

Ca.1790



Ca.1825



38 Crooked St.-June 1986

54 Crooked

On the right is the home of the Christopher Bury family, who moved here in 1981.

Thomas Fahey purchased this farm, in 1928, and the farm contained 90 acres of land. Of which 58½ acres in Small Lot 16, and a 31 acre tract, to the north, that Rufus Jones purchased from Chauncey Morehouse in 1854.

From a mortgage book we find that Enois Bailey, in 1796, owned a 63 acre tract here, which is in the north section of Small Lot 16. From 1796 to 1849 we lack information on sales of this farm, except that Comfort Bailey resided here in 1825, and sold to Garrett Cavert. Also that Cavert sold to Rufus Jones in 1849.

Subsequent owners after Jones were; Coons; Schwenkenker; Ketchum; Fahey Morioto, and now the house with some acreage to the Bury family.

On the left is the home of the Richard Broome family, who moved here in 1972. Of the whole farm acreage only about 20 acres remain with the house.

This farm was the homestead farm of the Jenne family, who settled here as early as 1790. In 1825, Nathan Jenne purchased this 96 acre farm from his father, and sold the farm to Mathew Valentine in 1867. Subsequent owners of the farm were; Hoyt; Mundshall; Stock; Haushalter; Lipstock; Politewocz; Howard; Rejack; Moran; McMurray; Hicks; Sinton; Orris; and now Broome.

In 1953, the land on the south side of the road was sold to Marian Kolakowski, who subdivided the land, and developed Komar Park.

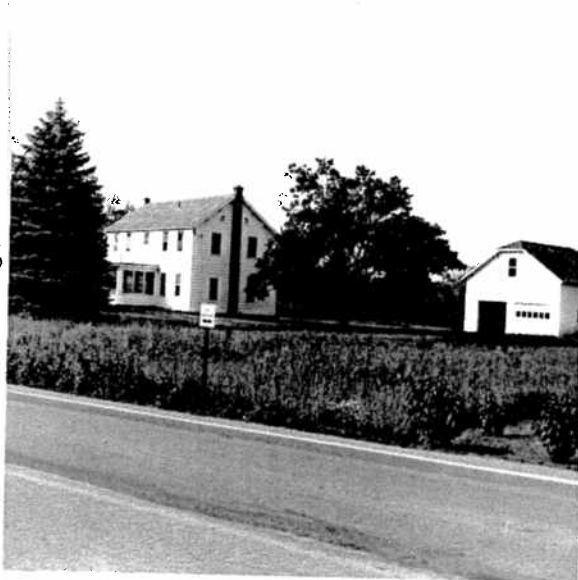
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Ca. 1806



183 Stage Rd.



Ca. 1846

June 1986 16 Crooked St.

On the right is the home of the Edward Snyder family, who moved here in 1974. The frontage on Crooked St., and Stage Rd. have been sold off into building lots. The development on the south side of Crooked St. has been named "Maplewood Village". Only a small portion of this farm remains with this house.

Nathan Jenne, in 1825, purchased this farm of 96 acres from his father Gideon Jenne, one of the first settlers in this area. This was Farm #2 of the Jenne land-holdings. The north bounds was the Morehouse mill-pond.

In 1846, Jeremiah and Tompkins DeGraff purchased this farm, and it became their Farm #2, Farm #1 being Orchard Park.

On the left is the home of the Robert DiPietro family, who moved here in 1976. This house is one of the first to be built in this area. In 1794, Jacob Bovee purchased a 85-3/4 acre tract of land, the western portion of Small Lot 24 of the patent. In 1806, Nicholas Bovee added a tract of 41 1/2 acres to this farm. When John O. Horsefall owned this farm, in 1857, the acreage was 105.

The Kolakowski family, of Glenville, purchased a tract of land west of the house where they built houses and called their subdivision "Hillendale", an appropriate name as one street is on the hill, and a part in the dale.

Subsequent owners of this house after Horsefall were; Chamberlin; Toll; Whitford; Berry; Swart; Edmonds; Hance; Clough; Wilkinson; Pavlosky; and DiPietro.

In 1927, Arthur Barnett purchased the land on the east side of the road, tore down the huge barn, and built his house there. In 1956, this tract of land was sold to the B.H.-B.I. Central School District, and the Charlton Heights School was built.

A small portion of this tract, near the Glenville Line, in 1838, was owned by James Bolt, and he operated a toll bridge by the new pump-house at the creek.

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Ca.1827



Ca.1802



290 Lakehill Rd.-September 1986      269 Lakehill

On the right is the home of the Andrew Kahn family, who moved here in 1974. Since this picture was taken, 1965, a second storey has been added to the house. Although with its new addition, this house may have lost its original identity, yet it stands as a monument to our early settlers. The property consists of 8 acres of land that is the northeast corner of Small Lot 24 of the patent, and a part of the 51½ acre tract that Wallace owned in 1802.

Elisha Weld purchased this property, in 1866, and subsequent owners were; Whittam; Hall; Demarest; Riley; Myers; Mead; Rederson; Wood, Reynolds; Berton; Swart; Gundrum; Strong; Williams; and now Kahn.

On the left is the home of the Max Holland family, who moved here in 1968. This family operates the Hollandale Kennels, and they raise Hungarian Vizsla, and Beagle Hounds for show.

In 1796, Jonathan Ogden owned this farm, and it contained 100 acres of land, which is the east half of Small Lot 19 of the patent.

Again in 1827 a deed was recorded whereby Jasper Birch purchased this farm, and the acreage had been reduced to 87 acres.

In 1904, Bailey Filkins owned this farm, and it contained then 105 acres of land. Filkins, in 1904, sold a 66 acre tract of land to the Charlton Farm School, thus reducing the acreage.

When Archie Swart purchased this farm, in 1952, it contained 66 acres of land. Further reduction in acreage was made by Swart when he sold off road frontage for building lots, also by reserving a plot where he built his new house in 1968.

After Ogden subsequent owners were; Birch; Hudson; Calkins; Manzer; Sherman; Filkins; Postorak; Brzozowski; Sellick, Crawford; Swart, and now Holland.

Ca.1811



Ca.1830



369 Lakehill Rd.-September 1986

On the right is the home of the Ronald Presseisen family, who moved here in 1980, having purchased the property from DeMille.

Jacob Wallace owned this property, in 1802, when it was a part of his 51½ acre tract of land.

In 1830, William Bradley purchased this farm, and we believe that he built this house then. In 1882, Lyman Calkins purchased this property, and it contained 12 acres of land.

Portions of this 12 acre tract has been sold off into building lots.

After Bradley subsequent owners were; Coons; Witbeck; Osborne; Cleary; Morris; Rector; Lambert; DeMille; and now Presseisen.

In 1982, the Paul Goody family purchased the Dugnette property as pictured on the left.

In 1973, Arthur Duquette Sr. sold this property to his son Roderick, and built a new house at the west end of the farm. In the sale, Duquette Sr. reserved a plot of 4.38 acres for his new house. The balance of the 27 acre tract went with the old house.

A brick front had been added to the house, but it still retains the colonial look.

From a mortgage book, we find that Jonathan Ball resided here as early as 1811. Our research did not reveal when Ball sold this property, but we did find that in 1833 Warner Hoag purchased this property from Nathan Roberts, who held the mortgage for Jonathan Ball.

Subsequent owners after Hoag were; Barhydt; Finigan; Maroony; Fecht; Voight; Casey; Weaver; Britt; Cebula; Smith; Bronk; Hyde; Piotier; Duguet; and now Goody.

Owen Finigan owned this property, in 1862, and in 1982 one of his descendants, from California; has made inquiries about this family.

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322 Lakehill Rd.-October 1986

The above pictures are two of the building complex of the Charlton School for Girls, established in 1955. The one on the right is the gymnasium, and the one on the left is one of the many bungalows built for the homes of the girls.

After the large brick building, that was the home of the boys of the Charlton Industrial Farm School, was destroyed by fire, about 1937, the farm has lain in limbo until converted to the Girls School.

The boys school was established, in 1890, by the leadership of John Hawley, who put most of his life-savings in creating the school for homeless boys, mostly from the cities. The farm was most self-sufficient as it had extensive gardens; fruit orchards; and a large dairy to supply the needs of the boys, and their instructors. One brick building stood east of the main school and was the schoolroom. The graduate students of this farm-school went out and distinguished themselves.

This farm complex is made up of many land-tracts, which one of them was a mill-lot owned by Isaac Valentine in 1789. Here is a summary of the land acquisitions in the early days;

- 1789-Isaac Valentine-50 acre mill-lot
- 1799-Isaac Valentine-75 acres
- 1826-William L.R.Valentine - $\frac{1}{2}$  of the mill-lot
- 1845-Isaac Valentine-75&50&34&3 acres
- 1866-Orcelia Valentine-46 acres
- 1869-George Valentine-18 acres
- 1869-George Valentine-50&75&34&3 acres
- Total acreage appears now as;
- 1895-5 acres-from Harriet Merchant
- 1895-192 acres-from George Valentine
- 1904-24 acres from from George Valentine
- 1908-66 acres from Bailey Filkins
- 1931-1 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres from James Rowledge.

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Ca.1821



13 Old Stage Rd. October 1986 Lakehill Rd. #405

On the right is the home of the Louis Shadick family, who moved here in 1948.

Daniel Valentine, in 1821, purchased a 6 acre tract of land, and built this house then. In 1823, he purchased an adjoining lot, of 2-1/3 acres east of his house.

When the Burnt Hills was re-routed the old road, in 1821, passed by on the west side of the house and continued towards the high bank of the Alplaus Kill. It then passed the Conde & Morehouse distillery to come out at the Little Troy corners.

Subsequent owners after Valentine were; Calkins; House; and now the Shadick family.

When Albert O. House resided here he held the position of Justice of the Peace.

On the left is the home of the Chester Guild family, who moved here in 1973.

The south wing of this house was the early tavern of Benj. Chapman, a veteran of the Revolution.

The north wing is the old schoolhouse that stood at the corner of Valentine Rd. as early as 1823. In 1859, it was removed to this site and attached to the old tavern wing.

From the mortgage books we find that Chapman granted a mortgage to Elisha Backus in 1813. It is not known whether Backus continued to operate the tavern, nor when it ceased to do business.

It was not until 1907 when a deed recording was made for this property. It became a part of the Morehouse holdings.

Benjamin Chapman married Sarah Morehouse, a widow. They obtained quitclaim deeds from her children for lands at Lake Erie. It is believed that the couple moved then to the Lake Erie area.





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Ca.1833



Ca.1837



16 Old Stage Rd.-October 1986      12 Old Stage

On the right is the home of the William Stryker family, who moved here in 1982.

The earliest deed we could find for this property was in 1848 when Luke Dows purchased it from the heirs of Jonathan Conde. The purchase included the Conde mill-site at Little Troy.

One portion of Dows' deed mentions a Liberty Pole, which no doubt was the forerunner of our present day flagpole.

It has been reported that this house, at one time, contained a center-hall chimney, with fireplaces in both storeys. When the chimney was removed it was replaced with a center-hall staircase.

In 1789, Abraham Northrup purchased Small Lot 12 of the patent. Possibly this became the home of Benj. Chapman, the Innkeeper.

After Conde subsequent owners were; Dows; Valentine; Budd; VanEpps; Parks; Taylor; McCormick; Morehouse; Closson; Gordon; Summer; Felton; Armstrong; Beekman; Schell; Plasberg; Anker; Mason; Plummer; Maloney; and Stryker.

On the left is the home of the Robert Mitchell family, who moved here in 1956.

We believe that this house was built by Warner Hoag in 1833. Its lovely Greek Facade is typical of that period.

Effie Morehouse resided here, in 1893, and at her death, in 1895, she willed that she should be placed in a mahogany coffin to be placed in the vault in Pine Grove Cemetery. She bequeathed \$500.00 to the Town for the upkeep of the vault, and family plot. The money was turned over to the cemetery association.

Her bequest was fruitful, for in 1983 some vandals wedged the front stone facade away from the vault, entered the vault and messed up her coffin, and remains. The vault was repaired in the summer of 1983.

After Hoag, subsequent owners were; Morehouse; Maxwell; Whitney; Doyle; Carpenter; and Mitchell.



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Ca.1800

40 Old Stage Rd.-November 1986 26 Old Stage

On the right is the home of the Charles Mischler family, who moved here in 1948.

This house was one of the many Morehouse family holdings at Little Troy. They lived here for over 100 years.

John; Abilla Jr. and Mary E. Smith, children of widow Sarah Morehouse, to sign quitclaim deeds to their mother, and her new husband Benjamin Chapman. The claims included lands at Lake Erie that the family received by the State of Connecticut to suffer in the late war.

Abraham Northrup purchased Small Lot 12, where this house is located, and it may have been his home until his death in 1808.

In 1907, the Morehouse family sold this 100 acre farm to Sarah Whitney, which also included the Robert Mitchell house.

In 1946, Allen Bogue, and wife Mary (Whitney) Bogue, purchased this farm, and when they sold to Mischler they built the brick house where the Charles Bogue family resides.

On the left is the home of the James Yates family, who purchased this house, and some acreage, from the Harold Murray estate. Irene was the daughter of Harold & Sadie Murray.

Edwin, father of Harold Murray, purchased this farm from Frederick Curtiss, in 1900, and it contained 102 acres of land, made up of 5 parcels.

In 1850, Alexander Davidson purchased this farm from the heirs of Summers Hiller, the Little Troy miller. It was not until 1863 that Davidson was able to get all the necessary quitclaim deeds for a clear title.

Summers Hiller possibly left a legacy, for Irene Yates found, stored away in the attic, a set of cooper tools. He no doubt used the tools to make his own four barrels.

Although the facade of this house is of the 1832 period, the hand-hewn oak beam construction points to an earlier construction date.



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This is the home of the Richard Relyea family, who moved here in 1975. This was the home of the Morehouse family of Chauncey and Hiram. They purchased this farm, of 152 acres of land, at that time, and sold to Justus Brockway, in 1866, at which time the farm now contained 183 acres, and extended from Vines Rd. south to the Morehouse mill-pond at Little Troy.

As early as 1820, John Callaghan had a home on 2 acres of land north of the farmhouse.

Nicholas Swart purchased this farm, in 1879, and the acreage had changed to 83. Here Emma, daughter of Nicholas, spent her declining years as a recluse. It was not unusual to be driving by at midnight, and see Emma with lanternlight, pulling up handfuls of grass to hand-feed her two cows. I swear that these cows were the fattest in the town.

Reuben and Edna (Litts) Heckeler purchased this farm from the estate of her parents, and developed the land into building lots. They named their development "Charwood Manor." One street was named after Edna's father, and one after her mother. Hickory Ridge Rd. got its name because the street was cut thru a hickory grove.

On the bank, south of the farmhouse, lots were also sold off, and other members of the Litts family built their homes there.

Fred and Ruth Grobe resided here in the 1960s and Ruth operated a necktie factory in one of the barns. Soon she became stricken with arthritis, and had to give up the venture.

After Heckeler subsequent residence of the farmhouse were; Groot; Grobe; Britcher, and now Pelyea.

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Ca.1875



Ca.1866

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Stage Pd.-December 1986

On the right is the home of the Charles Louckes family, who moved here in 1957. To the north of the house is a garage where the equipment is housed to maintain the Odorless Sanitary Cleaners business that the family operates, a necessary service to the community, and townships nearby.

This 16 acre farm was once a part of the Morehouse farm. In 1866, Andrew VanVorst purchased this farm, and had a woodworking shop in the small barn. Possibly this is where his son Frank acquired his vast knowledge in the carpentry trade.

Edwin Carpenter, in 1911, purchased this farm, and when it was sold, in 1919, to Edward Coons the transfer involved acquiring quitclaim deeds from 18 heirs of Edwin Z. Carpenter.

After Coons subsequent owners were; Beekman; Susdorf; Hadin; Briggs; Hekeler; Lawrence; Barker; Hamilton; and Louckes.

On the left is the home of the Edwin Murray family. Edwin's father Eugene was a member of the town board. He held the office of Town Clerk for 28 successive years, longer than any other Town Clerk in the history of our town.

This farm, at one time, was a part of the Edwin Murray farm. In 1875 Emmeth Lee purchased this farm from the heirs of John Hayes, whose house stood on the other side of the road on a 2 acre plot of ground. No doubt Lee built this house.

Subsequent owners of this farm after Lee were Myers; Bolster; Cole; Jennings; Janaszewski; and Murray.

Eugene Murray purchased a 19 acre tract, back of the cemetery, from Frank Cervenka. Recently the Louckes family have purchased most of the land that once made up this farm.