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CHARLTON, SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

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Ca.1800



Ca.1816



1356 Sacandaga Rd., -January 1985 1342 Sacandaga

On the right is the home of the Charles Mothon family, who moved here in 1972. This picture was taken in 1965 when the farm was owned by the LaBrake family. The Mothon family have made extensive renovations to the building complex. Thru their efforts, this farm is one of the show-places in the West Charlton area.

John Bell, in 1816, purchased this 100 acre farm from James Bell. It is the south tract of the 200 acre holdings of the Bell families. In 1949, Wilbur Murtlow operated the farm as well as serving on the Town Board, and acting as Justice of the Peace for many years.

On the left is the home of the Frank Wood family, who moved here in 1932. Dorothy Jean (Teller) Wood is a retired school-teacher, who had taught in many of the one-room schoolhouses in the Charlton area. Her son Donald operates the farm.

James Bell settled here, about 1775, and was one of the early settlers at Scotch Church area. This farm remained in the Bell family hands until 1908, when it was sold to Louis Ketzman. At that time 22 heirs of John Bell had to sign quit-claim deeds to the farm.

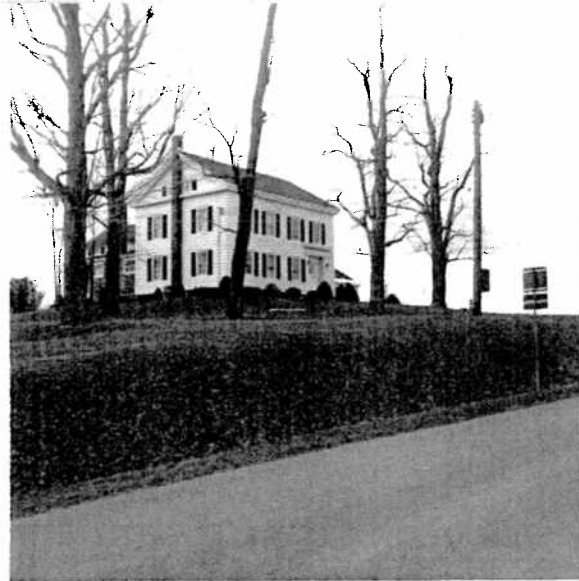
In 1842, John F. Bell purchased this farm from the heirs of James Bell, and the deed included the 20 acre Miller Lot. With additional research, it was found that the Miller lot was across the road from the Russell Arnold home, and was the tract of land sold off by Mary Clarke to defray the taxes on her 902 acre tract of land.

Two parcels of land have been sold off from the farm north of the farmhouse. One to Feliksaz Jerierski, who built his house in 1947. The other tract of land is located across the road at the northwest corner of the farm. Here Robert Wood built his house in 1964.

Ca.1803



2155 Route #67-January 1985



Ca.1825

Corner Cock #67
2189 Cook Rd

On the right is the home of the Ronald Riggi family, who moved here in 1975. This fine colonial farmhouse now includes an indoor swimming pool located in the rear addition that was at one time the summer kitchen.

In 1836, Joseph Baker purchased this farm, of 122½ acres of land, from Joseph Bartlett who was a Pathmaster in 1825. Subsequent owners sold off tracts of land so that now only 84 acres of land remain with the farmhouse.

David Watkins settled here, in 1855, and the farm remained with this family until sold to Ralph Hoyle in 1937. In 1899, Fred Watkins operated this farm. His main crop was cabbages. He was that successful so that his neighbors called him "The Cabbage King".

While residing here Ralph Hoyle kept a large herd of goats to produce goat milk which he distributed to stores in the nearby cities. This project was found to be not profitable so was discontinued by Hoyle.

On the left is the home of the George Palmateer Jr. family, who moved here in 1955. Mr. Palmateer is a local heating and plumbing contractor. In 1803, William Clark purchased this 20 acre farm, and in later years tracts of 5 and 10 acres of land were added, but over the years some of the acreage has been sold off from the main farm.

Subsequent owners after Clark were; Harmon; Baker; McGovern; Davis; O'Connell; Teste; Jessop; and now Palmateer.

In 1916, transfer of title, by George Smith, referee, to Frank Jessop involved 11 heirs of Jesse Teste. These heirs had to sign quit-claim deeds for a clear title. The finding of heirs to sign off quit-claim deeds has caused many an attorney some bad moments.

Ca. 1816



Ca. 1815



2265 Route #67-February 1985

2190 Rt 67

On the right is the home of the Edward Sauter family, who moved here in 1979. Mr. Sauter, formerly Supt. of Ballston Spa Schools, is now retired from the education department.

Since this picture was taken, in 1965, the Schweitzer family did a complete renovation of this house. Now with its lovely Greek Revival facade, and its eyebrow windows, it enhances the countryside.

Nehemiah Seeley resided here as early as 1815, and possibly this house was built at that period.

John Morrow settled here, in 1850, and the farm then contained 87 acres of land. The farm was in the possession of this family until 1965 when it was purchased by F. David Schweitzer. To obtain a clear title to the farm the attorney for Mr. Schweitzer had to contact 11 heirs of John Morrow for quitclaim deeds.

Subsequent owners after Seeley were; Willitt; Steadman; Martin; Consaulus; Andrews; Lynn; Schweitzer; and now Sauter.

On the left is the home of the Aaron Salisbury family, who moved here in 1964. Mr. Salisbury is employed by the New York Telephone Company. Over the years, this farm was known as the Allman farm, and previously as the Davidson Farm.

The house lot is a tract of 14 acres of Lot A, and a tract of 50 acres of Lot B of Lot 3 of Lot 8, XIII Allotment of the patent. The balance of the present farm acreage consists of a 113 acre tract, to the south, that at one time was the Joseph Watkins farm. The Watkins farm lane led to Eastern Ave, and traces of the hedgerow are still visible. In 1829 the Salisbury farm was owned by Emmanuel Consaulus, and contained 66½ acres of land. Subsequent owners were; Davidson; Ainslee; Allman Federal Land Bank; Emerick; Tollner; Yesse; and now Salisbury.

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Ca. 1939



23e3 Route#67



Ca. 1800

February 1985

Route#67 destroyed

On the right, at the end of a lane, is the home of the Maurice Suits family, who purchased this 103-3/4 acre farm in 1957. Mr. Suits is employed as a county sheriff's office dispatcher, at Ballston Spa.

For many years the land at the north end of this farm was a supply of gravel for the town roads, and in the past decade it was used as a landfill.

Mark Hallowell purchased this farm, in 1791, from George Ogilvie for 149 pounds Spanish milled Silver dollars. This was an unusual exchange as the predominant currency of that period was the English pound. The farm was in the possession of the Hallowell families until sold to Louis Ketzman in 1918.

The Hallowell families built an earth dam on the Alplaus Kill, which ran thru the length of the farm. The mill was a sawmill, but it is not known when it was built or when it was removed.

Subsequent owners of this farm were; Beyer, and now Suits.

On the left is the home of the John Kaska Jr. family, who moved here in 1979.

This house was built by Clyde Mundy, in 1939, to replace the first house of Teuben Jessup who lived here in 1871. The house lot contains 2 1/2 acres of land. No deed could be found for Jessup's purchase, but in researching the mortgage books, of 1813, we find that Elisha Hardford held a mortgage against James Kirk.

This is a fairly new house, and does not come within the category of historic houses, but we include it in our house series for a point of historical interest which we now quote; "then north 10 chains until it strikes the road leading from Charlton to "Freeman's Inn"!

Of future historians we ask, "where was Freeman's Inn?"

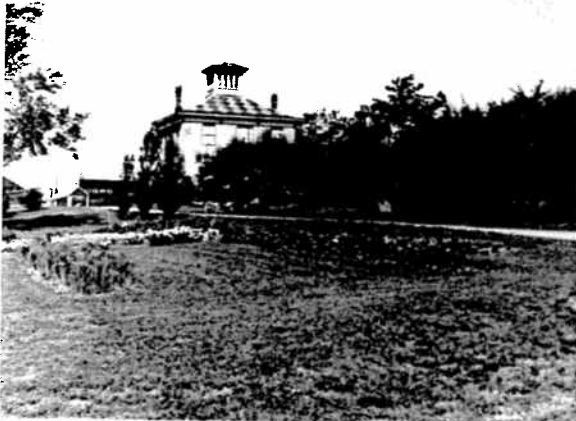
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Ca.1823



Ca.1847

17 Consaul Rd. March 1985 Route #67 #2404

On the right is one of the few brick house in Charlton, and is owned by the Russell Arnold family, who moved here in 1937. This family operates the Arnoldvale Dairy, which is the only home-delivery dairy in the town. With their extensive dairy operation the Arnolds also raise, and sell, saddlehorses.

This was the homestead farm of the McKindley family, who settled in the area after the Revolution. In 1847, John McKindley purchased this farm from the heirs of William McKindley, the early settler. In 1849, Thomas McKindley purchased this farm which contained the 100 acre homestead tract, and a 130 acre tract of land on the south side of the road.

In 1852, George Bell purchased the homestead farm, and in 1863 the south tract of 121 acres was sold to Emmanuel Consaulus. The Bell families resided here until 1930 when W. Seward Hamlin inherited the farm, and then sold to Arnold.

On the left is the home of the Joseph Bagdon family, who purchased the farm from John Bagdon, father of Joseph. John Bagdon purchased this farm from George Betor in 1927.

Emmanuel Consauls settled here, in 1823, and this homestead farm was in possession of this family until 1926. Some historians state that John Consaulus, prisoner of the British, settled here after the Revolution, but in researching land deeds we find that as late as 1805 Ogden Miller owned this farm. This farm includes the Consaulus homestead 100 acre tract, and the 121 acre tract, on the south side of Route #67, that Thomas McKindley sold to Emmanuel Consaulus in 1863.

This house is one of two in the town that has a roof cupolas, used by the early owners to check on the farm-help working in the fields

This Consaulus family were direct descendants of Don Emanuel Gonzalez, who crossed the Atlantic in his own ship to escape the persecution of the Frnch Huguenots in France. He settled, in 1700, at Westchester County.

Ca.1833



2539 Route #67

March 1985



Ca.1800

Route #67 #2530

On the right is the home of the Bertha (Albertine) Reed family, who moved here, on this 108 acre farm, in 1937.

In 1840, John Miller purchased this farm from Ogden Miller, which then contained 118 acres of land. In 1844, a tract of $9\frac{1}{2}$ acres, now on the south side of the road, was sold to Robert Crothers. This farm is the north portion of 237 acres of land that fell to the share of John VanPatten and Denne Relyea when Theophilus Beekman subdivided his 1,000 acre tract in 1774.

John VanPatten, in 1798, sold this tract of land to Nicholas VanPatten, and it is believed that he built this house at that period. The south bounds of this farm, at the east end, was the old Rt. #67, which can now be identified by only a stonewall and a row of trees.

On the left is the home of the William Schwem family, who purchased this 200 acre farm in 1907 from John Schwem who resided here in 1892. William Schwem was for many years a member of the Town Board, and also held the position of Justice of the Peace.

As early as 1799, Isaac Vrooman purchased the 100 acre home farm from Jacob Davis. It was Lot B that Andrew Weatherwax purchased from Jane Osborn, an heir of one of the loyal subjects of Queen Anne.

The south 103 acre tract was purchased by Cornelius and Benjamin Francisco, and was Lot C. In 1871 this family sold their farm to Robert Crothers. The Francisco home was reached by a long lane from the main road. James Boyd resided on the Francisco farm in 1834.

The Schwem farm contained $194\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land. Janet Schwem converted the house into a Ladies Boutque, and named the business "The Craft Studio."

In 1980 Connie Wood, retired from teaching at the Scotia schools, purchased the business, barns, and 16 acres of land. She now operates the boutique, and still retains the business name.

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Ca. 1827



93 DeGraff Rd.

April 1985

Cook Rd. #2191

On the right is the Schermerhorn farmhouse, hidden under mighty shade trees. This picture was taken in 1965, and only a glimpse of the lovely Greek Revival Period facade can be seen. VanAlstyne Schermerhorn purchased this farm in 1913. North of the house stood a studio that was a replica of the farmhouse.

In 1979, the George Barker family purchased this farm. They removed the old house, and the studio, and then built a modern bungalow in its place.

In 1796, Joseph Baker purchased a 100 acre tract of land from Abraham Johnston. Of this tract, Daniel Smith, in 1847, purchased a 17½ acre tract, and in 1854 another of 56½ acres of land to make up the present farm.

As early as 1827, Hugh McKindley purchased a 5 acre lot where the home of Winnie Palmateer stands. Another 5 acre lot, sold from this farm, is located at the northeast corner of the farm, and was purchased by David Watkins in 1880.

On the left is a panoramic view of the Baczkowski farm, with its lovely farm pond used for recreational purposes. The Baczkowski family moved here in 1964.

This 80 acre farm fell to the share of John VanFatten when he and Felyea and Beekman purchased their 237 acre tract of the patent.

In 1806, John VanFatten bequeathed the home-farm to his son Arent, and the orchard to his son Simon.

The Adam Conde family resided here from 1818 to 1924, and subsequent owners were; Knapp; Koziek; Fabis; Wytrwal; Kochman, and now Baczkowski. Each successive owner has kept this house in good repair, and it now stands here to mark the home of one of our dedicated soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

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Ca.1802



Ca.1834



36 Jersey Hill Rd.-April 1985

25 Jersey Hill

On the right is the home of the Bernard Majewski family, who moved here in 1945. Mr. Majewski is one of our town's unrecognized poets and authors. Mrs. Majewski keeps busy making donuts for their shop. Their 50 acre farm is the south $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 100 acre tract of land that Dudley Smith purchased from Jane Osborn after the Revolution, Mary Chave; John White; William Constable of N.Y.C.; and Peter Renendet of England, all heirs of one of the 13 loyal subjects of Queen Anne.

Dudley Smith sold this farm, in 1802, to Abijah St. John. Subsequent owners were; Holmes; Servis; Gilchrist; Gorse; Barkhuff; Szcecwski; Rusznica; Drzal; Ludwika; Grzbein; Kiszbec; Raczinski; Brittell, and now Majewski.

It is believed that Dudley Smith was a land promoter as he was involved in many land transfers in the Blue Corners area.

On the left is the home of the Charles DeGraff family, who moved here in 1960.

This $52\frac{1}{2}$ acre tract of land is the north section of the Smith tract, that he purchased after the Revolution. The Gray family resided here, in 1827, and sold to Alexander Ballantyne in 1842, This sale also included $25\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in the Town of Galway.

Subsequent owners were; Dalton; Sutliff; Gilchrist; Haberek; Drazek; Mac; Kostosky; Augin; Isabella; and now DeGraff.

In our research quite often we can determine when some of the houses were built by the monies mentioned in the deed transfer. Here, in 1827, David Gray payed the sum of \$1,500 for this farm, which indicates that a house was included in the sale. Possibly this was the first home for Dudley Smith at that time.

In 1844, John Gilchrist foreclosed the mortgage on this farm, as well as the Majewski farm. Much of the Gilchrist fortunes were accumulated by such mortgage foreclosures.

Ca. 1863



West Line Rd.



Ca. 1810

May 1985 68 Rocky Ridge Rd.

On the right is the home of Albert Stacknick, who moved here in 1950. With all the exiting shrubbery blocking the view of this house, we were only able to get a glimpse of the house-facade. This farm is the north tract of the 150 acres of land that Gerritt DeWitt purchased from Anna Banker in 1789.

From a deed excerpt we find that Samuel Allen purchased this farm, of 50 acres, but lost it to the Gilchrist family by a foreclosure sale. In 1842, Hugh McIntyre owned a 10 acre tract at the southeast corner of this farm, and when Rocky Ridge Rd. was established as a public high way, the McIntyre lot was split in half by the road. In 1917, Annie Kennedy purchased this farm, and the sale included the McIntyr lot, which had 5 acres on each side of the road. It was not until recently that Mr. Stacknick was able to legally establish that the north 5 acre tract was actually a part of his farm.

On the left is the home of the Robert Clifford family, who moved here in 1950.

A surveyors description of this property could not be found, so the age of this house is uncertain at this time.

John Cummings, in 1885, purchased a 16 acre plot on the south side of Rocky Ridge Rd., and in 1850, he purchased a 15 acre plot of land. As the assessment rolls calls for 31 acres for this property we can only assume that the two Cummings plots make up this property as a whole. Subsequent owners, after Cummings, were; Crowe; Zaverlinski; Litiva; Corcuera; Szmyk; Summers; and now Clifford.



Ca. 1804



54 Old Route #67-May 1985

Ca. 1847



32 Old Rt 67

On the right is the home of the John Nowicki family, who moved here in 1955.

Without definite proff, it is, at times, impossible to establish the age of some houses, and this is one of them.

In our research we found that in 1847 Alexander Gilchrist purchased this farm from James Allen, and further research revealed that in 1794 Timothy Puffer, the inkeeper, sold this farm to Samuel Allen. This indicates that Samuel Allen could have built this house at that period.

Timothy Puffer operated a tavern on West Line Rd. opposite the Cass-abone farm. He must have been a properouse citizen as he was involved in many land transanction in the Blue Corners area.

After Gilchrist subsequent owners were; Sheeby; Brown; Stanley; Walford; Futnam; Whitney; LaValle; Case; Smith; Cetnar; Kaczowski; Japarswicz; and now Nowicki Jr.

On the left is the home of the Theodore Tretiak family, who purchased this farm from Atanas Trezciak in 1932. This farm, in 1810, contained 100 acres of land except the one acre cemetery lot west of the house. The 1810 deed was a transfer from Tercher Mc Kercher to David Alexander. In 1849, Manley Barney added a 25½ acre tract of land to this farm which extended the farm northward.

The original 100 acre farm was purchased, in 1804, by Hugh Alexander from Henry Corl, a local land-promoter.

Subsequent owners were; Wendell; Trotter; Burknep; Kennedy; Lawson; Futnam; Fettingill; Michelowski; Nadler; and Trezeciak.

John Church purchased the 1 acre cemetery lot, and in later years it was owned by the Vosburgh families. Near the road is the remains of a cellar wall that was for the house of Samuel Richards. In the 1810 deed it mentios that Samuel Richards house was painted red color.