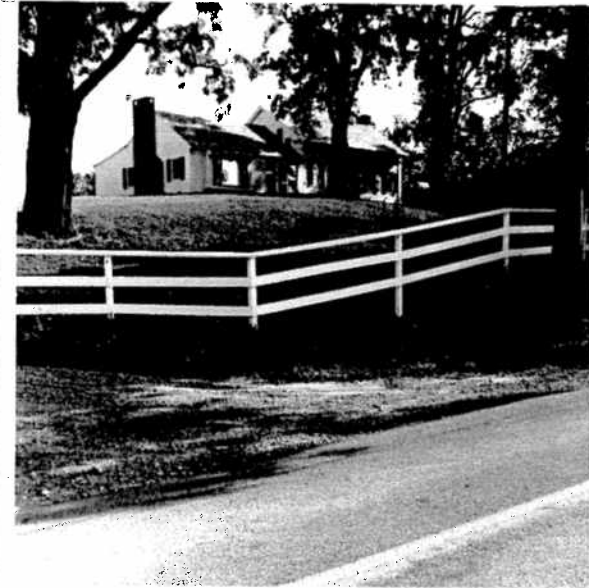
Mr. Christie had Larry Ellis, a local builder, make the necessary re- pairs, and once more the house stands as a landmark of our early col- onial days.

Ca.1792



916 Charlton Rd.

April 1984



938 Charlton Rd.

Ca.1837

On the right is the home of the William Purdy family, who moved here in 1979.

This farm was the summer home of the W. Howard Wright family, who lived in Schenectady. Mr. Wright had built an outdoor swimming pool at the north end of the farm. He installed an electrical waterpump system to supply water to the pool from the Alplaus Kill. He also built here a rest house that he called the "Tearoom"

In 1838, Cornelius Groot purchased this farm from Thomas Dows. The Groot family owned this farm until sold to Mr. Wright in 1931.

As early as 1837, Thomas Dows resided here and held the position of Pathmaster. The construction of this house, with its handhewn beams predates Mr. Dows purchase.

Anna Groot resided here, and when Dist. #6 school district was discontinued, in 1916, Anna attended Dist. #8 school at Maple Ave. For conveyance she used a pony and cart.

On the left is the home of the Robert Hodgkins family, who moved here in 1969.

The Groot families also owned this farm from 1853 to 1908. The farm contained 130 acres of land.

The Beach family owned this farm, in 1824, as well as all the other farms west of this farm to the Sacandaga Rd,

In a mortgage book we find that Isaac Holmes resided here in 1792, The frame-work of this house, with its handhewn beams, predates the ownership by Isaac Holmes.

The Hodgkins family have had an extensive renovation made of this house so possibly it will outlast the large locust trees on the front lawn. These trees, as well as those on the Peter Olsen farm, are some of the largest locust trees in the area.

Only a hedgerow now marks where the old road ran in front of this house, and the Purdy house, to the west.



Ca.1823



947 Charlton Rd.

April 1984



Ca.1791

948 Charlton Rd.

On the right is the home of the Donald Wait family, who moved here in 1958. Mr. Wait, now retired from the automotive field, has removed the old asphalt siding so popular during the Great Depression. The house once more retains that old colonial facade.

Isaac Beach resided here, before 1791, but we were unable to find the date when he made his purchase of this farm. The Beach families owned this farm until 1863, when it was sold to William Wayne. Continued owners were Ramsdell; Groot; Valenta; Bielecki, VanSteenburg; Mock, and now Wait.

Henry Mock, in 1950, purchased this 75½ acre farm, then sold the house, and lot to David Colville. Mr. Mock reserved the greater acreage of this farm to add to his complex to the west.

On the left we find another Beach farmhouse that Richard Mischler purchased from the Home Owners Corporation in 1943.

This farm was owned by the Groot families, from 1849 to 1912, when Cornelius Groot owned this farm, in 1849, there were 30½ acres of land in the Town of Charlton, and 36 acres in the Town of Glenville. The south portion was a part of the 4th. Ward of Schenectady.

Patrick Tobey purchased this farm, in 1851, and in 1900 the farm once more was owned by the Groot families.

The early deed for the purchase by Daniel Beach could not be found recorded in Saratoga County. We wonder that possibly the deed was recorded in Schenectady County records.

Legend tells us that the large cut-stone blocks of the cellar foundation were transferred from the quarry where the same blocks of stone were cut for the Erie Canal in 1823.

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Ca.1803



972 Charlton Rd.

May 1984



Ca.1850

955 Charlton Rd.

On the right is the home of the John Adams family, who moved here in 1960. Their farm contains 9 acres of land.

In 1850, John McKnight purchased the Mischler farm, and that same year sold the 9 acre tract of land to Abner S. Wendell. Ownership of this property continued with the families of Wayne; Toby; Wright; Cervenka; Seigler; Snyder; and Adams.

The facade of this house is of the Greek Revival Period, yet the framework is of handhewn beams prevalent before 1832. Possibly this house was built before the transfer of 1850.

On the left is the colonial brick house owned by the George Gaines family, who moved herein 1961. The north section of the farm, where this house stands, contains 32.8 acres of the original farm. The southern tract was reserved by Hugh Thomson where he built his new house in 1961.

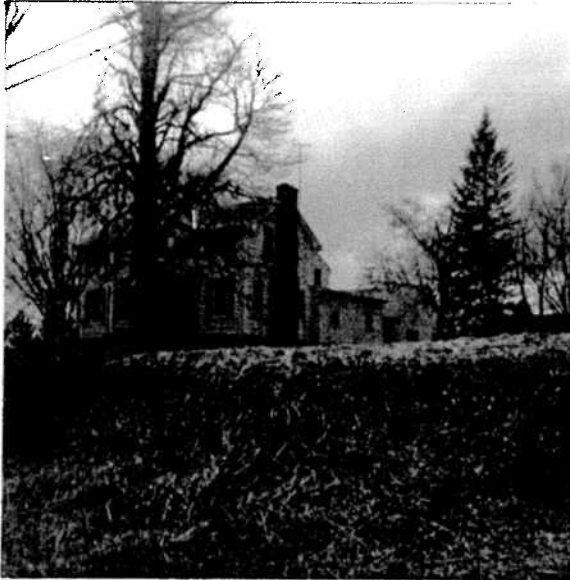
The exercise of tracing land deeds is not always fruitful, and such was the case with this farm. The earliest deed found was when Matthew Brown purchased this farm, of 127 acres, from the infant Colin Brown, who inherited the farm from his uncle Alexander Ferguson.

From a road-survey, of 1803, the survey continued thru the farms of Asa Beach, John Scott, and Alexander Fargosin (Ferguson), and then thru the lands of John Brown. From a mortgage book we learn that James McKindley resided here in 1791.

In another road-survey it mentions that the road extended past the tavern of Joseph Beach. We still have to learn where this tavern was located in relation to this farm.



Ca.1804



1225 Sacandaga Rd.

May 1984



Ca.1803

1226 Sacandaga Rd.

On the right is the home of the Alfred Morris family, who moved here in 1954. Alfred was a veteran of both W.W.I & W.W.II, and Irma was a veteran nurse of W.W.II.

This lovely colonial house sets on a knoll surrounded by flowers and gaint trees.

As early as 1781, this 100 acre farm was leased by Samuel Whitney. Matthew Chalmers, in 1839 sold this farm to Henry Ostrom. It is not known whether Samuel Whitney or whether it was built by Matthew Chalmers.

Ownership of this farm continued with the families of; Gibson; Young; Watkins; Flaherty; Travers; and Morris. This is the John Brown farm mentioned in the 1803 road survey from Charlton to West Charlton.

On the left is the home of the Joseph Manas family, who moved here in 1944, and the farm contained 60 acres of land. Mr. Manas was the general contractor who developed "Orchard Park" at South Charlton.

Isaac Wilkenson resided here in 1804, at which time Clement Moore held the mortgage on this farm. In 1832, Henry Ostrom purchased this farm, and it was then made up of two parcels of land, one of 37½ acres in Charlton, and 67½ acres of land in Glenville. In 1832, Henry Ostrom sold off the Glenville tract, and purchased a tract of 24½ acres to the north, which now makes up this farm holding.

In 1911, Charles Tomick purchased this farm, and a 106 acre tract to the north. The north tract was sold to Ewald Barth in 1933.

The Manas farm was in the hands of the Ostrom family from 1832 to 1911. The Ostrom men were progressive farmers, as well as serving in public offices of the town.