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Ca.1818



Ca.1808



1065 West Line Rd. June 1985 68 Old Route #67

Here we are at the hub of the Blue Corners area where Old Rt.#67, meets West Line Rd., that comes from West Galway. Legend tells us that at one time a tavern, and a store, stood here to supply the needs of the foragers as they travelled northward to the Sacandaga Valley area. In 1790, the Kissam family purchased a 407 acre tract of land here that makes up the Blue Corners area,

On the right is the home of the Senk family, who moved here in 1921. In 1825, Philip Brotherson, founder of the St. Mary's Episcopal Church, purchased a 42 acre tract of land from Richard Kissam. When Isaac Putnam resided here he purchased another tract of 33½ acres of land, that makes up the present acreage of this farm.

Following Brotherson the subsequent owners were; Putnam; Myers; Haver; Allen and now Senk.

On the left is the home of the Joseph Lis family, who moved here in the 1920s.

As early as 1818, David Putnam resided here as a tenant. From an early road survey we find the following words "the road past Boga's Store"-which we believe could have been the small barn that stands north of the house.

In 1840, Philip Brotherson purchased a tract of 57 acres of land from the Kissam family, which makes up this farm.

Since this picture was taken, in 1965, the Lis family have applied new siding to the house, and it now stands as a tribute to the early settlers of this area of the town. Joseph Lis sold a 4½ acre tract of land to his daughter to the west of this house, and a 16 acre tract to his son, on the east side of the road.

Following Brotherson subsequent owners of the Lis farm were, Durkee; Putnam; Paul; Yates; and now Lis.

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Ca.1938

West Line Rd.-June 1985

1046 West Line

On the right is the home of the John Dahlin family, who moved here in 1974. Their farm contains 145 acres of land. Frank Pikul built this house in the late 1930s to replace the old farmhouse that was destroyed by fire. Although this house is not historic in age, we do include it in this series to mention the names of the early settlers here.

This farm is the south section of the Kissam 407 acre tract, and is a part of the 164 acre tract that fell to the share of Esther Kissam, wife of Willliam McMurray. She sold the tract to Peter Kissam in 1835.

Here again we strived to complete a chain of title but not once did we find a surveyors description, except for 85 acres in Lot Y, and 69 acres in Lot Z, of the Kissam map, which has yet to be found by me.

After Peter Kissam, in 1790, subsequent owners were, McMurray, Settle; Barney; Crawford; Paul; Cooley; Tracz, Kaupilis; Sagates; Greenburg; Pikul; and now Dahlin.

On the left is the home of the Stanley Bryk family, who moved here in 1953. This is one of the few saltbox design houses in the town. Once again we find no surveyor's description pf the farm, but in our research we find that the land was once a part of the 4th. Ward of Schenectady, so possibly the early surveys will be fond in Schenectady County records of the county office.

This 61 acre farm is believed to be the original Crawford farm but his deed could not be found in the Saratoga County records.

In 1864, Wallace Crawford purchased this farm from the Lewis Crawford estate, and in the years of 1844; 1845; 1846; & 1854; he had to get quitclaim deeds from the estate heirs.

After Wallace Crawford subsequent owners were; Waterstreet; Kelsey; Paul; Bates; Clark; Newman; Popelka; Soltys; and now Bryk.

On May 15, 1983, during one of his many walks thru the fields of his farm; Stanley Bryk was stricken by a heart attack and passed on. The preservation of this house stands as a tribute to him.

Ca.1816



Ca.1800



1022 West Line Rd.-September 1985      1032 West Line

On the right is the home of the A.M.Brosino family, who moved here in 1973.

This 40 acre farm was the homestead farm of the Crawford family, who resided here before 1844. We could not find their early deed, but possibly because this farm was once in the 4th. Ward of Schenectady, the deed was filed there.

This house, with its handhewn oak beam construction, was probably built in the 1800 era.

On the left is the home of the Russell Brown family, who purchased this house, with 4 acres, in 1962. It was a part of the Max Selka farm.

In 1973, Dr. Ronald Tecler purchased the remaining acreage of the farm, and recently sold a portion to Dr. Jane Slezak.

When John VanWormer owned this farm, in 1816, it contained 142½ acres of land, which was later subdivided into smaller farms. In succeeding land transfers this farm was reduced to 84 acres.

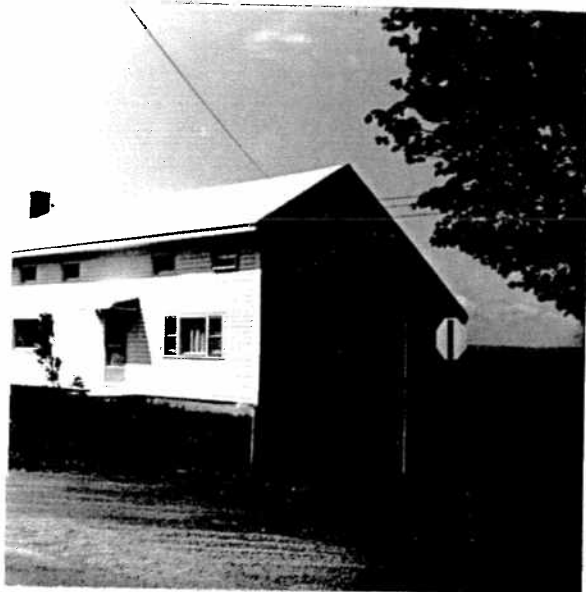
This farm was owned by Marcus (Maimes) Albertine, in 1879, when Western Ave. was cut thru the south end of his farm. The land on the south side of the new road was owned by George Kattenhorn. This road was the last in the town to be established as a public highway, and these two gentlemen were the only persons to be paid for this purpose. Previously all lands for highways were donated by the landowners.

After VanWormer subsequent owners were; Britton; Gibson; McLacklin; Gates; Lee; Albertine; Gilchrist; Kreivis; Mikelaitius; Lamfear; Koch; Weatherwax; Dziewierz; Selka; Tecler; and Slezak.

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Ca, 1829



Ca. 1842



1015 West Line Rd.-September 1985 1017 West Line

On the right is the home of the Joseph Zabawa family, who moved here in 1953. This farm is also a part of the old 4th. Ward of Schenectady. We believe that the line between Charlton and the 4th. Ward were changed about 1787.

In 1842, David Sterling purchased this farm, and it was made up of 5 parcels of land, of 1-7/9 & 1-3/4 & 15 1/2 & 52 acres of land. The Zabawa family has recently sold off portions of their farm acreage.

Following Sterling subsequent owners were; Ostrom; Wemple; Davis; Beebe; Day; Gilchrist; Clark; Waterstreet; Grinberg; Donis; Luzinas; Cooley; Rosal; and Zabawa.

On the left is the home of the Larry Czaplinski family, who moved here in 1922. This farm is also located in part of the old 4th. Ward of Schenectady, and part in the town of Amsterdam. The tract of 71 acres is in Montgomery County, and 39.9 acres are in Charlton. The latter tract extended to the old road to Cranesville, that was abandoned in 1829.

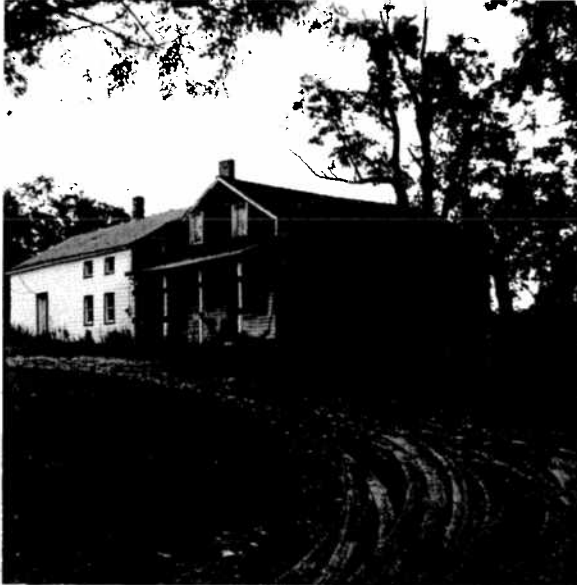
The earliest date we could find for a deed filed in Saratoga County was in 1851, when George Beebe purchased this farm from Jacob Hendricks. Possibly the early deed for this farm is recorded in Schenectady County. This lovely saltbox type house is one of the very few of this construction in our town.

After Beebe subsequent owners were; Easson; Forath; Rogers; Warshona, and Czaplinski.

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Ca.1800



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*Unoccupied* Western Ave,      October 1985      West Line Rd. # 1005

On the right is the home of the George Cassabone family, who moved here in 1917. The farm is now owned by his granddaughter.

This farm has parcels of land in three counties; 6 acres in Saratoga County; 20 acres in Montgomery County; and 28 acres in Schenectady County. The north bounds of the 6 acre tract is the old road to Cranesville. The house faces West Line Rd, which was established in 1829.

In 1835, John Hendricks sold this farm to Jacob Hendicks, and subsequent owners were; VanWormer; Clark; Newman; and now Cassabone.

Osun George will be long remembered for his weather forecasting, fiddle playing; and his stories as a stone-cutter in the repairs of the Barge Canal.

On the left is the house known as the "Little John" Walkowicz farm, now owned by Albert Snowicz. Northeast of the house is located a large radio-antenna used by Albert to aid the Civil Defense during W.W.II, Presently Albert is with Nassa to man tracking stations all over the world to keep track of our satellites in space. Albert has a plaque given to him by the government for his diligence in helping to launch satellites in space.

This farm is made up of three parcels of land whose deeds are dated; 1796-1797- and 1800. The house is located on the latter tract which contained 87 acres of land.

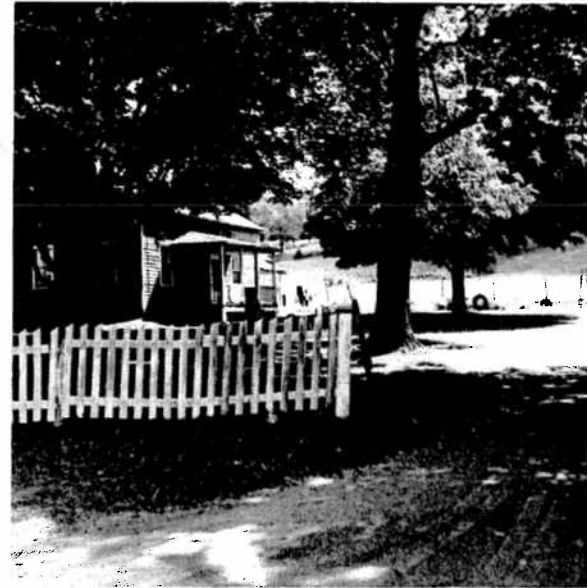
In 1800, Richard Losey purchased this farm from Cornelius VanPatten; and subsequent owners were Cornell; Gilchrist; Katterhorn; Galusha; Walkowicz, and now Snowicz. The farm before 1787 was a part of the 4th. Ward of Schenectady.

The Gilchrist family got their title from a foreclosure sale.

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Ca. 1810



Ca. 1800

72 Jolly Rd.      October 1985      28 Jolly Rd.

On the right is the home of the Rabin Hall family, who moved here in 1966.

The Jolly families, at times, owned the three farms on the east side of the road, and the road is named in their honor.

This farm was the Jolly #1 farm. We could not find the first deed, but in 1861, Samuel Jolly purchased this farm from Hugh Jolly. The farm was made up of two parcels of land, one of 18½ acres where the house stands, and one of 21 acres to the east.

After Jolly subsequent owners were; Reichel; Brujinski; Bialobok; Palmateer; and now Hall.

The south line of this farm borders the old XIII Allotment line surveyed by Charles Webb in 1796.

On the left is the house on the Jolly #2 Farm, and is the home of the George English family, who moved here in 1961. Since this picture was taken the George English family have restored the house, which makes a picturesque scene at the end of a short farm lane.

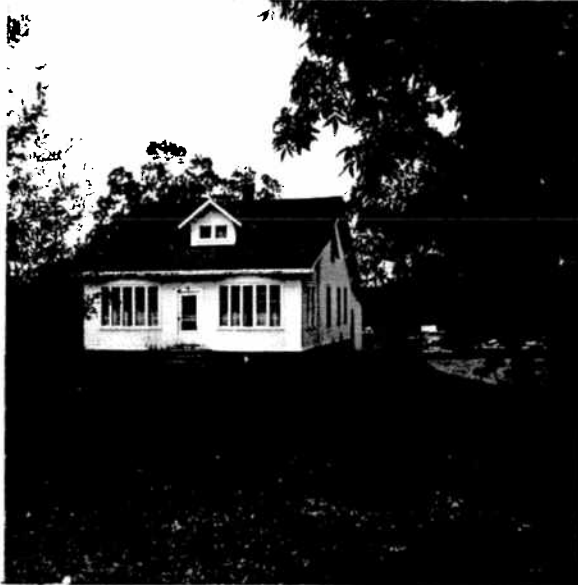
As early as 1810, Jeremiah Northrup resided here to be followed by Jacob Fonda. No deed was found for the Fonda purchase, but in 1817, they sold to Jesse Northrup. The south bounds of this farm is the south bounds of a 150 acre tract, of the 300 acre tract that Gerritt DeWitt purchased from Anna Bancker in 1771.

Subsequent owners after Jesse Northrup were; Jolly; Gardiner; Sakne; Liepas; Slikas; Selover; Goodnow; LaBrake; Nelson; and now Emglisch.

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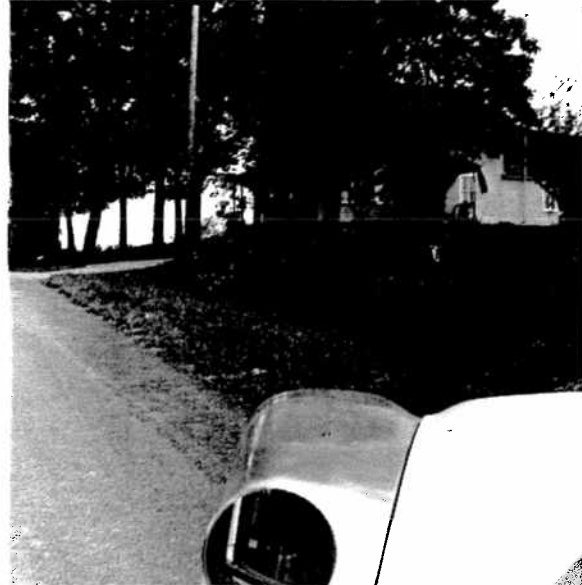
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Ca. 1925



31 Jolly Rd.

November 1985



Ca. 1842

Jolly Rd. # 100

On the right is the home of the Walter Cetnar family. The father Stephen moved here in 1908. This is the #3 Jolly Farm. The deed calls for a  $40\frac{1}{4}$  acre tract, where the house stands, and a 21 acre tract of land. This latter tract is described as a part of the Jolly #1 Farm.

In 1835, Hugh Jolly purchased a 28 acre tract of land on the north side of Old Rt. #67, which is a part of this farm, but does not show up in the Cetnar deeds.

As early as 1804, Barnard Wileman had a lease on the  $40\frac{1}{4}$  acre tract. Hugh Jolly purchased this tract in 1849. Subsequent owners were; Saunders; Dingman; Judson; VanWormer; Lofts; Rhodes; Czleusniah; and Cetnar.

The house on the left was built by Charles Snowicz, Sr. when he purchased the farm in 1925. Mr. Snowicz supplemented the farm income by being employed in the Amsterdam rug mills. He was a veteran of W.W.I. At his death sons Charles Jr; Eugene; and Robert continued operation of the farm, as well as cultivating several other farms in the area.

In 1789, Asa Starkweather purchased this 100 acre farm. The south bounds of the farm is the old patent line surveyed in 1769. The Starkweather house was located in the back fields, and lanes from the house led to both Jolly Rd. and West Line Rd. We have no knowledge when the first house disappeared from the countryside.

Succeeding Starkweather, owners were, Gilchrist; Barney; Donnan; Woodbeck; Robbins; Campbell; Dybeck; and Snowicz.



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1782



Ca.1840

86 Western Ave--November 1985

On the right is the home of the Edson Baxter family, who moved here in 1943.

As early as 1819, Myndert Wemple Sr. owned this farm, as well as the Sakne farm to the west. In his will, filed Mar. 25, 1819, Myndert Sr. willed this farm to his son Myndert, and the Sakne farm to son Simon.

That portion of the road, in front of the house, is the division line between the towns of Charlton and Glenville. South of the road is the old 4th. Ward of Schenectady. About 1787 this line was changed to North 70 degrees West, which made it come out at Cousin George Cassabone's house. Thus a portion of the 4th. Ward became a part of the town of Charlton.

The Baxter house has a Greek Revival facade, popular after 1832, so possibly this house was built by Myndert Wemple Jr, in 1840. Subsequent owners were; Mason; Fort; Fairbanks; and now Baxter.

On the left is a photo of the only State marker in the town. It commemorates the Gonzalez family massacre of 1782, by the St. Regis Indians controlled by Sir John Johnson the Tory.

The Gonzalez family, descendants of the Spanish Huguenot that arrived in America in his own ship about 1700. Joseph Gonzalez was in sympathy with the colonial cause, so was harrassed by the local Tories.

In the month of April, 1782, the Indians attacked this family. They massacred Joseph, his son Emmanuel, and capture son John with the hired man. John, and the hired man, were taken to Canada as prisoners. After the Revolution, John returned to this area and became a successful farmer. It is stated that he founded the "Homestead", on Consaul Rd.

This was the only recorded Indian battle in the Charlton area.



Ca.1837



104 Western Ave.-November 1985

Ca.1827



74 Western

On the right is the home of the Robert Bull family, who moved here in 1954. They renovated this house and it now retains the lovely colonial facade of yetyear.

In 1827, Adam Conde purchased this farm, it being the west half of 100 acres of land conveyed to Abraham VanEps in 1785, and is Lot 7, of Lot 6, XIII Allotment of the patent.

Edson & Eleanor Baxter purchased this farm, in 1920, from Clara Conde, heir of Adam Conde.

In 1954, this farm contained 11.53 acres, with the house, and the remaining 148 acres of land were purchased by Raymond James, who in turn sold the acreage to Ralph Arnold. The original complete farm extended southward to the Glenville Line.

On the left is the home of the Robert Pray family, who purchased this farm from Harry Sakne in 1979. The Sakne family settled here in 1937. Harry Sakne, when he sold this farm, reserved a tract of land at the top of the hill and here built his new house in 1980. When Carl Sakne purchased this farm, he had several deep farm-ponds dug and there planted fingerlings of largemouth bass specie. These fingerlings have grown to enormous size in this habitat.

This farm was the west section of the Myndert Wemple holdings that he willed to his son Simon. In 1837, Simon sold to Henry VanWormer, and the farm contained 65.69 acres of land in Charlton, and a 7 acre woodlot in Glenville. The county line runs thru the south end of this farm.

Subsequent owners after VanWormer were; Potter; Robbins; Gilchrist; Fairbanks; and Sakne to Dr. Pray.

Dr. Pray is a doctor of dental medicine, and has his office at Ballston Spa.

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Ca. 1819



Ca. 1837

35 DeGraff Rd. December 1985 Western Ave. # 52

On the right is the home of the Michelfelder family, who moved here in 1961. This is the other farmhouse, in Charlton, that boasts a roof cupola.

In 1827 Adam Conde owned a 200 acre tract of land, and this farm is the east 100 tract. James VanAtten resided here, in 1837, and the farm contained  $97\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land. The farm extends southward to the Glenville line.

In 1866, Joseph Alexander purchased a 20 acre tract, and a 30 acre tract of land on the south side of the road. At one time these two tracts were a part of the 100 acre farm owned by John Bowsby the tavern keeper.

After VanAtten subsequent owners were; Alley; Wemple; Alexander; Glen; Kopmyer; Hayes; Sidlauski; and now Michelfelder.

The house on the left is the home of the John Szurek family, who moved here in 1930. As you stand at the windmill base, you get a panoramic view of the Mohawk Valley as far away as the mountains east of Troy.

The home farm is a 100 acre tract that Isaac DeGraff purchased from Thomas Cornell in 1819. In 1893 DeGraff purchased a tract of land on the east side of the road, and here is located the Swart burial ground. Family members are buried here, as well as Capt. John and wife Nellie, who were dear friends of Lt. Swart. They both were veterans of the Revolution. In 1958 John Szurek purchased a 100 acre tract of land that was a part of the  $156\frac{1}{2}$  acre farm of Tunis Swart, who purchased his tract in 1797.

Added to the farm is a  $72\frac{1}{2}$  acre tract, to the west, that was formerly the Litchfield farm.

The DeGraff families owned this property until 1930 when it was sold to Anthony Szurek, father of John Szurek.