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### EVENTS

King and Queen Contest.....Bonnie Rose, Susan Holmes  
Friday night July 25  
Kiddie Parade.....Marie Fraas, Bonnie Rose  
Sat.  
Car Show.....Carl Fridman  
Sat.  
Chicken Bar-B-Que.....Sat.  
Carnival.....Sat. & Sun.  
Dance.....Sat. 9:00 P.M. Nip & Tuck  
Parade.....Sat. 7:00 P.M.  
Sunday Church Service.....11:00 A.M. Fireman's Grounds  
Community Picnic.....Sunday after church service  
Games and Contests.....After picnic  
Water Ball.....Shane Blakeslee, Justin Meyers  
Apple Dunking.....Brandy Wheeler  
Horse Shoe Tournament.....Shane Blakeslee  
Exhibits.....Alice Wright  
Sat & Sun.  
Antique tractor & Steam engine show  
Sun.....Bill Kozak, Jr.

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***To Whom It May Concern***

We, the Historical Book Committee, have worked hard, searched records, and talked with towns people, in our effort to provide an interesting and informative supplement to the Sesquicentennial book. We hope you enjoy it as much as we have enjoyed compiling it. There may be someone left out, if so, we are sorry. We did our best to include as much as possible.

***The Committee***

## FARMERSVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL - 1971

Farmersville had a successful Sesquicentennial celebration the weekend of July 30, 31, and August 1, 1971.

Events leading up to the weekend included a pancake dinner, donation auction, and a hoe-down with queen judging contest, at which time Anita Crawford was crowned queen by Queen Contest chairman, Bob King at the Rustic Inn.



Bob King crowning Sesquicentennial Queen, Anita Crawford, age 16, Rustic Inn on July 23, 1971

A variety show, "Happy Days are Here Again" was presented by Don Hess and the children at the Grange Hall on Friday evening to a packed house. Saturday started off with the Kiddies parade, followed by the traditional Firemen's chicken bar-b-que, concessions and rides on the grounds, and bake sale. In the evening, a special firemen's parade contained over 50 units, floats, and bands with the Sesqui Queen riding in a horse drawn carriage.

Sunday Church services were held outside the Baptist Church with the choir from the Farmersville Center Methodist Church singing on the church steps. In the afternoon, the beards and dresses were judged with Janet Baird, Susie Moore, Mary Foster, Bonnie Rose and Lenore Finch winning the dress contest. The Phil Sampson family won the best dressed group. Beard contest winners were Charles Burgess, Bill Rutecki, Jim Roblee, Merritt Bray, Dutch Oakes, Mr. Kraft, Ralph Osgood, Gordon Bray, Bill Roblee, and Leonard Blakeslee, who was winner of the Remington Electric shaver.

Charles Dettman, aged 93 was the oldest resident present and Carmen Sampson, daughter of Marvin and Carol Sampson, 1 month, the youngest.

## SESQUI PICTURES



L-R ?, ?, Mary Foster, Ethel Baird, Olga Cash, Rita Kester, Pat Sampson, Joyce Burgess, ?, Suzy Roblee, Francine Wypji, Marge Oakes, Lenore Finch



L-R Lincoln Roblee, Bill Roblee, Leonard Blakeslee, Phil Sampson, Ralph Osgood, Dude Law, Gail Neamon

## **TOWN OF FARMERSVILLE TIME LINE**

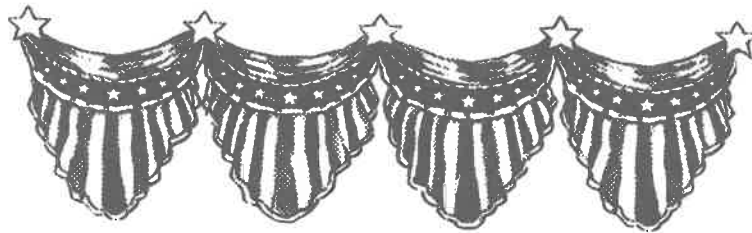
- 1808** Cattaraugus County formed from Allegany and Genesee County with one Town - Town of Olean
- 1812** Town of Ischua created which included present Farmersville
- 1815** Brief settlement by Elijah and John Rice, Joseph Fowler, Pell Keed, Ashbel Freeman, Ashbel Bard, and Real Price
- 1817** 1st permanent settlement by Peter and Cornelius Ten Broeck, Levi Peet, Richard Robbins, and Richard Tozer
- 1821** Town of Farmersville formed
- 1822** Union Inn built on Chautauqua Road by Richard Tozer
- 1823** Farmersville Center Methodist Church organized
- 1826** Farmersville Center Baptist Church organized
- 1840** Welsh settlers arrive
- 1856** Welsh Congregational Church organized  
-Death of Peter Ten Broeck -Will grants free tuition to Ten Broeck Academy for Farmersville students
- 1878** Rochester & State Line Railroad built  
-Farmersville column begins in Weekly Argus  
-Bell and chandeliers installed in Center ME Church
- 1888** Robbery of store and Post office run by R.S.Wilder at Fairview
- 1884** Charles Clark sentenced to hang for murder of wife, the former Martha Marble
- 1888** First Baptist Church formed at Station
- 1896** Farmersville Station Methodist Church built
- 1898** LOTM organizes
- 1899** School built at Farmersville Station



- 1900** Town elections held in ballroom of Union Hotel
- 1903** 2nd floor added to Farmersville School
- 1905** Farmersville Grange formed
- 1911** Mill converted to Basket factory
- 1915** Merrill-Soule milk plant built
- 1916** Flood washed out Williams, Lawrence, Roblee and Elton bridges
- 1917** Farmersville Station fire
- 1921** Fire Department forms
- 1922** First Commencement in Farmersville High School
- 1925** Pigeon Hill Sewing Circle formed
- 1932** Farmersville Mens Club organized Reid Smith, Pres.  
-Students plant 10,000 more trees on former Warner farm, now owned by Ten Broeck Academy
- 1936** Street lights placed in Station
- 1941** Last High School graduation at Station School
- 1946** Lyle Harwood builds Harwood Barn at the Center
- 1953** Last passenger train at Farmersville Station
- 1956** First Firemen's Field Day held  
-New Town Hall built at Center
- 1960** Ischua Creek Watershed formed
- 1964** Elementary school closes at Station
- 1966** Carlyle Phillips builds Ischua Valley Country Club
- 1971** Sesquicentennial
- 1972** Rustic Inn changes name to Oakes Dinner House

- 1973** Town Hall painted blue  
-Lyle Harwood opens Sun Valley Lake and Campground
- 1976** Industrial Park turned down  
-Patty Ashcraft rescues Myers children from fire
- 1977** Blizzard of '77  
-James Cash, Jr. elected to County legislature
- 1978** Ron Petrell and Jack Winkler purchase IVCC  
-Farmersville Center Community Church built
- 1979** Farmersville Christian School opens  
-Herbert Strong honored as 60 year Grange member  
-New Farmersville Center Church dedicated  
-Cream Ridge School burns down
- 1980** Leon Wright, Sr. inducted into American Maple Hall of Fame
- 1981** Charles & Jeanne Justus purchase Ischua Valley Motel  
-Merritt Roblee closes plumbing business
- 1982** Satellite dishes appear for TV reception
- 1983** Balloonist Joseph Kittinger lands on Bernard Krotje farm
- 1984** Phillips house taken down and curve banked after Rt 16 accident kills Ada Brown  
-Linda Sampson becomes Cattaraugus County Dairy Princess  
-Addition on Town Hall
- 1985** Oil tank fire on Lyle Lawrence farm  
-Bill & Elana Kozak open Station Deli and Gas  
-Grandpa Jones stays at Ischua Valley Motel
- 1986** Firemen sponsor mud races  
-Mitchell Energy tests Bissell gas well #1
- 1987** Sweetbriar Farm Country Store opens
- 1989** Amish Treasures Shop opens

- 1990** LeAnne Heintz wins Miss New York American Princess Pageant  
-Integrated Waste Services want to operate landfill in Farmersville  
-Eric Zuech opens Bike Shop  
-Junior Fire Department formed
- 1991** Pat McCrea purchases IVCC  
-Farmersville Deli managed by Gary and Norma Zaremski
- 1992** Small twister damages gazebo at Amish Treasures  
-Prichard children rescued from flooding home by Fire Dept.
- 1993** E 911 begins  
-2 sisters kidnapped from Farmersville home  
-Al Killingbeck elected County Fire Police President
- 1994** Fire Department purchases new truck
- 1995** Fire Dept. "Kitchen on Wheels" organized  
-Leon Wright, Jr. appointed to State Board of Real Property Services
- 1996** 175th Anniversary Celebration held in July



## TOWN OFFICERS

	1972	1974	1976
Supervisor	Lincoln Roblee	Lincoln Roblee	Lincoln Roblee
Town Clerk	June Jackson	June Jackson	June Jackson
Justices	William Roblee Robert Henry* Dale Kester	William Roblee Dale Kester	Dale Kester William Roblee
Councilmen	James Cash Dale Kester* Alice Wright	Robert Smith James Cash	James Cash Robert Smith Dale Bigham*
Assessors	Lyle Harwood Charles Edmonds Lester Starner	Casmir Gorecki Kenneth Koch Don Beroff	Don Beroff William Kozak Kenneth Koch
Highway Supt.	Fred Love	Fred Love	Fred Love

\* Note: In 1972, Bob Henry resigned as Justice to join Civil Service Commission. Dale Kester, Councilman was appointed to fill Justice, and Alice Wright appointed to Councilman. In 1976, Dale Bigham was appointed to finish term of Robert Smith who resigned.

	1978	1980	1982
Supervisor	Lincoln Roblee	Lincoln Roblee	Lincoln Roblee
Town Clerk	June Jackson	June Jackson	Amy Murray
Justices	Dale Kester Leo Owens	Deanne Roblee Leo Owens	Leo Owens Deanne Roblee
Councilmen	Dale Bigham Gladyon Kitchen	Roger Balcom Norman Williams Dale Bigham Gladyon Kitchen	Dale Bigham David Slocum Roger Balcom Norman Williams
Assessors	Don Beroff William Roblee James Warner	Larry Lux William Roblee James Warner	James Warner William Roblee Larry Lux
Highway Supt.	Fred Love	Fred Love	Donald Kurdziel

	1984	1986	1988
Supervisor	Carl Eaton	Carl Eaton	Duane Hooper
Town Clerk	Amy Murray	Amy Murray	Vicki Warner
Justices	Deanne Roblee Leo Owens	Dale Bigham Deanne Roblee	Dale Bigham Deanne Roblee
Councilmen	James Warner Ed Wright David Slocum Dale Bigham	David Slocum Robert Spencer Jim Warner Ed Wright	Robert Spencer Ronald Murray Jim Warner David Slocum
Assessors	Larry Lux Bill Roblee Alice Wright	Larry Lux Bill Roblee Alice Wright	Larry Lux Bill Roblee Alice Wright
Highway Supt.	Donald Kurdziel	Donald Kurdziel	Donald Kurdziel

	1990	1992	1994
Supervisor	Duane Hooper	Duane Hooper	Duane Hooper
Town Clerk	Vicki Warner	Vicki Warner	Susan Holmes
Justices	Dale Bigham Deanne Roblee	Dale Bigham Deanne Roblee	Dale Bigham Deanne Roblee
Councilmen	James Warner Robert Spencer Norman Williams Philip Sampson	Robert Spencer Norman Williams John Lane Fritz Zuech	John Lane Fritz Zuech Gerald Seiwart Gary Green
Assessors	Alice Wright Bill Roblee Glen Krotje	Alice Wright Bruce Gustafson Glen Krotje*	Alice Wright Bruce Gustafson* Glen Krotje
Highway Supt.	Donald Kurdziel	Donald Kurdziel	Donald Kurdziel

\* Note: Ben Brunetto elected assessor in 1992; resigned. Glen Krotje appointed. Bruce Gustafson resigned in 1995; Jennifer Holmes appointed.



1994 - 95 Town Board: Left to Right - John Lane; Fritz Zuech; Sue Holmes, Town Clerk; Duane Hooper; Gerald Seiwert; Gary Green; and Donald Kurdziel, Highway Supt.



1996: Supervisor, Duane Hooper; Town Clerk, Susan Holmes; Councilmen, Gerald Seiwert, Gary Green, Patricia Benz, and Dale Scurr; Justices Deanne Roblee and Dale Bigham; and Assessors Glen Krotje, Kathleen Trezpasz and Alice Wright. Pictured are: Back Row Left to Right- Pat Benz, Dale Scurr, Gary Green; Front Row Left to Right- Sue Holmes, Duane Hooper, Gerald Seiwert.

## TOWN HALL

Town meetings were held at various homes back in the 1820's. Later records told of meetings held at the school, and voting taking place at the Union Inn.

In 1878, it was mentioned in the paper, Weekly Argus that Farmersville needed a Town Hall. On the 1915 map of Farmersville, a Town Hall was shown at Farmersville Center next to the old Methodist church. This was used until the new Town Hall was built in 1956. Fran Law was instrumental in getting the new Hall built and purchased the old building which was sold and remodelled into a residence by Ralph and Ellen Gould. It is Dave Russell's residence at the present time.

An addition was built in 1984 for storage of records and provide for the Assessors and Historians offices.



Old Town Hall

Present Town Hall



**FARMERSVILLE POPULATION**  
(Formed from Ischua in 1821)

1830 - 1005	1880 - 1128	1930 - 719	1980 - 978
1840 - 1294	1890 - 1082	1940 - 778	1990 - 869
1850 - 1554	1900 - 1043	1950 - 733	
1860 - 1389	1910 - 948	1960 - 721	
1870 - 1114	1920 - 999	1970 - 754	

**WATERING TROUGH MONUMENT**

The water trough along Rt. 98 at Farmersville Center has been used for over 175 years first as a log watering hole for horses along the Chautauqua Road and replaced with the present cement trough about 1930 where even today folks stop and fill water jugs or wash their car. A monument was placed by the spring in 1993 by the Town to commemorate the "landmark". The water flows from the spring about 4 gallons per minute with a constant water temperature of 45 degrees. It is located on a divide with water flowing south into the Ischua Creek, Allegany River Ohio River, Mississippi River to the Gulf of Mexico; and north into Hicks Creek, Mud Lake, Elton Creek, Lake Erie to the Atlantic Ocean:





## 1990 POPULATION BREAKDOWN

Of the 445 total males and 424 females in Farmersville in 1990, there were;

	<1	1&2	3&4	5	6	7-9	10-14	15-17	18&19	20	21	22-24	25-29
M	6	7	15	12	7	27	39	26	17	4	4	20	37
F	7	12	7	4	5	26	35	22	11	3	4	16	29

	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60&61	62-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+
M	21	38	36	26	25	23	7	7	12	14	9	5	1
F	33	33	28	33	27	23	5	9	16	13	15	6	2

### RUTGER JAN SCHIMMELPENNICK

If you own land in Farmersville, Mr. Schimmelpennick probably owned it first. He along with Wilhelm Willink and others, were agents for the Holland Land Company. They originally owned three million, six hundred thousand acres in Western New York! The Indian Treaties were negotiated and signed in 1797 and sales of parcels and tracts of land began.

1990 average income per household in Farmersville was \$28,460. The Town of Perrysburg was highest at \$35,012 and the Town of Red House was the lowest at \$19,576.

## VETERANS

### KOREAN WAR

June 27, 1950 - Jan. 1, 1955

Ben Brunetto  
Joseph Davis  
Alfred Hartwig  
Edward Joyce  
Glaydon Kitchen  
John Kozak, Jr.  
Bernard Krotje  
Robert Putney  
LeRoy Schmidt  
David Scurr  
Keith Slocum  
Joseph Tomczak  
Frank Warren  
Everett Williams  
Charles Wright  
Leon Wright, Jr.  
Ferdinando Zuech

### PERSIAN GULF

February 1991

Raymona Kelley  
Star Root  
Karl Rose  
Gregory Sanders  
Robert Vickman, Jr.  
Douglas Wagner

### VIET NAM

Jan. 1, 1963 - May 7, 1975

Tex Blakeslee  
George Dzieskonski  
Carl Fridman  
Daniel Hess  
Kenneth Hinderliter  
Jerry Isaman  
Larry Justus  
William Kozak  
Thomas Meacham  
James Niewiemski  
Larry Perkins  
Rodney Perry  
Jack Pollard  
Thomas Rose  
Stephen Rose  
Douglas Russell  
Gerald Seiwert  
Servius Smith  
Stephen Smith  
Michael Szrama  
William Werth  
Donald Woolhizer

## FARMERSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department in Farmersville was organized in 1924 with J. W. Norris as the first President and Merle Roblee, first Chief. The membership continues to be of service to our community or to others who might call for mutual aid.

Since 1971 several changes have been made. In 1987 the Town Board voted to have the entire town be included in the Fire District. In 1991, a kitchen addition was made to the Fire Hall and the old Grange Hall that had been used for meetings was sold to Roblee's.

Some new equipment has been added also. A tanker was purchased in 1980, a fire truck in 1982, another tanker added in 1991, a pumper purchased in 1994, and the van was renovated into a kitchen on wheels in 1995. Vi Brown and Susan Holmes keep supplies on hand to prepare hot or cold food and drinks for firefighters as well as its serving as a communication center and shelter from the weather.

A First Responders Unit was established in 1975 when Leo Owens became certified. It now includes Bill Wheeler- 1989, Jennifer Holmes-1993, Steve and Bonnie Rose-1994, Robin Killingbeck and Cheryl Burns in 1995.

A Junior Fire Department was organized in 1990 to assist the Firemen with learning to roll hose, operate pumps and equipment, and aid at the fire scene by keeping air packs filled and ready. This way they are prepared to enter the Fire Department when they turn 18. Some of the members during the years have been: Brandy Wheeler, Sara Gajweski, Sheila Blakeslee, Darlene Welch, John Killingbeck, Jr., Dan Owens, Robert Atwater, Jason Fiske, Guy Atwater, Jacob Brodka, and Chad Silsby, with Shane Blakeslee as Advisor.



Fire chiefs since 1971 have been:

Leo Owens, Nelson Warner, Bill Kozak, Sr., John Killingbeck, Sr., and present chief, Bill Wheeler.

Present Fire Commissioners

Millard Brown, Gary Webber, Dan Hess, Paul Haefner, and Joseph Brodka.

## FARMERSVILLE STATION POST OFFICE

Several changes have taken place during the past 25 years at the Post Office.

Postmaster Morris Hooper retired and Rosetta Wixon was appointed Postmistress March 31, 1967. She served until her retirement in 1992. Sue Roblee served as substitute from 1971 - 1991 and Pat Benz assumed that position until October of 1995. Sylvia Doyle from Centerville was appointed Postmistress in 1993. Mary Lou Daley is the present substitute.



Restored "King" Post Office  
1995



Temporary Post Office  
1979 - 1985



Beroff's Store-1977  
Farmersville Station



New Post Office  
Opened November 25, 1985

## LITTLE POST OFFICE

The building was purchased from Mrs. Millard (Addie) Wilder about 1952 and located between the Red & White Store and the Fire Hall Building. It had been used years before as an office by Mr. Wilder for his machinery business. It was moved next to Ed King's house and used as a Post Office until 1979.

In 1994, the building was bought by Dave Slocum, grandson of Millard Wilder and moved to its present location on Back Street where it was remodeled and used as the office for Slocum Milk Haulers.

The bench that was used at the Farmersville Post office went with the building. It now sits in front of the office, and Wilma King always called it a place for the "sit and spit" club! Many memories and events were hashed over from that old bench, mostly by elderly men.

## POSTAGE STAMP PRICES

The American Post Office was organized in 1775. Postage was charged by the sheet with 1 sheet costing 4¢ for the first 60 miles; 6¢ a sheet for the next 40 miles and 2¢ a sheet each 100 miles thereafter. In 1779 the price increased to 80¢ for first 60 miles and in 1780 to \$1.60 with the receiver paying the charge. After 1884, postage stamps were issued and paid by the sender.

1885 - 2¢	1968 - 6¢	Oct. 1981- 20¢
1917 - 3¢	1971 - 8¢	1985 - 22¢
1919 - 2¢	1974 - 10¢	1988 - 25¢
1932 - 3¢	1975 - 13¢	1991 - 29¢
1958 - 4¢	1978 - 15¢	1995 - 32¢
1963 - 5¢	Mar. 1981 - 18¢	

## FARMERSVILLE GRANGE 1041

The Farmersville Grange was organized on November 3, 1905 with 16 members. Because of the lack of interest and so many other activities, in later years membership dropped to only a few. Beatrice Rich, Elmer Arnold, Ruth Leonard, Kermit and June Jackson were among the last members.

The Grange dissolved in the mid-seventies and the kitchen equipment was donated to the Town of Farmersville and moved to the Town Hall at Farmersville Center. The building was donated to the firemen about 1980, and sold to Bill and Sue Roblee about 1991.



## FARMING - 1995

In 1971, about 20 dairy farms were in operation in town. Today this number has decreased by about half. Some farms have been sold to gravel companies or to urban dwellers to use for hunting or seasonal property. Others have combined with neighboring farms to increase acreage. With more mechanized and larger equipment, such as 4 wheel drive tractors, balers, combines and snow fighting equipment, and the increased expense, the farmer needs to farm more land.

Hay is still cut and crushed but large round bales are often used in place of the smaller ones. They may be wrapped with a plastic netting and then covered with a tight white plastic to make baleage. The hay is not as dry and this preserves the nutrients in the tiny leaves. Some dry hay is also wrapped with twine or plastic in large bales and may be seen lining edges of fields to be used as needed.

Some of the former milk producers are raising dairy heifers or beef for resale. Sheep farms are about extinct with few or no flocks left.

Outdoor wood stoves are becoming popular. Wood cutting for firewood has become a big operation again. Many forests are being harvested for lumber and the tops and cull trees used for heat. The conifers are large enough to be harvested for lumber products. Some lands will be reforested for Christmas trees while others planted with hardwood seedlings.

But for all the changes, we still have many beautiful birds and the clean country air we all need and enjoy so much.

## OPERATING FARMS - 1995

Robert Ainsworth - dairy; Deanne Roblee - dairy; Wright Farms, Rick Wright - dairy & maple syrup; John Lane - dairy; David Reino - dairy; Jim Cash - beef; Henry & Glen Krotje - dairy; Alvin Sampson - dairy; Marvin Sampson - dairy; Corky Willett - dairy; Phil Sampson (John Borer) crops; Manning farm - field crops; Earl Ainsworth- horses and crops; Robert Bialy - dairy replacements; Roger Granger - dairy; Holmes Dairy - dairy; Lyman Swanson - dairy and crops; Mike Kic - beef and crops; Fred Love - crops; Harold Beamer - crops.

## HUMOR AT THE CHEESE FACTORY

At the turn of the century when farmers sold milk to the cheese factories, each farmer was allowed to take whey for his pigs in proportion to the amount of milk he took to the factory. There would be some butterfat left in the whey which could be churned into butter. It would rise to the top of the whey in the vat.

At the Bullockville factory, there was one farmer who made a point to get to the factory early and skim the butterfat off the whey. The other farmers complained to the cheesemaker that he was getting all the butterfat. So the cheesemaker watched for that farmer and caught him in the act. He picked up the farmer and threw him into the whey vat with some appropriate words about pigs!

## OLD RECIPE FOR MAKING SOAP

five gallons soft water  
one pound Salsoda  
1/2 pound common soda

five pounds of bar soap  
one pound of potash  
one spoonful common salt

## DEBATE TOPIC JANUARY, 1878

"Resolved: That the United States should have free trade with other nations."

## **LANDFILL**

In 1990, Integrated Waste Services proposed building a 117 acre landfill on 435 acres along Rt 98. The Burrell farm, Leffler properties, and Burlingame property were purchased for this purpose.

A group of Concerned Citizens, headed by President Kathy Kellogg organized to oppose the landfill. The Town Board signed a contract with Integrated Waste Services in 1991 for research funds and benefits to the town if the Department of Environmental Conservation should approve the landfill project. The Concerned Citizens sued the Town over the contract and is still pursuing this costly process.

The group has expanded outside the town because of the water contamination issue and the County Legislature is also involved in opposing the landfill in Farmersville. Hearings continue and no decision has yet been made by DEC.

## **GRAVEL MINING**

Much of the gravel farmland is being purchased by gravel companies who either are, or intend to mine this non-renewable resource. Unfortunately mining appears to be more profitable than farming these days, so future generations will wonder why this town is called Farmersville when there are so few farms left.

## **PIGEON HILL SEWING CIRCLE**

The Pigeon Hill Sewing Circle is still meeting to piece quilts for sale or to donate where there is a need. This group originated in 1925 when some neighborhood women gathered to piece a quilt for a family who lost their home to a fire. In 1971, they donated a star pattern quilt for the Sesquicentennial. A pieced quilt will also be donated to the Farmersville History Book project for the Diamond Centennial of 1996.

Present members include: Mary Bialy, Margaret Roblee, Toni Kic, Rita Little, Eleanor Winiarczyk, Eula Wright, Lucille Holmes, and Virginia Manning.



## **LADIES AID**

Ladies Aid Society was an organization originally with the object to encourage the advancement of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It probably began about the same time that the church was organized but the earliest records available are from 1908. Members at that time were: the Mrs. N.D. Smith, M.A. Bush, B.F. Goerss, Henry Thomas, Henry Agett, R. S. Hall, James Rogers, S. M. Wright, Knight, Earl Holmes, Charles Searles, Addie Leonard, Clair Agett, and Misses Josephine Holmes, Bertha Harrison, and Marie Bush.

Meetings usually started with dinner at noon and then singing, scripture reading, prayer, business, and visiting followed. The earlier meetings were held in homes, and Stowell's Hall. Money was raised by sales, chicken pie socials, ice cream socials, dinners, plays, and selling jello and quilts. This money was used for the pastors salary as well as supplies and upkeep of the church.

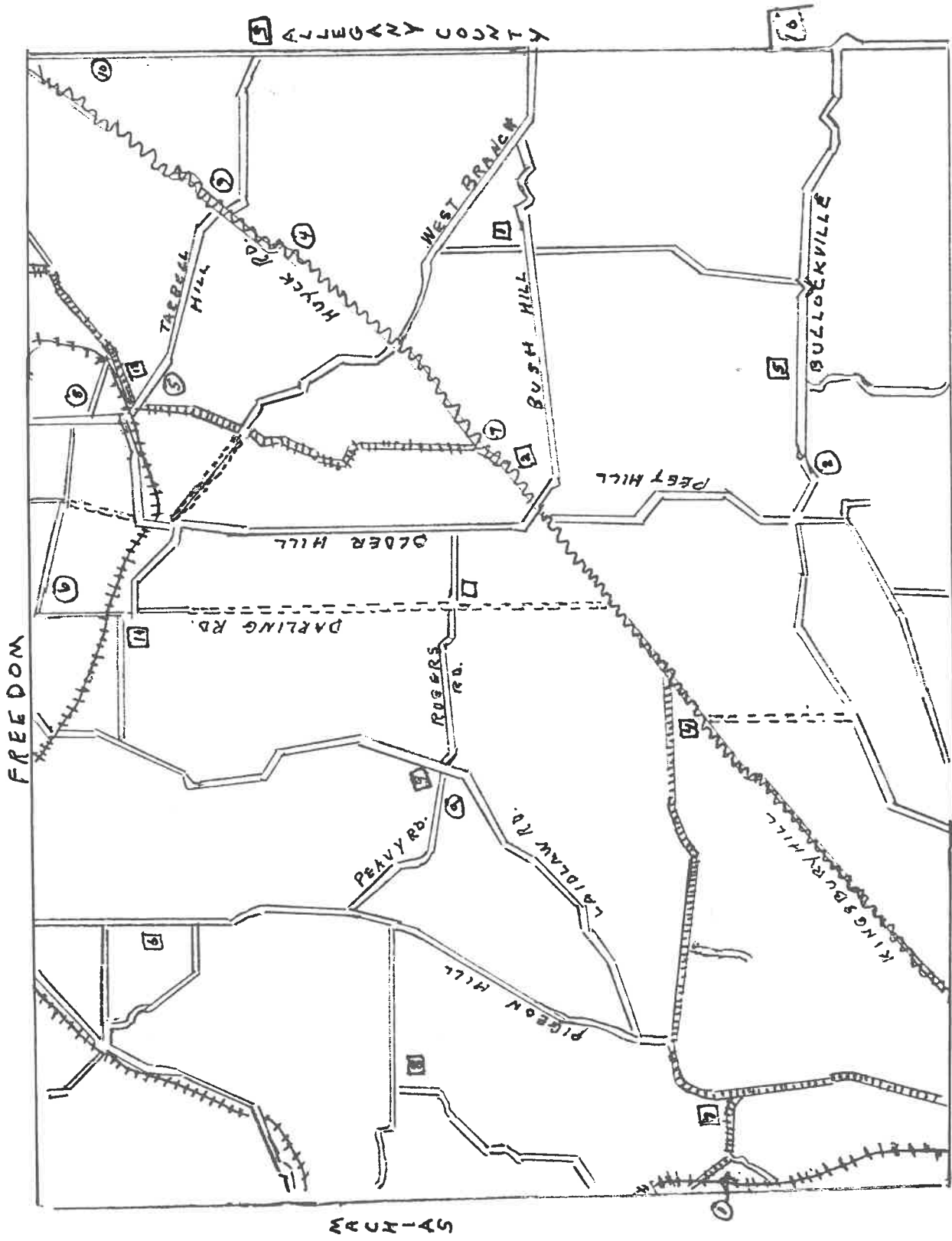
The first mention of the election day dinners was in the minutes of 1909 when it was held at N. D. Smiths's and \$12.90 was realized. They continued to be held in homes with as many as 80 being served till 1923 when the election dinners were held at Stowell's Hall. They were later held in the Town Hall next to the church and when the new Town Hall was built in 1956 they have been held there since. Present officers are Alice Wright, President; Viola Brown, Secretary; and Suzie Roblee, Treasurer.

## **MEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB**

The Farmersville Men's Community Club was organized December 16, 1932 with N. Reid Smith as first president. They sponsored a yearly Community picnic held at Lester's Grove, which included a program of various sporting events. William Roblee and Harold Henry were chairmen in 1935 and the winners were; women's nail driving contest, Mrs Morville Charles; boys and girls cracker eating contest, Catherine Tarbell; girls 50 yard dash, Velma Leonard; mens's 50 yard dash, Kenneth Hooper; boys wheelbarrow race, Duane Cole and Gray Smith; one legged race, Pauline Henry. It is not known how long this club was active.

## **HILLTOP 4-H CLUB**

Young people from Farmersville formed a 4-H Club in 1973 and called themselves the Hilltop 4-H'ers. Some of the members were: Karen and Glen Batt, Steve and Patty Converse, Bernard, John, and Debbie Krotje, Debbie Morrison, Allen and Dennis Gould, Karen Kester, Roberta, Charles, and Glen Krotje, Robert, Roger, and Ricky Wright, Tim Bigham, Kevin Brown, Danny Wright, Anna, Howard, Mark, and Robert Secrest. Alice Wright was the Leader. It was active for about 5 years.



FRANKLINVILLE-Roads, schoolhouses and cheese factories in 1915

## ROADS, SCHOOLHOUSES & CHEESE FACTORIES IN THE TOWN OF FARMERSVILLE

+++++ Railroads  
 ----- State Roads  
 ===== Abandoned Roads  
 ~~~~~ Stage Coach Road

The old Chautauqua Road was built to connect the Holland Land Company Office in Geneseo with the similar office in Mayville. It was laid out about 1814 as the shortest line between the two villages. It came through Farmersville at Fairview and followed Huyck Road by Farmersville Center and down Kingsbury Hill Road to Franklinville. Stage driver C. E. Woods reported June 13, 1878 that "business is good."

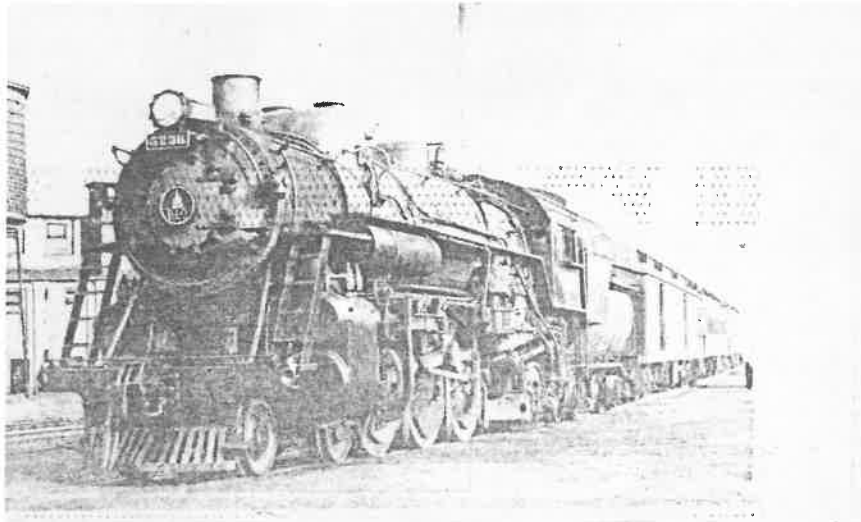
Residents were appointed Road Overseers. The legal requirements read: "Noxious weeds are to be cut down once before the 1st of July and again by the 1st of September. Also to cause loose stones lying on the beaten track of the road to be removed at least once in each month from the 1st day of April to the 1st day of December."

Highway Commisioner Ewell made the following appointments of highway overseerers May 7, 1878:

|               |                   |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| S.M. Thomas   | John James        | W. Scott Baker    |
| W.B. McGeorge | G.B. Graves       | J.H. Lane         |
| J. Tyler      | W. Caldwell       | C.C. Gould        |
| Fayette Henry | J.H. Day          | Mrs. R. Wickwire  |
| D.P. Tarbell  | Evan Leonard      | John Reese        |
| G.P. Gile     | John Burns Jr.    | L. Holmes         |
| Frank Holmes  | E. Reynolds       | G. Gould          |
| Jason Adams   | H.M. Lawrence     | Wm. Henry         |
| Wm. Baldwin   | James Love        | M. McKerrow       |
| Jas. Hooper   | Henry Tapp        | O. Pixley         |
| Henry Little  | I. Sessions       | Frank Liginfelter |
| E. Brown      | L. Blackmon       | John H. Gilbert   |
| Henry Deyo    | R. Watkins        | Jacob L. Strong   |
| N. Cleveland  | Jed Hubbard       | D. Hawkins        |
| Henry Rose    | E. Law            | R. E. Cornwall    |
| B. Slocum     | Orin Wright       | O. C. Eaton       |
| S.W. Robeson  | Frank Howard      | Ezra B. Law       |
| J. W. Thomas  | Miss C. Carpenter | W. I. Wakefield   |

## RAILROADS

In 1971, there were two Railroad lines running through Farmersville, the Penn-Central now called Conrail, and the Buffalo, Rochester, and Pittsburgh, later bought by the Baltimore and Ohio, and then by the Rochester and Southern in 1986. This line was abandoned in 1993 and the tracks taken up. Debate continues over the use of this land for recreational trails through private property or reverting the land to the original properties from which it was taken.



The last scheduled passenger train from East Salamanca on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is seen in this photograph taken on Aug. 29, 1953

Last B & O passenger train thru Station - Aug. 29, 1953

## CHEESE FACTORIES

The cheese factories (the circled numbers on map) were situated as follows:

1. Rock Spring in the southwest of the town, close to the Machias town line.
2. Bullockville cheese factory
3. Tarbell cheese factory (private)
4. Holmes cheese factory (private) the only factory still standing.
5. Farmersville Station - across bridge on Church Street. It was bought by A.J. Henry and torn down.
6. Siloam cheese factory - torn down and used to build a store
7. Farmersville Center cheese factory
8. Farmersville Station - at the end of School Street
9. Laidlaw cheese factory - Built in 1891 run by Charles Wright. He also had the Post office in the same building.
10. Fairview cheese factory

The schools (the boxed numbers on map) were situated as follows:

1. Bush Hill Schoolhouse- sold to Buffalo people who moved it to the Bush farm.
2. Farmersville Center Schoolhouse - sold to Millard Law who remodeled it into a home.
3. Cream Ridge Schoolhouse - contents sold at public auction and later it burned.
4. Checkered Schoolhouse - sold and remodeled into a house which many people have owned.
5. Bullockville Schoolhouse - still standing
6. Pigeon Hill Schoolhouse - still standing and used as seasonal property.
7. Jewell Schoolhouse - sold to Amon Thomas who made it into a house.
8. Hungerford Schoolhouse - sold to Emmons Smith who moved it to his farm and used lumber for his barn.
9. Laidlaw Schoolhouse - the unnumbered square at the 4 corners of Rogers Road and Darling Road was the first site in 1839, a new one built down the hill in 1851, and then to its present site on Peavy Road in 1864. It is still standing.
10. Hardys Corners Schoolhouse - Children from the Town of Farmersville attended school there because a portion of the district covered Farmersville. It is still standing.
11. Siloam Schoolhouse - Sold and made into a house.
12. Farmersville Station Schoolhouse - sold and made into a house.

## **SCHOOLS**

In the year 1971, there were no active schools in Farmersville. There were three school districts; Rushford, Franklinville, and Pioneer.

### **FARMERSVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

The Farmersville Baptist Church organized a Christian School which opened for 30 students in classes 1-6 in September of 1979, under Rev. Joseph Stratford. James Woodring was the first administrator, with Sarah Herne and Cindy Vanaman as teachers.

Kindergarten was added as well as high school classes. In 1984, there were 53 students enrolled and there was an orchestra and soccer team. Music and creation were featured in the curriculum.

Later teachers and administrators were Nelson Shaffer, Steven Spink, Duane Leonard, Nancy Vickman, Beth Sadler, and Alden Farner.

The school closed in 1989.

### **RUSHFORD CENTRAL AND CUBA CENTRAL MERGER**

Merger studies began in 1990 to merge Rushford Central School with Cuba Central School. Some Farmersville residents preferred to be redistricted so students there could attend Pioneer Central School instead. This was not approved by the District Superintendent, however.

The vote was taken April 16, 1991 with Rushford voters passing the merger by just 17 votes- 333 to 316 while in Cuba the vote was 576 for and 182 against. The merger became effective July 1, 1991 with the new district called Cuba-Rushford Central School District. A vote was taken in 1994 to build a new Middle-High School for the District which is scheduled to open in 1996.

## **HOW DISTRICT SCHOOL NO. 7, FARMERSVILLE, WAS MOVED**

**Interesting History of Early Days at TenBroeck Triangle  
Written by Jay Bonsteel in 1930**

The school house in District No. 7 of Farmersville was once located just south of the present Ten Broeck Cemetery. The district then included most of Bear Creek in its limits and a considerable school population had to cross the creeks and wade through the snow to get to the school on the main road.

Old Judge Ten Broeck always took a great interest in school matters and usually managed to see that each school meeting was attended by enough of his followers so that he could exercise a benevolent control over the election of officers and over other matters of the district.

At that time, some years before the Civil War, he owned not only the Ten Broeck homestead, now occupied by Alfred Williams, but also the portion of the farm now in the Stilwell estate and a very large acreage along Bear Creek. His brother, John Ten Broeck, owned the farm where James Dornan now resides, while the farm where Jay Bonsteel now lives was owned by widow Freeman, the mother-in-law of the Judge. It included the little farm owned by Fred Pixley.

His employees numbered a score or more men with their families, while those who were under obligation to him in one way or another increased the number of his retainers.

One year the Judge had things all fixed to his liking, when business affairs, probably with the Holland Land Company whose agent he was, called him away from home for a number of days in the early fall.

On a crisp evening, some of the Bear Creekers dropped into the Freeman Tavern for a drink of cider and agreed among themselves that it was a darned shame to have to let the children cross three or four creeks and wade through the snow just to let an old man have the school house where he darned please. They all had another drink of hard cider on that and, it is alleged, that Morris Talbot said: "If it don't suit you where it is, why don't you move it?"

Morris got a free drink on that, which was about what he wanted, and they all began to discuss the matter.

First one and then another volunteered to furnish a yoke of oxen until three span were promised. Some of the men went home for axes, and soon a motley crew armed with hand spikes, ropes and a pulley or two assembled at the school house, waiting for the oxen.

The school house was a small affair and they agreed that they could move it on a couple of poles for skids and put it over on the corner by Edson's (Godfrey's) if the oxen were any good. That set the teamsters on their mettle and they agreed to do the moving if the rest of the crowd would just skid her up.

Another drink from the jug set the swarm to work in dead earnest. With a heave on the handspikes and a haul with the ropes they moved the school off its stone block foundation and tilted it over onto the skids.

Then it was a downhill pull to the road and no heavy going up around the Ten Broeck corner toward Bear Creek. For some 30 rods after passing the corner, everything went well. Then old Morris chirped up again and said:

"Boys, there's just one thing we didn't think about. How in sheol air we goin' to get the darned thing across Johnson Creek and the Ischua?"

That called for more liquor and more deliberation. While the matter was being debated around the jug, one rather faint hearted teamster quietly unhooked his yoke of oxen and left.

When they had decided to haul their load through Johnson Creek and through the Freeman pasture past the Big Elm and across the Ischua another teamster announced that 2 yoke couldn't do that job and declared his intention of going home. No additional drinks or other persuasion could prevail on him and they all agreed that one yoke couldn't do the job and that they were stuck.

Ultimately other faint hearts abandoned the empty jug and the school house was left tilted sidewise on its skids beside the road. No school was held for a few days.

Then the Judge returned and an indignant school ma-am poured her troubles into his ears. He had the leather and string harness thrown onto the old gray mare and hitched to the buckboard. He drove down to the lop-sided school house and noticed at once, that it had not been carried past the Widow Freeman's property. So he dropped in to see her and speedily made arrangements for a little tract of land on which to place it.

Later in the day, his own teams and men pulled the little building up beneath the branches of a cherry tree near the road, blocked up the building and set the teacher up in business again.

That is why all of the school lot was taken from one farm and how, accidentally, the school was located on a well-drained, gravelly ridge convenient to all traffic within the district limits.

After the Judges time, the old schoolhouse gave way to the newer white school house which is even now being remodelled and probably Arthur Jewell is the possessor of the old relic.

So the Judge got his way and the Ten Broeck school is still located near the new Ten Broeck Triangle.





## CEMETERIES

### FARMERSVILLE CENTER CEMETERY

The largest cemetery in the Town of Farmersville is located on Rt 98 at Farmersville Center. The oldest date on a stone there is that of Revolutionary War soldier John Henry 1739 - 1795. Other early dates include that of Esther Cross who died February 13, 1807 aged 80 and Jacob Wade who died October 16, 1828 aged 60.

The Farmersville Center Cemetery Association conducts fund raising for the support and upkeep of the cemetery which still sells burial plots.



### TEN BROECK CEMETERY

Reserved by the will of Peter Ten Broeck for use as a burial place for his relatives and neighbors, this walled in cemetery is located on Rt. 16 just before Rt 98 turns off to the North. Two large monuments mark the burials of Peter Ten Broeck 1793-1863, the benefactor of Ten Broeck Academy, and his brother, John. The earliest burial there was that of Peter Ten Broeck's father-in-law, Ashbel Freeman, January 9, 1823 age 67 years. The last burial was that of Mary Foster who died July 9, 1989, aged 90.



## TARBELL HILL CEMETERY

This small, overgrown, Colerick family plot is located in a grove of trees about 50 yards in on the north side of Huyck Road between Tarbell Hill and the Zwadski farm. The stones are broken and scattered about the area.



Sarah Ann - daughter of Benjamin & Ezoa Colerick  
died Jan'y 3, 1850 aged 9 years & 10 mos.

## CEMETERY AT FARMERSVILLE STATION?

A small family cemetery may have been located at Farmersville Station, on the corner of Church and Back Streets. It was supposedly moved but no one seems to know when or where.

## FARMERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church of Farmersville Station was organized in 1888 with the building dedicated that same year. It was remodelled in 1920 under the pastorship of Rev. J.W. Norris. A full basement containing a dining room and kitchen was added. The old heating stove was retired and a huge wood-burning furnace was installed and the building wired for electricity, which was provided by M.E. Henry who had a generator which produced the electric power. Fine oak pews replaced the chairs for the congregation and soon a piano took the place of the old pump organ.

About fifty years later, a second renovation of the building took place just after Joseph Stratford became the resident pastor. A generous money gift was made to the Church by Dr. Winford W. Powers in memory of his mother, Zella Powers, who was a faithful member in the early 1900's. A ground entrance, flanked on either side by Sunday School classroom, rest rooms, and a balcony were made. The basement was divided into classrooms by portable partitions, and the electric heating system was added. A Christian Day School was opened in the church with moderate success but after a few years operation, it was closed.

In the last twenty-five years, several pastors have guided the church. Joseph Stratford came in January 1972 and left in 1982. Stephen Spink came in 1982 and left in 1987. Larry Whitehead became a supply pastor in 1987 and continued in that capacity until April 1989 when Alden Farner became the resident pastor and is continuing his pastorate here.

The ladies Philathea Class served the church in many ways for over fifty years. Various factors caused a decrease in attendance which continued to decline, so the group disbanded in 1979.



## FARMERSVILLE CENTER COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Farmersville Center Community Church had its beginning on September 23, 1823, when some of the early settlers realized a need for worship and gathered together in the schoolhouse (presently a residence occupied by Harold and Pat Clark) and formed The First Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1839, they built a wooden church for a cost of \$1500 which served the community with Services, Sunday School, and many social events for 139 years.

Time had taken its toll, however, and by 1970 the church was in need of repair. Estimates of up to \$20,000 to replace the foundation and supporting timbers and other necessities caused the members to consider the possibility of building a new church. A few temporary steps were taken so the Pastor's chair wouldn't fall through the floor, and carpeting and newer pews could be installed. After several meetings and much prayer, fund raising began in the Spring of 1974. Chicken Bar-B-Q's auctions, bazaars, dinners, and a walk-a thon by the Young People's all added to the Building Fund. Land across the road from the old church was donated by the Leonard Law's as a building site, and on July 31, 1977 a miracle began with a ground breaking ceremony for the new church. Donations of money, materials, labor, and prayers came from all over enabling construction to be paid for as it progressed. The first service was held on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, 1978 and the Dedication Service overflowed the church on May 20, 1979. A piano was donated by the Young People's in memory of Dennis Kelly. The organ was donated by the Wixon's in memory of their daughter, Charlotte. A bell tower with the bell from the original church that was installed in 1879, was built in 1982. An addition was added in 1989 for handicapped access, a new entryway and storage. A van was purchased in 1990 and a garage built for it in 1991.

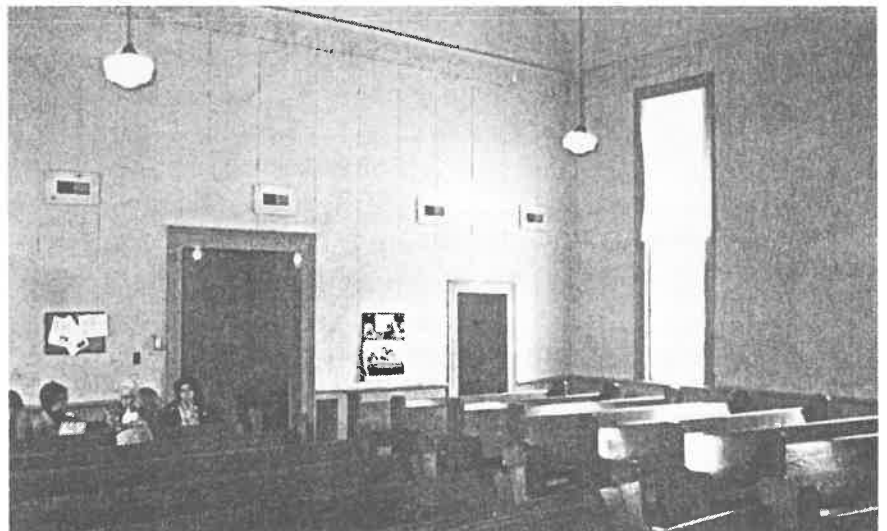
The Congregation voted in October, 1982 to leave the Methodist denomination and form the Farmersville Center Community Church which was incorporated in 1982. The old church was burned down because of its dangerous condition in the spring of 1992. Ministers were Arthur McElheny, Jerry Clark, Ray Gelenas, James Rector interim pastor, Roger Downer, with present pastor, Paul Simone.



Farmersville Center  
Methodist Church  
1839 - 1978



Interior Views  
1973



## DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS

### LEON EDGAR WRIGHT, SR.

Born March 2, 1897 at home on Laidlaw Road in Farmersville, he was the son of Charles Edgar Wright and Nettie Love. On January 17, 1927, he married Gladys Rounds who died November 1, 1968. On June 27, 1970 he married Eula Woodruff Gulick.

He was a dairy farmer and maple producer, being a pioneer in introducing plastic tubing to the industry. His maple products won many awards around the country and he was instrumental in founding the Western New York Maple Producers Association and served as President and Director. In 1980, he was inducted into the American Maple Museum Hall of Fame.

Leon has 2 sons, Charles and Leon Edgar, Jr., and 4 daughters, Barbara, Marjory, Ruth, and Joyce. The farm is now in the 5th generation with his grandson Rick managing the present dairy and maple operation. Mr. Wright died September 8, 1981.

### LINCOLN L. ROBLEE

Born May 9, 1921 - Died August 3, 1994

A veteran of the U.S. Army from World War II, he trained as a radio operator with the artillery and advanced to radio repair serving with the 78th and 3118th Signal Service Battalion as NCC in charge of the only Army repair shop in Berlin, Germany.

He married Margaret Hoffman and they have 2 sons. Alan is married and lives in Maryland with his wife, Martha. Deanne and his wife Karen live on the farm on Pigeon Hill and have 3 children, Thomas, James, and Lura.

Linc worked 13 years for Ford Motor Co. and in 1956 purchased a small farm on Pigeon Hill and became a full time dairy farmer in 1961. By using sound conservation practices, he was able to expand both land, buildings and herd size and was named Conservation farmer of the year in 1965. The farm is now operated by son Deanne, his wife Karen and family. It has enlarged to over 300 acres and over 100 head of cattle.

Linc served as Justice of the Peace for 4 years and Town of Farmersville Supervisor for 12 years. He served as committeeman for the ASCS for many years, 4-H leader, President and delegate for Eastern Milk Producers, and Agway committeeman.

## DONALD and JANE CLARK

Don Clark, and his wife, Jane are retired teachers from Kenmore and have been living in Farmersville since about 1973. Don is a master bird bander, having banded 48,000 birds. They recently were honored as the 1st life members of Cattaraugus County Bird Club. Jane does weaving and is a member of the Weavers Guild of Buffalo. They are also members of Ischua Valley Historical Society and volunteer at Beaver Meadows Audubon Center.

## LEON E. WRIGHT, JR.

Leon, known locally as Ed, with his brother, Charles, ran Wright Farms for many years. He then worked for New York State as Chief of Assessor Training. Following his retirement in 1991, he was elected as State Director for Farm Bureau from Cattaraugus, Allegany, Erie, and Chautauqua Counties a position he still holds. In 1995, he was appointed by Governor Pataki and the State legislature to serve on the 5 person Real Property Services Board for a 3 year term. He is also on the County Planning Board and former councilman, school board member and County Farm Bureau president. He and his wife, Alice have four sons.

## JAMES M. CASH, JR.

Jim served on the Town Board as councilman from 1972 - 1977 before being elected to the County legislature for 3 terms. He was also a member of the Cattaraugus County Soil and Water Conservation District for 21 years representing Farm Bureau, County Legislature, and member at large. He and his wife, Olga operate a beef farm and have 2 children.

## ROBERT M. HENRY

Bob Henry was born in Farmersville September 3, 1919 to Matthew Henry and Myrtle James. He married Marion Norton September 17, 1939 and they had 5 children, Robert Jr, Dorothy, Sally, Barbara, and Susan.

Mr. Henry had operated the general store at the Station until he sold it in 1958. He then became a insurance agent and real estate broker. He served as town justice, supervisor for 10 years and was a Democratic candidate for the State Senate and Assembly. He also served on the 3 person Civil Service Commission, and Rushford Central School Board.

## TOWN ELDERS OF FARMERSVILLE

FRANCIS F. FINCH 88 years

FRANCIS F. FINCH was born in Olean, N. Y. October 26, 1907, the son of Homer & Elizabeth Brown Finch. Francis worked as a lineman for Niagara, Lockport, and Ontario Power Co. building power lines. He helped build the power line in Farmersville. He was a farmer and then worked for the N.Y. State Dept. of Transportation for 20 years. On March 31, 1929 he married Lenore Edmunds, daughter of John and Nellie Charles Edmunds. They had two children; Joyce Finch who married Walter Brown and they had 1 son and 2 daughters; Jack C. Finch married Janet Brazee and had 3 sons and 2 daughters.

LENORE EDMUNDS FINCH 86 years

LENORE EDMUNDS FINCH was born in Farmersville, NY January 13, 1910, daughter of John & Nellie Charles Edmunds. On March 31, 1929 she married Francis Finch. They had one daughter, Joyce Finch who married Walter Brown and had 3 children; son Jack Finch who married Janet Brazee had 5 children.

PAUL A. SLOCUM 88 years

PAUL A. SLOCUM was born in Farmersville, NY August 29, 1907, son of Walter N. & A. May Knight Slocum. He married on July 28, 1928, Elce E. Wilder, daughter of Millard R. & Addie Baier Wilder. Paul owned the former Red & White store for years. He hauled logs and picked up canned milk which he delivered to milk plants. He had the first bulk tank truck in the area. After 40 years of trucking, he retired in 1970 when his son, David Slocum took over the business. He still loves to play golf.

ELCE E. SLOCUM 85 years

ELCE E. WILDER SLOCUM was born April 4, 1911 in Farmersville, NY, daughter of Millard R. & Addie Baier Wilder. She married Paul Slocum on July 28, 1929. She worked in the store and for several years worked part-time as clerk in the local post office. They have 3 children; Keith, who married Arletta Smith and they have 3 sons and one daughter; Lucille who married Richard Taylor and they have 4 daughters; and David who married Donna Clement and have two daughters.

She comments: "My entire life has been spent in Farmersville and I recall many things that happened but one event does stand out very clear in my mind. It was November 11, 1918 when World War I ended. When word reached the town people, they dropped whatever they were doing and ran into the streets to rejoice with others. People had pans, pails, and wash tubs beating them with sticks - anything to make a noise. Church and school bells were rung with great vigor and whistles blew. When trains went through town, the engineer and fireman rang the engines bell and gave a toot of the whistle. The men in the caboose waved to the crowd. The Rev. J. W. Norris had moved to town and he with some of the men, built a



bonfire at the corner of Main and Church Street. People gathered there and sang songs. The popular War Song of the day was *Over There*. There were prayers of thanksgiving offered and tears of joy mingled with tears of sorrow for the fathers, sons, and brothers who paid the supreme sacrifice and would not be returning for a hero's welcome. It was the 'war to end all wars' and no one thought that the children would ever have to witness another war."

MARY COLLARD BLAKESLEE 85 years

MARY E. BLAKESLEE was born in Buffalo, NY June 10, 1910, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Climenhaga Collard. She married Orley Blakeslee December 9, 1929 in Buffalo. She was a professional dancer for many years and Orley became her partner in many dances. They moved to a farm in Centerville in 1940, then moved to Farmersville in 1955. They had three children; June who married R. Jay Clark; Orley Jr.; and Linda; and 6 step children. She enjoys her family and embroidery.

VIOLA ZOSS ABBOTOY 85 years

VIOLA ABBOTOY was born September 18, 1910 in Buffalo to Casper and Anna Zoss. She married Raymond Abbotoy and had 5 children; Marlene, Marvin, Wilford, Maureen, and Sharon who is married to Jerad Dingman and lives in Farmersville. She enjoys her family and 12 grandchildren.

CARL GUENTHER 84 years

CARL GUENTHER was born April 17, 1912 in Newark, NJ son of Conrad and Anna Schothan Guenther. His father and grandmother immigrated from Germany and the family moved to Beardsley, Minnesota in 1918. There he schooled in a one room school house through 8th grade with further education in the town school. Transportation was either horseback or bicycle. They moved to Farmersville in 1928 where the family purchased a dairy farm. He worked for neighboring farmers Mr. Peavy, Mr. Knight, and L.J. Williams. He took over the home farm when the brothers went in service in 1942. Electricity came to the neighborhood in 1937 with telephone service in 1942. Carl belonged to the Machias Grange and is a member of St. Philomina Roman Catholic Church. He has three brothers, Joseph, Conrad, and Raymond and two deceased sisters, Elizabeth Johns and Anna Hooper. He retired in 1972.

ROSE LOVE HENRY 81 years

ROSE LOVE HENRY was born in Farmersville, NY on February 18, 1915, a daughter of Charles and Hazel Rose Love. On December 20, 1937 she married Perry Henry, son of Joseph and EvaMay Kane Henry. She and Perry owned the grocery store. They had 3 children: Rita Henry who married Dale Kester and had a son and 2 daughters, Judy Henry who married Terry Dailey and had 2 daughters; and Peter Henry who married Dorothy Meek and had 3 daughters.

INEZ HENRY McCLUER 84 years

INEZ HENRY McCLUER was born in Farmersville, NY, January 18, 1912, daughter of Joseph and EvaMay Kane Henry. On November 2, 1930 she married A. Yorke McCluer, born January 28, 1908 to John and Gracia Jones McCluer. They were farmers until his death August 9, 1951. Inez worked for Motorola Co. until retirement. They had four children: James O. McCluer; Janice McCluer who married Alvin Sampson and had 1 son and 4 adopted children; Nancy McCluer who married Kenneth Vickman and had 4 children; and Samuel McCluer who married Nancy Bounby and had 3 daughters.

GERTRUDE RICHARDSON 82 years

GERTRUDE RICHARDSON was born May 29, 1914 at Hardys Corners, Farmersville to Bertie and Ella Deyoe Thayer. On May 22, 1937 she married Nelson Richardson and they lived in Rushford from 1939 to 1961. She and her husband were farmers and had one daughter, Joyce Richardson.

RAYMOND GUENTHER 81 years

RAYMOND GUENTHER was born May 15, 1914 in Newark, NJ, son of Conrad and Anna Schlothan Guenther and brother to Raymond, Joseph, Conrad, Elizabeth and Anna. The family moved to Beardsley, MN in 1918 and then to the farm on the road bearing their name in 1928 where he still resides. He's a veteran of WW II and upon his return from service, he was a cattle trucker and retired in 1979. He is a member of the American Legion in Machias and the VFW in Franklinville. He has one son, Robert and 3 grandchildren.

CAROLYN SHARPE GOLD 81 years

CAROLYN GOLD was born in Buffalo, NY August 18, 1914 a daughter of Frank and Theresa Sharpe. She married William J. Gold July 25, 1946 and bought property in Farmersville in 1962. After retirement, they lived here permanently. Mrs. Gold enjoys the Firemen's Chicken BBQ and the basket of fruit at Christmas.

AUDRA HEIDEL OPFERBECK 88 years

AUDRA HEIDEL OPFERBECK was born March 8, 1908 in Fox Valley, Riceville, NY. On August 18, 1932 she married Emil Opferbeck. She has two deceased sisters, Ruth and Helen, and one brother, Alton. Her daughter, Viola married Millard Brown and lives in Farmersville. She has a son Lee Opferbeck and three grandchildren.

Audra worked with her husband on their dairy farm. In 1959 she went to work at the Cattaraugus County Infirmery at Machias. She has lived in the area most of her life, moving to Laidlaw Road in 1973. She attends Farmersville Center Community Church and enjoys knitting, crocheting and hooking rugs.

GERTRUDE BAKER AGETT 93 YEARS

GERTRUDE AGETT was born in Farmersville April 2, 1903 and was the daughter of Everett and Sarah Kellogg Baker. She married Ross Agett of Farmersville on June 25, 1925 and has three children, Betty, Jerry, and Larry. A long time member of Farmersville Center Community Church, she taught Sunday School and was active in the Ladies Aid. Gardening and reading have been hobbies. Living in Farmersville Center for many years, she has sold her home and lives in Franklinville.

GORDON HOLMES 92 years

GORDON HOLMES was born December 13, 1903 on Bush Hill in Farmersville, NY. He married Lucille Martin on May 26, 1938. They have one adopted son, Herbert Holmes, deceased, and 4 grandchildren. He has 2 sisters, Ferne Harris and Gladys Clark, and a brother Donald Holmes. He lived in McKinstry where he taught elementary school until 1931 when he moved to Laidlaw Road to become a full time dairy and poultry farmer. As a member of the Farmersville Center Community Church since January 13, 1924 (formerly the Methodist Church), he is the member of longest standing in the congregation. He was treasurer at the time of the construction of the new church.

LUCILLE MARTIN HOLMES 85 years

LUCILLE MARTIN HOLMES was born November 23, 1910 in the Town of Brookings, South Dakota. She moved with the family to McKinstry at the age of 10. She has two sisters, Frances Woodard and Lois Schenk, and a brother Bruce Martin. On May 26, 1938 she married Gordon Holmes and have an adopted son, Herbert who is deceased. They have cared for many county children. Lucille enjoys gardening and sewing and is a member of Farmersville Center Community Church.

WILLIAM HANSON 83 years

WILLIAM HANSON was born in Hamburg, NY on November 11, 1912, a son of William and Laura Bebo Hanson. On August 18, 1936 he married Dorothy Salmon in Hamburg and they had 3 children. They also have 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Bill was a commercial decorator, retiring in 1974 and moved to Farmersville in 1978. Hunting, fishing, and sports are his interests.

DOROTHY SALMON HANSON 81 years

DOROTHY SALMON HANSON was born April 15, 1915 in Keighley, Yorkshire, England to Arthur and Florence Smith Salmon. She married William Hanson in Hamburg on August 18, 1936 and they have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. The Hansons purchased property in Farmersville in 1969 and moved here permanently in 1978. Her interests include gardening, reading, and volunteer work.

ANNA PATRICK KOZAK 81 years

ANNA PATRICK KOZAK was born September 6, 1914 in Lackawanna, NY to Matthew and Mary Krasvac Patrick. She married Joseph Kozak in Lackawanna, April 29, 1935, and they had 4 children: John deceased; William in Farmersville with whom she resides; Madge in Lackawanna; and Joseph in Delevan. She has 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. John and she came to Farmersville in 1950 and began farming. After John died she worked at Motorola. Anna loves to bake and cook and has really enjoys living in Farmersville.

FRANCIS LAW 94 years

FRANCIS LAW was born on Older Hill in the Town of Farmersville on January 22, 1902 making him 94 years old. His parents were Frank and Harriet Carpenter Law. He worked as a brakeman for the Erie Railroad, was Road Commissioner for 22 years and worked for the State Highway Department, retiring in 1969. On April 16, 1927 he married Leah Thomas in Limestone and they have a son, Edwin born in 1937. Fran remembers the board walks at Farmersville Center to keep people from walking in the mud. He was also instrumental in getting the new town hall built and remembers going door to door to get petitions signed. He and his wife moved to Machias in 1958 where they still reside.

AGNES RUTECKI LINDBERGH 89 years

AGNES RUTECKI LINDBERGH was born in Meadville, Pennsylvania on January 24, 1907. In Buffalo, NY on September 18, 1930 she married Stephen Lindbergh who died in 1983. She had a sister Jennie who is deceased as well as brothers, Lawerence who died in World War II, and William. She had 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls as well as 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. All the children were born at home with either a midwife or neighbor in attendance. They also raised 6 star boarders. Daughter Tessie lives at home and attends Allegany Rehabilitation Center. Agnes was a bookkeeper and stenographer for Liquid Vaneer in Chicago and also worked as a waitress before becoming a full time housewife and farmerette. They moved to Bush Hill in 1941. She still enjoys sewing, crocheting, embroidery, her flower garden and pet cat.

## THE SEE TREE

Many years ago, there was a large maple tree on Laidlaw Road that stood very close to the road near the house where Bert Brown lived. It posed some danger to traffic so it was decided to cut it down. Francis Law was Superintendent of Town Highways at that time so the town highway crew used the town caterpillar tractor to remove the tree stump. Some time after that, Francis was driving along Laidlaw Road with his father, Frank Law, a son of Eliphalet Law. Frank said to his son, "I see you have cut down the "See Tree", " where upon Francis asked why he called it the "See Tree". His father explained that when he was a young lad at home, that big maple was tapped at the first sign of the coming sugar season. People would stop to see if the sap was running, hence the tree was known as "The See Tree".



## FARMERSVILLE BUSINESSES

### ISCHUA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

The Ischua Valley Country Club was built on Rt 16 by Carlyle Phillips in 1966 with a restaurant, bar, bowling alleys, and a golf course. Carl Phillips, Carlyle's son was in the business and Jack Pixley was manager of the bowling alleys. In 1978, the Country Club was purchased by Ron Petrel and Jack Winkler and then Winkler bought out Petrel and ran the business until 1991 when it was purchased by the present owner, Pat McCrea.



DRIVING RANGE

Carlyle Phillips started construction of a driving range across from the Country Club about 1969. Improvements were made and a building added in 1993 and opened briefly.



TERWILLIGER EXCAVATING

The building was originally built by Jim Burrell as a Coca Cola distribution center in 1963. It was bought by Francis Terwilliger in 1971 for his excavating business. It is now operated by Roger, Dennis, and Kathy Terwilliger.



## WOODHILL ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK

Originally known as the Ischua Valley Mobile Home Park and managed by Carlyle Phillips, this mobile park located on Rt 16 is now owned and being improved by Tim and Julie Phillips.



### ROGER'S FRUIT STAND

Lawrence Rogers opened his fruit and vegetable stand in 1987 by Terwilligers Excavating on Rt. 16. Two years later he moved to the present location by the Mobile Home Park.



### SHARON'S FAMILY RESTAURANT

Originally built in 1979 by Kay Terwilliger and daughter Sharon, it was operated as the Dairy-Freeze Drive In. It has been remodelled and expanded by Sharon and her husband and is now known as Sharon's Family Restaurant.



## ISCHUA VALLEY STORAGE

Ischua Valley Storage is owned and operated by Robert Hammersmith. The first storage buildings were built in 1991 and additional buildings have been added as the business expands and for larger campers and boats.



## BURNWELL GAS

Opened in 1980, this propane business is owned by Alden Enterprises with David Keyser as manager and Wendy Agett as office manager.



## HOLMES ELECTRIC

Built in 1991 and managed by Richard and Patricia Holmes, it was closed and sold in 1994 to Edwin Price.

## ZUECH'S SEPTIC SERVICE

This business was started in Franklinville in 1956 by Fred Zuech. In 1970, his son Fritz joined the business and is presently the operator. He also raises llamas and horses.





## THE LITTLE BERCHESGADEN AND BERCHESGADNER MOTEL

The Ischua Valley Motel was built in 1953 by Lee Lane and managed by him until 1974 when it was purchased by Paul and Mary Newhand. In 1980, Charles and Jeanne Justus bought and ran the motel until their son, Larry Justus purchased it in 1994. He and his wife, Nau, remodeled and renamed it in keeping with the German motif to accompany the newly constructed 32 seat Berchesgaden Restaurant built in 1994.



## SWEETBRIAR FARM & ICE CREAM PARLOR

Lois Priester and her daughter, Betsey bought the former Jewell home on Rt 16 and Bear Creek Road in 1985 and started renovating the interior. First, only one room was opened as a shop with other rooms added as they were refurbished for sale of gifts and decorative accessories. An antique and cabinet shop was added as well as a red caboose which served as an ice cream parlor. In 1993, the store was all contained in the cabinet shop with the kitchen added in 1995 for serving pastries, lunches and ice cream.



## AMISH TREASURES

Originally, Daphne Warren, operator of the Amish Treasures Shop on Rt 16 began selling Amish quilts and hand made items in the small building at the junction of Rt 16 and 98N in 1989. In 1991, the present new building was constructed opposite Sweetbriar Farm for the selling of authentic Amish articles.



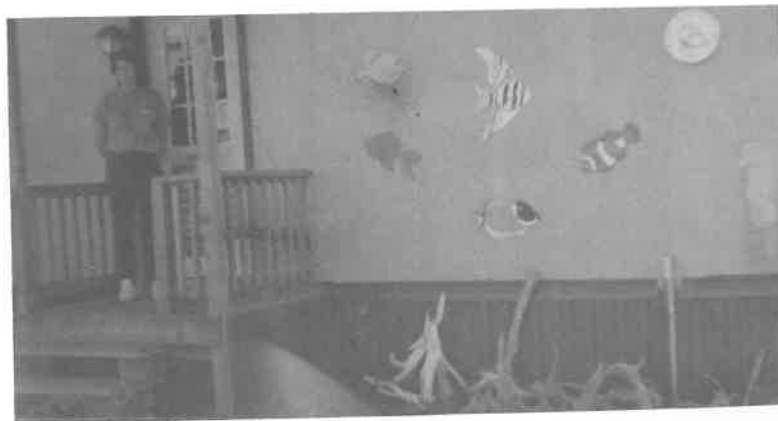
PINK CHICKADEE AND CHICORY HILL

When Janice Krotje moved from Franklinville to Laidlaw Road in Farmersville in 1988, she also moved her craft supply and yarn shop and called it the Pink Chickadee. In the fall of 1995, daughter Tami, opened a craft and gift shop on the property, called Chickory Hill.



SEA HORSE CORRAL

Nearly across the road from the Pink Chickadee and Chickory Hill, daughter-in-law, Ann, and son, Shane Krotje operate their aquatics shop which opened for business in 1993 with fish of all kinds, tanks, and supplies.



## JOE SMITH LOGGING

Located on Galen Hill in Farmersville Station, Joe Smith has been logging nearly all his life and it has been his major business for 18 years.



## DAVID SLOCUM MILK TRUCKING

David Slocum took over his fathers trucking business in 1970 and has now expanded it to include 16 trucks which haul milk from farms to milk plants. Several new buildings have been added for truck storage and maintenance. He recently remodeled the old post office which is now used for the office.



## JOHN JACKSON'S AUTOMOTIVE

Operating in the garage behind his mother's home on Church Street in Farmersville, John Jackson has been doing auto repair and inspections since 1986.



## FARMERSVILLE STATION DELI

Originally owned by the Goss', Bill and Elana Kozak bought the property in 1987 and operated the Deli and Gas Station until 1991 when it was operated by Gary and Norma Zaremski. On June 15, 1993, John and Rhonda Rogers took over, and Rhonda now manages the Deli after the death of her husband.



## BEAR CREEK INDUSTRIES

Bear Creek Industries was owned by Paul and Thelma Mapes and operated as a machine shop since 1976 until his death in 1993. General small machine work is still being done by manager, Tom McClory.

## TERWILLIGER MINING

Dennis Terwilliger operates a gravel business off Rt 98 and Laidlaw Road in conjunction with Terwilliger Excavating.

## KELLOGG'S AUTOMOTIVE

Gerald Kellogg operates a car repair and tire business on his former farm on Hardys Corners Road.

## ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS BED & BREAKFAST

Located on Hardys Corners road, Pat Werth has recently opened her home as a Bed and Breakfast for travellers to this beautiful area.

## HAIRDRESSERS

Several women in town operate beauty shops for hair care: Emiline Scurr, Pat Werth, Suzie Roblee, Pat Benz, Krista Giboo, and Judy Forward.

## **A SPECIAL REUNION**

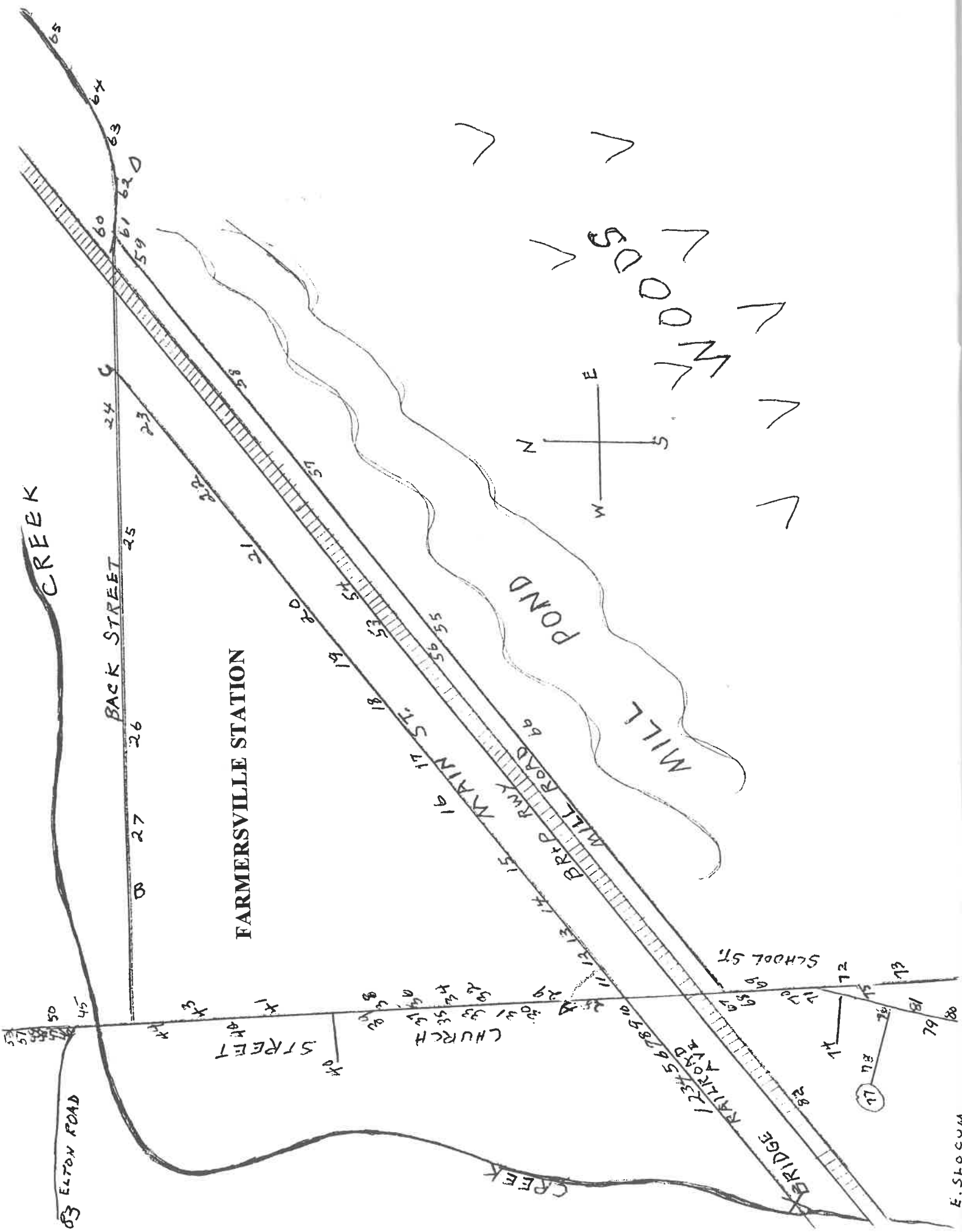
On August 5, 1995, over one hundred and fifty of the descendants of Joseph Henry, Sr. gathered at the Farmersville Fire Hall to commemorate the arrival in America of Joseph, his wife Jane, and their five children from Ireland. A year of preparation was necessary to locate some of the three hundred descendants and make ready for the event. It was a day-long affair with people arriving at 9:30 A.M. Many came from the far west, the south, and New England states to join others from this area for a reunion. A good portion of the group were total strangers. Pastries and beverages were served and the morning was spent in getting acquainted and viewing the exhibit of memorabilia and pictures brought by families.

After a bountiful pot-luck dinner, the guests enjoyed a scheduled program. Town Supervisor Duane Hooper welcomed the Henrys, and Town Historian, Alice Wright gave a brief history of the town. The genealogy of the Henry family was followed by recollections of many of the branch members. The oldest and youngest attendees were honored and a photographer took a group picture.

Then a cortege of cars travelled to the Lyonsburg Cemetery at Bliss where a wreath was placed on the grave of family matriarch, Jane Love Henry Brason. Her son Joseph, Jr., was the only member of her family to make a home in Farmersville. Through the years, members of the family have played a part in the history of the town.

## **SURPRISE VISIT!**

Balloonist Joseph Kittenger, Jr. set a new World's record of 2,000 miles in three days, for the longest helium balloon flight across land. He left from Las Vegas attempting to go to New Jersey, when trouble forced him to land on the Bernard Krotje farm on Laidlaw Road, Farmersville, on November 18, 1983.



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BACK STREET

FARMERSVILLE STATION

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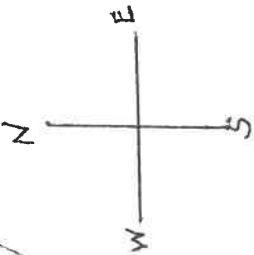
MILL ROAD

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WOODS

## **KEY TO THE MAP OF FARMERSVILLE STATION AS IT WAS IN 1915-1920**

#1. Charles Dettman house-burned Dec. 1932 while his daughter, Gladys and husband Albert Byroads lived there.

#2. Lyman Hooper home-they were elderly people. In 1920, Will Hughes left the farm and bought the Hooper home and lived there until his death in 1939. He worked as a cook on the work train of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad and was sexton of the Baptist Church for many years. His daughter, Florence & husband, Ralph Warner became owners of the property, and upon their death it was sold to Rod Kelley.

#3. This is one of the oldest houses in town. Among those who owned or rented it were; John Shonk 1915, Arthur Winchell, Horatio Wilcox, Frank Ashcraft, Darwin Wood (it was enlarged by one room by him), Silas Rathbun, James Peabody, and Evelyn Peabody.

#4. On the 1915 map there was no house on this lot which was owned by Joseph Henry Sr. However, a house was built there soon after and was owned by Forrest Lewis until he and his wife separated when she became the sole owner. Years later she sold it to Leo Jones; after many years he sold it to Howard Smith. It has been rented to tenants whose stay is usually brief.

#5. Baptist Parsonage- Rev. D.W. Pierce lived there at the turn of the century. Elmer Evans preached here but lived in Olean. While there was no resident pastor, the house was rented. Francis Law lived in it at one time and A.J. Henry lived there while his house was being built after the store and his home burned. Then Rev. J. W. Norris moved in. When other property was obtained for a parsonage, this was sold to Edna Love and after a time she sold it to John Smith who lives there now.

#6. Albert Alexander owned this home for many years. After his death it was rented to Albert Rogers and the house burned. Leo Jones bought the land and many years later had a mobil home situated there. Richardsons' now own the property.

#7. This house was owned by the Gould Brothers in 1915. Albert Blackmon lived there. His son, Clyde, and Arthur Lines, who lived in #19, had a telephone line between the two houses. Albert Cooley lived there for several years. Frank Law owned it and sold it to Eugene Wixon in 1934. He had a root drying house on the property and on a Sunday morning in November 1945, the root house burned, endangering the house which was saved from damage. At that time, there was a good market for roots that were dried and sold to medical companies and used in medicines. Among the roots were angelica, dandelion, ginseng, elecampane, and hellebore. After Eugene and Doris Wixon died, their son Charles became owner and lives there now. This was also one of the oldest houses in town.

#8. This lot was owned by the Gould Bros. in 1915. Harold Richardson built the house about 1918. After he lived there for a few years he moved to Rushford and the house was rented to many, among them Perry Henry, and Rowland Stebbins whose wife and baby died there in childbirth. William Hess bought it and lived there until his death in 1955. His daughter, Patricia Benz now owns it.

#9. This lot was owned by Gould Bros. also in 1915. Jasper Richardson, father of Harold, and also a carpenter built the house in 1917-18. After living there for several years, he moved to Yorkshire and the house was either sold or rented. Cary & Rena Charles lived there and Alice Harris owned it for several years, then Ethel Kraft bought it. After a time, Wayne Chapman owned it and sold it to the Flints and presently rented by Ethel Jenkins.

#10. Owned by Dora Lines, Arthur Lines, Kibblers, Butch Baker, and then sold to Jeff Peterson who lives there now.

#11. Owned by N. Reid Smith. It burned Dec. 11, 1917.

#12. This was the Post Office until 1914 when Matthew Henry became postmaster and moved the Postal Service to Henry's Store. It then became Orton's Barbershop with living quarters. It also burned Dec. 11, 1917.

#13. A.J. & M.E. Henry's Store. It burned Dec. 11, 1917. It was rebuilt in 1918. Behind it there was a small brick building that housed a generator that produced enough electricity to supply the store, the Baptist Church, and the residences of M. E. Henry, Millard Wilder, and A. J. Henry. The second floor of the building was the Lodge Hall of the I.O.O.F. Upon the death of A. J. Henry in 1932, his son Matthew became owner of the store. When he died in 1948, his son Robert became the owner. He sold it on Jan. 1, 1960 to C. Kermit Jackson. He sold it to Herman Cobb in September 1960. The store burned Dec. 23, 1961. In 1979 the property was sold to the U.S. Postal Service which installed a trailer for temporary use. In 1985, the present frame building was erected to house the Post Office.

#14. The home of Andrew J. Henry which burned in 1917 at the same time as Nos, 11,12,& 13 burned. It was not rebuilt. He lived in the Baptist Parsonage while his house was being built on #46.

#15. A salt storage building for A. J. Henry. It was moved away.

#16. The hitch barn, belonged to the hotel. In the late 20's it was rented by Millard Wilder to house a farm machinery sales business. It was owned by Claude Pixley at that time.



# 17. The hotel had many different owners; among them Jess Colvin, the Crawfords, Claude Cole, and Ortons. He had a barber shop, pool table, and sold ice cream in the southeast front room. The post office was installed in the southwest front parlor after the fire and kept there until the new store was built. The Hotel and hitch barn were sold to Morvyll Charles in 1936 and he tore the buildings down. The Ortons left town about 1928. The fire company now owns both pieces of property and fire house.

#18. In 1895 thru 1905 this was Lines & Holmes General Store. George Lines and Burnham Holmes were partners. Soon after that it was bought by Buchanan Charles. Living quarters were on the east side of the building. Above the store were a large hall and an apartment which was rented by a widow, Mrs. Smith and her daughter-in-law, Lena Rogers Smith and her small son, Dayton. The hall was used by the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Ladies Mite Society of the Baptist Church, who served dinners there on alternate Wednesdays. All anyone wanted to eat for 25¢. Mrs. Charles was a great help in the store. They had no children but Mr. Charles had a daughter and a son, Warren. Warren was killed in action in France during WW I. When the Charles' retired and moved to Arcade, M.E. Henry bought the building and opened a hardware store, managed by Rev. J. W. Norris. It was in operation for a short time and the contents were moved to Henry's General Store. The store was torn down but the living quarters were left and rented for a time then sold to Carl Smith. After his death and that of his wife, it was rented to Dennis Myers. The house burned and Patricia Ashcraft, who was babysitting the three small children, heroically saved the children from their beds upstairs. The land was bought by the fire company.

#19. William Williams Store with living quarters on the east side. It was built in 1878. The second floor contained a large hall and an apartment. The Ladies Mite Society of the Baptist Church served dinners there before they moved to the Charles' Hall. Dinners then were 10¢. About 1917, John Smith bought the store and ran it for years before he closed it and moved away. While he lived there, his 8 year old grandson was killed in an auto accident when the car was hit by a train on the crossing by the milk plant. The east wing was rented then the building was sold to Morris Hooper to use his root drying business. Later he tore it down.

#20. This was a small barn owned by William Williams.

#21. The Frank Hooper home. Frank was in charge of the railroad pump house where water was pumped into the tower for the trains. He retired and moved to Springville. His son, Morris owned the house until his death, and now his son, Duane owns it and resides there.

#22. Elmer Spencer built this house about 1903 and lived there. John Smith lived there until he bought the Williams Store. Then the Williams' lived there until poor health caused them to leave. The Osmun family then had possession and rented it. Among the renters were; Reid Smith, and John Bardo who was manager of the basket factory. Thomas Noble bought it and lived there until his wife died. Edward King then bought it and had a small building next door which housed the post office while he was postmaster from 1947 to 1960. Wilma King now owns the house.

#23. This is one of the oldest houses in town. It was built by David Thomas of Rushford for a hardware store. In 1880, William Williams, who came from Wales, had a store there. In 1889, William Charles bought it and made it into a dwelling for his family that he moved into town from Galen Hill. There was a barn on the west side of the house that was moved across the road to the north side of Back Street. The Charles' daughter, Cora (Nellie) and husband John Edmunds lived with them. After both Mr. Charles and Mr. Edmunds died, Mrs Charles, her daughter, and her children lived there. The west wing of the house was rented. A Welsh family named Williams, Millard Wilder, Albert Rogers, and Rhoba Price were among the renters. After Mrs. Edmunds daughter, Lenore married Francis Finch, the house underwent many alterations and it became a family home. Francis Finch worked for the Niagara, Lockport & Ontario Power Co. when the electric line was brought into town in 1926-27. Not long after that, the power company installed street lights. After several years, the Finch family moved to a farm. Mrs Edmunds son, Charles moved into the house and lived there until ill health necessitated their moving to a nursing home. The Finches grandson, Thomas now resides there.

#24. This was known as the "Milk Plant House". It was built by Merrill-Soule Co. about 1916 with lumber from the Wright cheese factory which was torn down. It was a double house that provided housing for families of two employees, Dori Dye and Henry Bastian. After the plant closed, it was rented to many, among them; Joseph Henry, Jr., David Williams, Beatrice Lafferty, and Albert Vickman. Robert Henry bought it and lived there a short time. George Sanders bought it and made it into a one family house where he now lives.

#25. This also is one of the oldest houses in town. William Fox once owned it. Will Powers lived there after that, and Guy King and wife lived there. Guy was one of two R.F.D. mail carriers from this office. They moved away after 1908 and it recently was learned that he died in 1946 in Cuba. His wife died there March 1, 1991, age 107 years. Merrill-Soule bought it for a residence for Howard Hurlburt, plant manager in 1916. He was replaced by Harry Hamilton. While he lived there, his small daughter suffered severe burns on her back and arms when her dress caught fire from a Fourth of July sparkler. After Hamiltons moved away, Percy Austin became manager and lived in the house. After the plant closed, the place was rented. Cecil Goss bought it and the family lived there until he and Emily died. It is now vacant.

**#26.** The 1915 map shows John Smith as owner of this lot. Shortly after that, A.J. Henry built a house there and rented it to Elon Smith. After a short time it was sold to Henry Caldwell who lived there briefly and then rented it to Clair Sherwood and in 1930 to Paul Slocum who lived there until 1937. Many year later it was sold to Leonard Connors who made many alterations. In 1961, he sold it to David Slocum who lived there till 1973 when he sold it to Robert Vickman. The Vickmans own it now.

**#27.** This was the home of Agnes Metcalf. widow of Carlos Metcalf. She was elderly and known to everyone as "Auntie Met". After she died, the place was rented to Eli Karpillo in 1929 and he lived there until 1932 when Edmund Lafferty moved in. He died in 1933 and his widow Beatrice lived there for several years. She moved and Carlos Williams, a great-nephew of Agnes, and family lived there while he ran the Red & White Store. Carlos died and his widow continued the business. After she left the village, it was owned by Paul Smith, then Walter Brown and later by Richard Ashcraft. It is now owned by Barry Tingue.

**#28.** The old blacksmith shop was here on the Dora Lines lot. Her husband George Lines once had a shop where he repaired wagons and did iron work. It has been torn down.

**#29.** This was the A. J. Henry barn, used for storage. After the store burned in 1961, Herman Cobb made it into a store. He sold it to Perry Henry about 1963 and Perry sold it to Floyd Baltz in 1966. He built living quarters on the east side and the Baltzs kept store for several years, selling it to Donald Beroff who ran it for a short while and closed it. The US Postal Service bought it and the Henry land, tore the store down and built a new post office.

**#30.** This was known as the Emma Strong house. She lived next door with her daughter and family. The house was rented for many years and among the tenants were; Cary Charles, Carl Smith, and Reid Smith. Her grandson, William Roblee owned it and enlarged it. His son, William now owns it and lives there.

**#31.** This was the Merle Roblee home where he lived for over 70 years. It had belonged to his wife's mother, Emma Strong who gave it to her daughter. Merle died in 1979 age 92. The property was sold to the Baptist Church for use as a residence for the administrator of the Christian Day School. After the school was discontinued, it was rented and is being sold to Scott Rathbun who now lives there.

**#32.** This house is listed on the 1915 map as being owned by C. Peavy; tenant F. Lewis. Later it was owned by Albert Blackmon who lived there for a time then rented it as a two family house. Claude Cole was a renter as was the Tyler family. Clyde Blackman, son of Albert, lived there and the house was badly damaged by fire in 1930. The north wing was demolished, and Clyde repaired the upright part where the family lived for several years. They moved away and Merle Roblee bought it. He tore it down and built a small ranch style ranch house for his grandson, Edward R. King whose family still own it.

# 33. The Baptist Church, built in 1887; remodeled in 1920. Among the pastors were D.W. Pierce, Elmer Evans, John Norris, Edgar Sharp, Gomer Mills, Lloyd Wilt, Larry Whitehead, William Keeler, and Denver Chapman. Behind the church were horse sheds for shelter of the horses during church.

#34. The Eunice Henry house, the tenant in 1915 was L. Phillips. She was an elderly widow, childless and lived with relatives much of the time. In 1920, Rhoba Price lived there and her daughter, Mildred married Charles Edmunds there. Frank Law bought it and the Laws lived there for many years. After his wife, Hattie died he rented the place. Many either owned or rented it, among them Robert McCauley, agent in the depot, Ralph Osgood, and Glen Stebbins, Jr. Samuel McCluer bought it and after several years sold it to Leo Owens who now lives there.

#35. This house was known as the Jim Hooper place. After his wife died he lived with his son, Frank and family. It was rented for years, at times as a two family house. In 1918, Frank Law lived upstairs and Charles Ferguson lived downstairs. Charles died from the flu which reached epidemic status. Other tenants were; Morris Hooper, Cecil Goss, Joseph Henry, Jr., and Lloyd Brown. The Baptist Church bought it for a parsonage. At times, there was no resident pastor and it was rented to Edward O. King, postmaster and to Leon Leonard. For many years it has been home to the pastors. Pastor Farner presently is living there.

#36. The William Chapman house. Several generations of Chapmans have lived there, the last being Leonard Chapman about 1918. Glen Stebbins, Sr. owned it and lived there many years. He was a paper hanger and painter. His daughter, Mary drowned August 16, 1933 in the creek near Swanson's bridge. Alfred Stebbins lived there after his parents died. It is now the home of Vernon Vosburg.

# 37. The Methodist Church built in 1901 by Elmer Spencer, on land given to the church by Samuel Hooper. Among the pastors were; Winifred Pero, J. B. Ennis, Rev. Perkins, Clarence Smith, Rev. White, and J. Morgan Reese. The Ladies Aid Society served dinners in the church parlors on Wednesdays, alternating with the Baptist Mite Society. It was torn down in 1937 and moved to East Otto, NY where a church was built from the lumber. The twelve stained glass windows were cut down and used in the new building.

#38. In 1915 this property was owned by Martha Morgan. In 1918, her brother, Samuel Hooper, an elderly man who never married, lived there alone. He died about 1920 and the property was sold to Victor Kellogg who made extensive alterations to the house. Victor was the RFD Mail carrier. On Feb. 28, 1925 his wife, Phinnie and Myrtle Henry opened the Kellogg-Henry Hat Shop in this home. The Kellogg's eight year old son was stricken with polio and died Sept. 1931 during the terrible epidemic that caused parents to panic. Victor retired in 1960 after delivering mail for forty years, and built a house on Rushford Lake. He sold his home to Elmer Arnold who died in 1967. His wife, Laura had predeceased him. The house was then sold to Vivian Yocum who lived there until about 1988 when she sold it to

Paul Haeffner. His wife was killed in an auto accident in 1990. He still lives in the home.

**#39.** The Methodist Parsonage, built by Darius Baker about 1920 on this lot on which the church had been built. The first pastor to live in the parsonage was the Rev. Perkins and wife. They were past middle age and childless. They had a Ford touring car which they kept in Agnes Metcalf's barn. When they rode out in the car, Mrs. Perkins sat in the rear seat, sitting erect and grasping the blanket rail on the back of the front seat. Her facial expression failed to show any enjoyment of the ride! After the church closed, the parsonage was rented or owned by many different people who stayed only for a short time. It was sold to Kenneth Vickman who now lives there.

**#40.** This is one of the oldest houses in town. In 1904, Mary Sherwood, a maiden lady lived there. She was editor of the Farmersville Sun, a weekly paper published in Delevan. The subscription price was \$1.00 per year. She was a talented lady who wrote poems, songs, and plays which were performed before local people. The 1915 map lists Joseph Henry as owner. He was a farmer and also had a portable hay baler which he moved around the area baling hay for shipping. He also had a feed mill. He and his wife lived there until their deaths. His daughter, Inez McCluer and family lived there until she became an invalid. Her granddaughter, Susan and husband Darrell Becker now live there.

**#41.** This was known as the Brad Jones place. The 1915 map lists his widow, Ida as the owner. She remarried so rented the house for years. In 1919-20 Millard Wilder lived there. Later renters were Reid Smith and the Russell family. Then it was empty for years and fell into a state of disrepair. In 1933, Warren Foster bought it and remodeled it into a comfortable home where they lived for several years, then selling it to Fred Dettman and wife, Anna who were retired people. After they both died, it was rented briefly then sold to Jeff Hitchcock who lived there several years. Now it is rented.

In 1915 there were no houses on the west side of Church Street from Joseph Henry's place to that of Worthy DeWitt. A building boom began in 1916 and continued until the street was full.

**# 42.** M. E. Henry built this house in 1916 and lived there until his death in 1948. His widow, Myrtle continued to live there until her death in 1958. Their 8 year old son was stricken with polio, and died Sept, 24, 1931 just after his little friend, Junior Kellogg had died. Robert Henry inherited the property and rented it to Donald Meacham who lived there a short time. Herman Cobb bought it but never lived there. Then Lowell Goss bought it and lived there about a year before he died. His widow sold it to Charles Burgess and she went to live in Germany, her native country. The Burgess family has lived there since 1964.

**# 43.** This was the David Hooper place, lived in by his widow, Mary, in 1915. She lived alone, had no children and was elderly. She died about 1934 and the property was sold to Myrtle Henry for rental property. George Ling lived there in 1935. About 1938, Myrtle did some remodeling of the house. The east wing containing two one story bedrooms was moved

across the lot to face on Back Street. She added to it making it a small cottage which was rented to Glenn Stebbins, Jr. The Woodards lived there, more about that later. It was sold to Mabel King and enlarged by a room. She lived there several years before her death in 1965. Since then, Bernice Heidel lived there and at present her nephew, Donald Hess resides there. The larger part of the original house was rented to many. During the war, Minnie Rich was there briefly. Carl Smith, Charley Jones, and the Osborns lived there and then it was sold to Robert Frank. William Roblee owned it briefly and it was sold to Elmer Neal. While he was living there, it was damaged by fire. He removed the second story and converted it to a small ranch type house. After several years he sold it to William Law who has added a small addition and lives there now. There was a small family cemetery on the property between the house and Back Street. It is not known who was buried there or when the remains were exhumed and where they were reburied.

#44. This property in 1899 was owned by Frank Merrill who sold it to William Watkins in 1901. In 1908, Watkins sold it to Samuel Hooper who sold it to Joseph Henry Sr. in 1915. The next year, Henry sold it to Darius Baker who owned it for a year and sold it to his son, Henry Baker in 1917. Baker built the house that year and lived there until 1926 when he was transferred by Merrill-Soule to the Delevan plant. So he and Worthy DeWitt, who owned house #51, traded houses and Worthy moved into the Baker house. He lived in the house several years, then moved to Franklinville. The house was used as a meeting place for the Grange for a short time then rented to Jumbo Angelino briefly, then to Harold Henry. Worthy died and his estate sold it to Paul Slocum in 1937. He lives there now. No search has been made, but it is believed that the M. E. Henry lot was also a part of the Joseph Henry property.

#45. The old cheese factory property. No one knows when it was in operation but it was before 1915. At that time it was owned by Lee Wilder and it was rented as a dwelling. In 1922 Amandus Kibbler lived there, moving to Elton in 1924. The last renter was Edward Fahy who left town about 1926. Andrew Henry bought it and tore it down.

#46. This house was built in 1918-19 by Andrew Henry on land which was purchased from Joseph Henry. He lived there until his death in 1932. He had 2 cows and sold milk to many towns people. He raised sheep on a small farm that he owned just over the Freedom town line on Galen Hill. After his death, the house was rented for several years, mainly to Clarence White and to Howard Putt who was manager of the Breyer Milk Plant in Elton. His grandson, Robert Henry inherited the place and lived there until he died. His widow remained there until her death in 1991 when it was sold to Barry Giboo who lives there now.

#47. Millard Wilder built this house in 1919-20 on a lot from the Joseph Henry farm. He live there until his death in 1942. His widow sold it to Perry Henry who lived there until his death and his widow, Rose now lives there.

#48. Myrtle Henry built this house in 1919-20 for rental property. Among those who live there were; Morley Reynolds, George Patterson, Royal Williams a teacher in the local school, Myron Jones, Will Gibbon and the last, Perry Henry. It was then sold to Clayton Bauer who lived there until his death. His widow remained there for a time then sold it to Rick Newland who lives there now.

#49. Byron Leonard built this house about 1916-17. He was a widower and for his second wife, married Ida Jones. She had 2 daughters, Pearl Winchell and Ruby James. Ruby lived with the Leonards. Byron died from apoplexy. They found him in the hen house after he had gone to gather the eggs. Mrs. Leonard lived there until her death. The house was rented to Omar Knowell for a short time until it was sold to Wilber (Bob) Smith about 1944-45. Wilbur died in 1971 and his widow remained there until her death in 1973. Their son, Robert and family lived there a short time then sold it to Joseph Smith. He has made alterations to the house and lives there now.

#50. Hannah Reese, an elderly widow owned this small farm of 50 acres. She was a sister of Thomas Johns (#73). She had a few cows and tended to the farm work herself. She died in 1928 and the property was sold to George DeWitt. He was an agent in the depot but he also kept a few cows and sold milk to regular customers in the village. His wife also made butter and cottage cheese, selling the surplus. The family moved to Scottsville when George was moved to a job in the depot there. They sold the farm to Burlingames. Subsequent owners have been Paul Milks, Robert Henry, and Jack Finch who sold the buildings to Richard Schlining. He in turn sold them to the Hurd family in 1992 and they live there now.

#51. This was the Worthy DeWitt house. He and Mary lived there in 1915 and for many years more before he traded houses with Henry Baker (#44). While Bakers owned it, many people rented it. Henry Hughes stayed the longest. It was sold to George Ling about 1940 and he ran a slaughter house there during the war until he was forced to stop because of the stench and hordes of flies. The house was damaged by fire and the Lings left. They sold it to Guy Webster. He did an extensive job of remodeling the house and lived there until his death in 1950. His widow Jennie stayed in the home until her death in 1976. Their daughter, Ardys became owner and rented it to Dorothy Jones. After Ardys died it was sold to the Makowski family who lived there a short time before they sold it to the Baker family. They only stayed a few years and in 1995 it was sold to Kevin Krist.

#52. This was the Oscar DeWitt place. He was the father of Worthy DeWitt and in 1915 he had owned the place for many years. He was an elderly widower who had a housekeeper for awhile and then his daughter, Mrs. Orne lived there for awhile. After Oscar died, Willard Young bought it and lived there several years. After that it was rented for a time until about 1945 when Robert McElheny bought it. After he died in 1982, his widow, Myrtle lived there. When she died in 1994 it was transferred to Sanford McElheny.

**#53.** This was the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh depot, later known as the Baltimore & Ohio then the Chessie System. The last passenger train passed through Aug. 23, 1953. The depot was sold to John Gratton and moved up on Galen Hill for use as a garage. The railroad played a great part in the economy of the town. Farmers shipped hay, straw, apples, potatoes, cabbage and maple syrup to the city. Between the feed mill storehouse and the Basket Factory was an open railroad siding where produce was loaded. Beyond the milk plant was a fenced area where livestock was loaded in stock cars and shipped to the city. Fred Unger, a local stock buyer and Millard Jones from Sandusky would drive herds of cattle into town on certain days for shipping.

**#54.** The railroad pump house and water tank, torn down and moved away.

**#55.** The feed mill was owned in 1915 by John Smith. Joseph Henry, Sr, and Millard Wilder bought it in 1917. They also had a saw mill where they did custom sawing. They made wood slatted potato crates that held a bushel. The saw mill burned about 1922. Millard Wilder was badly injured when bags of feed in the storehouse fell on him. He was a long time recovering and not able to lift the bags of feed anymore so the partnership was dissolved in 1924. Joseph ran the mill alone for many years, until in later years his son Perry helped him. Joseph died in 1962 and Perry closed the mill. Later the building was sold to Arthur Lines who tore it down.

**#56.** The feed mill storehouse. Sold to Philip Sampson and moved to his farm for a machinery shed. Just beyond the storehouse was a log yard where James (Jim) Hooper, father of Frank, loaded logs on railroad cars by block and tackle powered by his team of horses.

**#57.** The Robert McConnell storehouse. It was used to store dairy salt and fertilizer. It was cut in half, one section was moved to #62 and made into a house. The other half was moved to Back Street and made into a garage for the house denoted as B on the map.

**#58.** The Grange storehouse, used for storing farm seed. It was moved to Church Street and made into a Grange Meeting Hall, denoted as A on the map. Later it was donated to the Fire Company and used as a meeting hall. Now it is owned by William Roblee.

**#59.** This was known as the Henry house. Sometime before 1895, it was a store operated by Joseph Henry, grandfather of Joseph, Sr. He died in 1895 so his son John Henry owned it until 1915 when he died. Ownership after that is not known. Many different people lived there. Arthur Clement lived there during the early 1920's. It was vacant at times. Orley Blakeslee bought it, repaired it and has lived there for many years.

**#60.** The Merrill - Soule Milk Plant was built 1915-16. In 1928, it was bought by Bordens and was closed and torn down about 1930. The land stood idle for many years but was bought by Donald Kurdziel and he built the house where he now lives. Back of the plant was a large ice-house. Ice was harvested from Mud Lake. The farmers brought milk to the plant, then hauled ice the rest of the day. Some farmers would let the kids hook their sled ropes to



the back of the sleighs and ride from the store to the plant.

**#62.** There was a small house here. Louis Smith lived there during the flu epidemic in 1918-19. Mrs. Smith was very ill and in her delirium she ran from the house in her nightdress into the bitter cold and snow. She developed pneumonia and died. They had a small son. After that, Arthur Parrish and family lived there about 1922. The County was building a paved road from the milk plant through town. They used slag for road fill which was shipped in by rail in coal cars. There was an unloader on Mill Road by the tracks. Men were unloading slag and some boys were near. Leo Clements climbed upon the unloader, unknown to the workers. The slag caved in around him, trapping him. The Parrish boy tried to tell the men about Leo but he was so scared they could not understand him so he pointed and they worked feverishly and managed to save him from a horrible death. After the Parrish family moved away, the house burned.

**#63.** The David R. Williams farm in 1915. While he lived there, the Baptist Church would have Sunday School picnics in his Grove. About 1920, the farm was sold to Theodore Sonstebly who introduced brown swiss cattle to this area. Others who owned or rented this farm were Horatio Wilcox, Clifford Lester, Duckworths, Drosendahls, and Arents. At present it is owned by the Sampson family, and Ostrowskis own the house.

**#64.** This was the Wilder farm, owned by three generations. Charles Wilder & wife, his son Reuben & wife, and 3 children came there in 1837 and lived in a log cabin. The present house was built about 1856-57 by Reuben S. Wilder, son of Reubin. Upon his death in 1910, the property became his son, Millard's. He left the farm in 1917 and after that it was rented. It is now owned by Philip Sampson and John Borer.

**#65.** This was known as the Henry farm of more than 200 acres. It was owned by Joseph Henry who died in 1895. The farm was sold to Fessler, then to Reese Morris in 1911. They lived there until retirement in 1923 when they moved to Franklinville. Dell Graham bought it and lived there several years. Herman Burrows then bought it. His father, Arthur Burrows was killed by a car as he crossed the road in front of his house. A few years later, Herman hanged himself in the woods. During the 1940's there was a slaughter house on the property run by people from Buffalo. Morrisons lived there and since they left the house has been vacant. Cox's own the property and use the small cabin at the edge of the woods and rent out the farm land.

**#66.** The Basket Factory was built in 1911 and burned in 1914. It was rebuilt and operated until 1930 when the Webster Packing Company bought it, sold the machinery and then tore down the building.

**#67.** John A. Powers Blacksmith Shop. There was a small pond behind it and in the winter when the children were skating, he would let them in the shop to get warm by the forge. If he had a horse being shod, he would not let them in until the shop was empty.

#68. John A. Powers home. After Mrs. Powers died, he and his daughter lived there until his death in 1926. Della stayed there and taught at the local school and at Rushford. She sold the house to Merritt Roblee and moved to Franklinville. When Roblee moved, he sold it to Elbert Owens.

#69. Prior to 1915, Edward Baker and family lived here. Next, according to the map, Jimmy Jones owned the place. His wife was killed on the nearby railroad crossing, an assumed suicide. Benjamin VanName lived there until 1927-28 when he moved to Centerville, NY where he was a cheesemaker. The property was owned or rented by several, among them Victor Gibbs and Frank Lane. Mrs Lane died there and then it was sold to C. Kermit Jackson whose widow now owns it.

#70. This has always been known as the Fox house, owned by George and Charles Fox. They rented it as a two family house and the list of renters is long: Cary Charles, the Roberts, Jasper Richardson, Whites, and Royal Williams are just a few. Arthur Lines bought it and owned it when he died in 1987. The property was sold to the Dugans who are restoring it.

#71. This building was the first schoolhouse which originally stood where Vernon Vosburgh lives (#36). It was moved across the railroad tracks and used as a storehouse for feed. Later it was moved to this site. Matt Henry used it for farm machinery sales headquarters and later Clyde Blackmon used it for an auto repair shop. Arthur Lines bought it and tore the building down. The land is now part of lot #70.

#72. This was the Herbert DeWitt home. After he died, his son George and family lived there with his widow. George was agent in the B.R.&P depot. In 1928 he sold it and bought the small farm from Hannah Reese. Denver Chapman owned it for several years until his death. His widow remained there until she sold it and moved to Rochester, NY. Others who have owned or rented it were William Hess, Fred Wilcox, William Geist, and Allen Leonard, Jr. During his ownership the interior was damaged by a small fire. Kenneth Hinterliter has owned it for years.

#73. This was possibly the oldest house in town, owned by Thomas Johns, it was moved to #75 which he bought from Jess Brown.

#74. This was the schoolhouse built in 1899, a one story building for a grade school. The roof was raised and classrooms were added for high school pupils. It became accredited and graduated the first class in 1922 while Thomas Mountain was principal. The school centralized with Rushford in 1941 when all except the first 6 grades were bussed to Rushford. In 1964 this school was closed and all students attended Rushford Central. Leon Sampson bought the property and after a short time, the bell was stolen. The theft would have required several people to manage removing a 300 pound bell from a height of 50 feet. The State Police investigated and Leon offered a reward of \$50.00 for the return of the bell. It was returned anonymously and the reward was paid. Leon sold the property to Samuel McCluer

who remodeled it into a house. It is now owned by John Prutsman.

**#75.** Jess Brown owned this property of 60 acres with a small house and barn. Thomas Johns moved the small house (#73) to this site and added it to the original house. There was no road on the south side of the mill pond until 1927-28 when the State built Route 98 through there and cut the Johns property in two parts. The Johns family lived there until death took the parents and it was passed to the daughter, Esther and her husband, Merle Martin. Merle died and Esther and son, Paul lived there until 1987. It was sold to Duggans and the buildings razed.

**#76.** In 1915, George Lewis lived here. Frank Stoffel and son, Percy lived with him for a time. Years later it was a rental property. George Patterson, George Cummings and Robert McCauley lived there. It was sold to Allen Leonard, Sr. who lived there for many years and after his death his wife, Pauline Leonard stayed there. It is now owned by Greg Owens.

**#77.** Mud Lake. It provided ice for the milk plant. Many people fished there and Brad Jones was drowned there.

**#78.** This was owned by Brad Jones on 30 acres of land with a good barn. He drowned before 1915 as the map lists his widow, Ida as the owner. It was reached by a road just south of #76. Conley Harris lived and died there. Henry Pierce lived there and left about 1925. Elmer Hardy bought it as it joined his land #79 and when the house on that lot burned he moved down by the lake. That house burned and the family moved away. It was sold to Belle Wixon Fedick Lewis and a small house was built for her and her husband, Glen. When she died, her son Eugene Wixon inherited it and sold it to the Flints. It is vacant now.

**#79.** This was the farm of 150 acres owned by Elmer Hardy. The house burned and they moved into the house by Mud Lake. Present owner of the property is David Reino.

**#80.** This is the farm of Byron Leonard. In 1915, it was comprised of 50 acres. After Mrs. Leonard died, he married the widow Ida Jones. He sold the farm and built house #49 about 1917. John Gilmore owned it for several years. Many others either owned or rented it among them; Clyde Slocum, the Sustic family, and the Morgans. Mr Morgan's father was elderly and blind. He was at the depot to board the train but stepped too close to the track and was caught by the train and died. During World War II, the Kreugers lived there and now Lyle Smith owns the farm and has lived there many years.

**#81.** This was the cheese factory. After the Merrill-Soule milk plant was built there wasn't any need of a cheese factory so it was closed. The living quarters were rented for a time. John Henry lived there, also others. Then it was torn down. Years later, Mr. Bump built a cheese factory on the site but it was not a success and the building was sold and moved to Freedom where Clayton Owens remodeled it into a house. Many years after the State Road had been paved, Charles Love built a small house on the site that faced the State Road. The old road past the cheese factory was closed.

**#82.** This was the Albert Bannister house in 1915. It burned and the Bannisters moved away. Louie Smith bought the land and built a cottage there. He married again and had a second son by this wife. After Louie died in 1940, Mrs Smith continued to live there until her death in 1963. The son, John now owns the property.

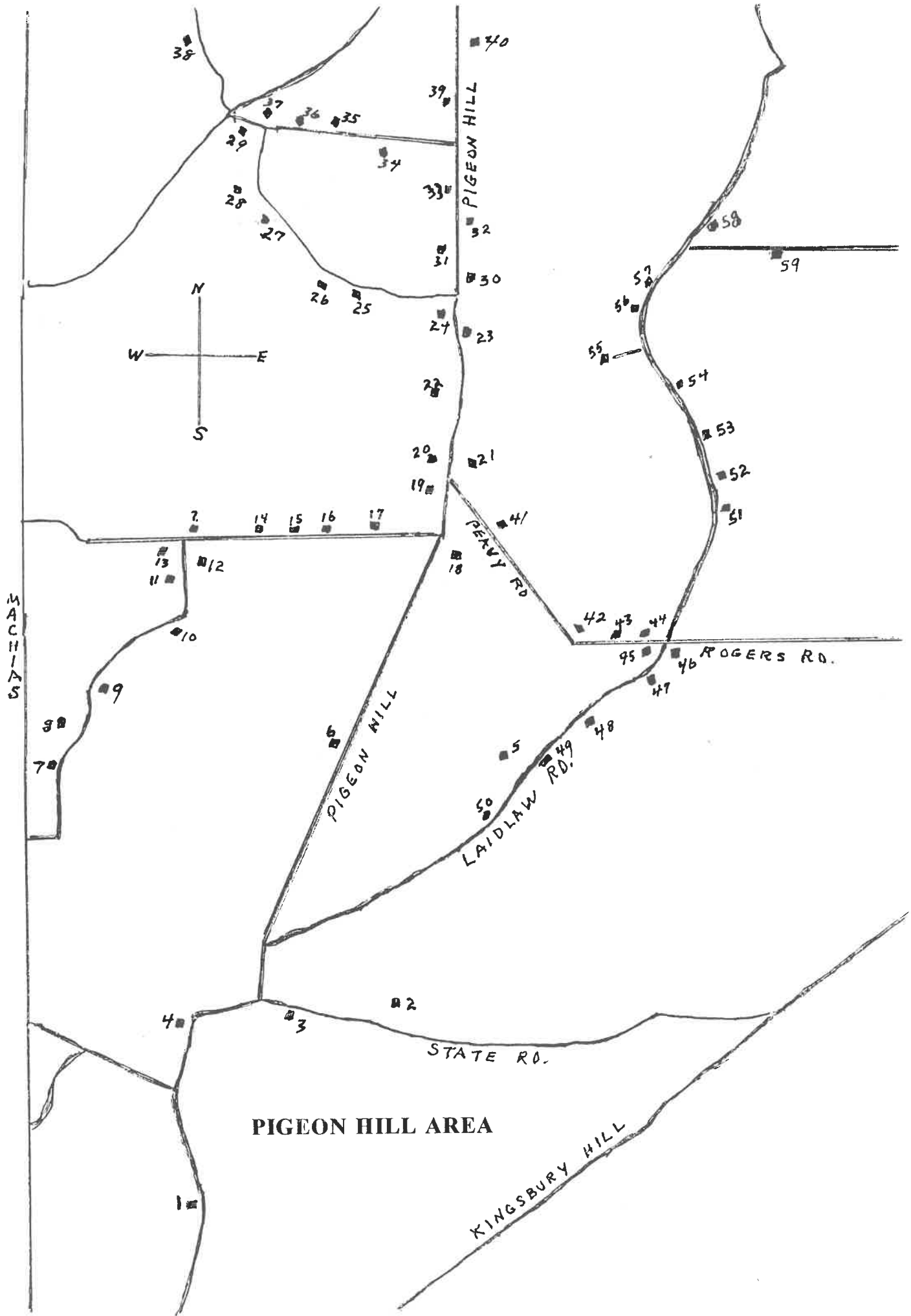
**#83.** This place at the top of the hill belonged to the Poolers and the hill was known as Pooler Hill. As the tenants changed, so did the name of the hill. The Poolers daughter married Will Law so the hill was known as Law's Hill. They lived there many years. Mrs Pooler lived with them and she and her daughter were noted for baking excellent salt rising bread which they sold. They moved to Sandusky to the place by the gravel pit on Rt. 98 where they had a roadside stand and sold baked goods. When they left the hill, Friend Byington bought the farm and built a barn. In 1933, both their young daughters were drowned in the creek by Swanson's bridge the same time as Mary Stebbins. Mrs. Byington was suffering from terminal cancer at that time. She died not long after that and the family then moved away. The Godfrey family was there for a few years followed by Ed Burrell who stayed a short time. Prior to 1948, the Sargent family moved in and stayed until 1951. Then John Kozak, Sr. bought the place and ran the farm for many years before his death. His son, William has lived there since then and his mother lives there also. The hill is now known as Kozak's Hill. For many years before automobiles were used in the winter, that hill was a favorite place for sledding.

**A.** This is the site of the Grange Hall which was made from the Grange storehouse #58. It was also used for several kinds of meetings. When the Grange disbanded it was donated to the fire company and was their meeting hall. It is no longer used for that purpose and is owned by William Roblee.

**B.** This is the location of the small house that Myrtle Henry built on Back Street. It was owned by Woodard's when half of the McConnell storehouse was moved to the site and made into a garage.

**C.** This was the garage built about 1924 to house the first fire truck when the Fire Department was organized. It is now owned by George Sanders.

**D.** This is the site where the other half of the McConnell storehouse was made into a house by Frank O'Hara.



**PIGEON HILL AREA**

KINGSBURY HILL

STATE RD.

LIDLAW RD.

ROGERS RD.

PERRY RD.

PIGEON HILL

PIGEON HILL

MACHIAS

## PIGEON HILL & LAIDLAW ROAD

There were settlers on Pigeon Hill about the same time as people settled in Farmersville (Center). We know that Hollis Gould lived in the Hill area in 1820 but the site of his home is unknown. According to legend, enormous flocks of pigeons inhabited that area, sometimes blotting out the sun and that is how Pigeon Hill was named. In that time it was the custom for related families to settle close to one another. Pigeon Hill is a good example of that.

Key to the map showing the buildings from 1856 to 1915.

#1. Owned by John Ten Broeck

#2. Hon. Peter Ten Broeck

#3. Hon. Peter Ten Broeck

#4. Hon. Peter Ten Broeck - G. Martin, and later owned by Williams, Molyneaux, and Manning.

#5. James Ray - Harvey Chaffee, Elijah Chaffee, Walter Slocum bought it about 1910 when there were just remnants of the log house left.

#6. John Ten Broeck's original log cabin built about 1821. He married Martha Sessions in 1837 then built and moved to his house on Rt 16 presently owned by Jake Tennant. In 1869 owned by Jonas Button, and 1915 by Elmer Foster, Luce Foster, Mary Foster, George Zaroles, and presently being remodeled by David Genovese.

#7. William Patterson, son of Nathaniel Patterson, Sr. lived there in 1856 then moved away. His father moved into the place and lived there until his death in 1874. His daughter, Mary Jane, with her husband Burton Slocum and 2 children lived there in 1875. He was the grandson of William S. Little. Nathaniel's grand daughter and husband, Frank Bancroft lived there in 1915. It was the tenant house for the Reynolds farm, Converses' living there and presently owned by Pulaski's.

#8. This was the original home of Nathaniel Patterson, Sr. who came to Pigeon Hill in 1834 with his wife and 3 children from Preble, Cortland Co. NY. The house was a log cabin valued at \$50. He moved to (#7) and after the Civil War, his son Nathaniel Jr. became the owner. Both he and his brother, Henry served in the Civil War. Henry had married Ann Martin, daughter of Benjamin Martin before he joined the Army and they had a daughter, Lucy. He asked his brother to marry Ann should he (Henry) die during the conflict. Nathaniel agreed and Henry did die of brain fever in a Baltimore, MD hospital. Ann and Nathaniel, Jr. married and had a daughter, Alta who married Frank Bancroft. Lucy married John Sessions and when Nathaniel Jr. retired and moved to Franklinville, Lucy and

John took possession of the farm. They had a daughter, Lois who married Ross Reynolds and inherited the farm. Their son, Willard managed the farm for years and when he retired his son, Edward became owner. Earl Ainsworth is the present owner.

#9. Washington Jenks lived here in 1856. He married Sarah Marie Patterson, eldest daughter of Nathaniel, Sr. They had 5 children and moved away. That place is not shown on any other map. They moved to Franklinville about 1865.

#10. E. Hungerford in 1856 - it was owned by E.M. Hungerford in 1915 and the tenant was G.L. Napier. It was sold to Emmons Smith who lived there until his death in 1982. Kraft owned it briefly and it is presently owned by Kendall and Miller.

#11. J.P. Clark was owner in 1856 -- then Mrs. Clark, John R. Clark, Hope and presently Isaman.

#12. Hungerford District Schoolhouse- sold to Emmons Smith who moved it to his farm, where some of the planks were used in his barn.

#13. John Bush 1856- married Helen Little, daughter of William S. Little. This house not shown on any other map.

#14. Walter N. Little - owner in 1856, son of William S. Little, married Eliza Potter, daughter of Jeremiah Potter. It became the farm of Edward Curtis who married Amelia Little, daughter of Walter N. Little. In 1915 it was owned by G.D. Bailey and presently owned by Domino's.

#15. Jeremiah Potter in 1856. It became the farm of his son-in-law, Walter N. Little. In 1915, B.H. Martin lived there and it was torn down.

#16. In 1856, this was owned by Sweets. Orson Sweet married Mariette Sessions, daughter of Isreal Sessions. Next it was owned by Adelbert Little, son of Walter N. Little. Adelbert married Augusta Newton. He died young in 1874 and the farm was taken over by Marenus Sessions, son of Isreal Sessions. Marenus married Bessie Little, daughter of William S. Little and owned the farm in 1915. Later owners were Luther Sessions, Floyd Vedder, Howard Converse, and Robert Ainsworth.

#17. Isreal Sessions owned this house in 1856. He married Sophia Shepard. In 1915, his son E.C. Sessions owned it and it is no longer standing.

#18. This was owned by Darlings. In 1915, it belonged to Charles and Sylvaneus Peavy. Henry Drumb bought it. He married Nellie Little, daughter of Frederick Little, William S. Little's son. The building fell to ruin and burned.

#19. William S. Little - born in Connecticut, came to Pigeon Hill in 1840 from Bethany, Genesee Co. with wife Lurana Manwaring. They had 13 children, 6 came with them and 2 were born on the Hill. Mary A. his eldest daughter married John Slocum and lived in Rochester. He died in 1854 so Mary and her 3 children came to the Hill to live with her parents. Their daughter, Laurancy Bush widow of Jacob Bush, her bachelor brother, William W. Little, and Mrs. Littles brother, Henry Manwaring also lived there. William S. Little died at age 97. The property went to his son, Frederick Little who had married Carrie Loomis. When he retired, his son Charles took over the farm. He married Mabel Lingenfelter and they had one son, Fred who inherited the property. He and his wife and daughter, June lived there until ill health caused him to sell it. Neals bought it and the house was torn down.

#20. In 1856, this was the farm of Martin Slocum who had married Sarah Little, daughter of William S. Little. They came from Monroe County and had 2 daughters. Martin and John Slocum were brothers. Martin died in 1865 and Sarah married Amos Wright, Jr. This property is not shown on later maps.

#21. This was Amos Wright, Jr.'s farm. He married first Almena Little, and then after her death married her widowed sister, Sarah Slocum. The house burned, and they moved to Machias Junction.

#22. This was the farm of Amos Wright, Sr. He came to the Hill in 1838 and had 10 children. He was killed by a falling tree in 1850. Mrs. Wright, the former Rachael Pixley, later married the widower David Cutting and sold the property to Henry Little, a son of William S. Little. In 1915, it was owned by Jason Hooper, the tenant was Howard Strong who married Jason's daughter, Jennie Hooper. Later owners were Leonard Lutz, Cancelli's, and present owners Vacanti's. The original house burned.

#23. J.B. Marvin in 1856 - Jacob Strong in 1915. Other owners were E. Hooper, R. Krepps, Williams & Williams, L. Roblee and Deanne Roblee, the home of Margaret Roblee. The original house was taken down in 1966 when the present house was built.

#24. In 1915 this was owner by Jason Hooper, later Marie Hooper and presently Jason Bigham.

#25. E. Brown; vacant in 1915 and torn down.

#26. Benjamin Martin -in 1915, W.P. Martin, Hallock, Conrad Guenther, and presently owned by Carl Guenther.

#27. Solomon King- in 1915, Lewis King who married Ellen Potter, C.K. Brown tenant. Solomon was a mason and farmer. Other owners were Woodworths, Ken and Mary Brown, LeRoy Johns, and present owner, Richard Hasard.

#28. N. Daggett in 1856 - gone in 1915.



- #29. D. Thresher - married Betsey Knight, daughter of Andrew Knight. Betsy J. Evans owner in 1915 and house gone.
- #30. R.E. Hawkins- Phelps Strong in 1915 to Herbert Strong, his son. House burned and Deanne Roblee owns land:
- #31. Pigeon Hill Schoolhouse - still standing and owned by Russell Hicks.
- #32. Edwin Hooper in 1856; in 1915 by A.B. Wells. Later owned by Jay Milks, R. Ross, Pusan, and presently by Kic's.
- #33. David Cutting came to the Hill in 1824 and was married to Nancy Bancroft and later Rachael Wright. F.L. Cutting in 1915, Burt Brown, Duszynski, and present owner, Eldon King.
- #34. D. Bancroft in 1856, A. Winsor in 1915. Later Howard Strong, and presently Timothy Little.
- #35. E. Hooper in 1856, J.S. Williams in 1915. Also M. Smith, N. Williams, and presently O'Brians.
- #36. D. Hooper in 1856, W. Hooper, Helen Hooper in 1915 and now house is gone.
- #37. E. Austin in 1856, D. Hawkins; R.L.Christie in 1915.Later, R. Stebbins, (J.Jones, tenant), R. Wangelin, D. Covert,Weichmann, and present owner, Pollard.
- #38. P.M. Drown in 1915. Later Bannister, L.J. Williams, his son Norman Williams, and presently Clarence Tingue, (tenant-R. Kessler)
- #39. Elisha Manwaring was owner in 1856. Burt Brown, P. Milks, Forrest, and present owner Robert Bialy.
- #40. Civilian Manwaring-son of Elisha, H.S. Manwaring son of Civilian in 1915. House is now gone.
- #41. Andrew Knight came from Otsego Co. in 1830 and married Olive Brewer. He was a cattle dealer and drove herds to Philadelphia, PA. In 1915, this was the Peavy tenant house. Wilifred Wright, daughter of Charles Wright bought the land and built a house there when she retired and lived there until her death in 1971. It is now owned by Dale Bigham.
- #42. Nehemiah Knight, son of Andrew came from Otsego Co. about 1840 with his wife, Persis Shepard and small daughter. Their home was a log house, soon replaced by a frame house where he lived until his death in 1888. His son, George then became owner and lived there his entire life where he died in 1944. His son Andrew took over the farm until his

retirement when it was sold to Wright Farms. Andrew and wife Eva Meacham lived there until the house burned and they moved to Franklinville. Vincents bought the house lot and live in a newly built home.

#43. D. Hinkley, Lewellyn Jones in 1915. Other owners- Sylvaneus Peavy, George Knight, Wright Farms. House burned.

#44. George W. Gillet owner in 1839, then to his son B. Spencer Gillet. Leonard Proctor Tarbell owner in 1856. Dana O. Tarbell, United Block Co, Leon Wright, and presently Wright Farms. The Laidlaw schoolhouse was moved to this lot in 1864. It is still standing.

#45. D. Wood owned 120 acres here in 1856. The Laidlaw cheese factory was built on this property in 1890 owned by Charles E. Wright and also contained the Laidlaw post office. It was torn down about 1916, and the lumber used to build the Merrill-Soule house at the Station.

#46. This lot was owned by Leonard P. Tarbell in 1856 and for many years after. The house burned when Roy Tarbell lived there and it was rebuilt, and burned again. Charles E. Wright purchased it, and his sons, Leon, Lyman, and Sydney tried growing mushrooms in the old basement. This lot is now part of Wright Farms.

#47. Solomon Cummings came in 1829 and owned this place. He married Mariette Graves, daughter of Jonathan Graves. Charles E. Wright, Leon Wright, and Wright Farms. The house was moved and added to the present Wright farm house. Cummings moved to Franklinville.

#48. John Law property- He died in 1906, his widow lived there a short time then moved to Franklinville. Frank McArthur owned it in 1915. Luther Sessions lived there a brief time. Paul Slocum owned it and sold it to Leslie Lockwood. They moved to Franklinville and Golds bought it.

#49. Willard Slocum owned this place of 31 acres in 1900 and sold it to Walter Slocum (not related) in 1903. He lived there until his death in 1958. It was sold to David Mowatt whose son, David now lives there.

#50. Cicero S. Holmes was living at Farmersville (Center) in 1856 but the time of his coming to this lot is not known. He died there and his son Frank became owner. He was never married and his sister, Bina Crooker lived with him. Frank died about 1931. His brother, Earl Holmes moved to the farm from Bush Hill and lived there until his death in 1937, when his son, Gordon became owner and still lives there.

#51. Samuel Wakefield owned this place in 1856. He married Polly Knight, daughter of Andrew Knight. Samuel came here in 1844. His daughter, Angeline married Orrin Wright who were the next owners. Their son Samuel Wright next owned it. After Samuel died, the farm was rented to Ralph Forward and the house burned while Forwards lived there. Charles

Wright, brother to Samuel owned the farm, then Leon Wright, Charles' son owned it and its now part of Wright Farms. A new house was built there by Rick and Carmen Wright.

#52. M. Love owned this in 1856, then W.I. Wakefield, and then Charles and Nettie Wright who sold it to Millard Brown in 1904 who owned it until his death in 1920. His widow, Anna owned it, then her son James, whose son, Millard owns it now.

#53. W.I. Wakefield also owned this house that some of his family lived in and its no longer in existence.

#54. DeNike Chaffee, son of Michael Chaffee owned this in 1856. Orin Chaffee, son of DeNike married Eleanor Law, daughter of Eliphalet Law and owned it in 1915. Archie Spencer, James Love, Henry Krotje, Sr. and present owner, his son Paul Krotje, who rents it out. Paul Krotje built and lives in another home on the same property.

#55. Eliphalet Law, son of William Law owned this place. He had 14 children and lived there in 1860 also. In 1915, Arnolds lived there, then William Wyman, William and Marie Goss Mitchell and is still in the family.

#56. Maps do not show any home here until 1915 when Frank Stoffel owned it. Charles Dettman followed him and then Weibergs for several years. Her grandson, Chris Weber now owns it.

#57. In 1915, Anna Lewis owned this farm. Then the Ames family, Bert Brown, and now by Bernard Krotje.

#58. L. Rogers owned this in 1869 then Robert A. Edmunds lived here in 1915. Later Leslie Marston and its now owned by the Judkins.

#59. James Love, son of Charles Love, married Harriet Martin, daughter of Benjamin Martin and owned the farm in 1869. Their son, Charles owned it and his son Frederick presently owns the farm.

## "HOG HOLLOW WRITTEN IN RHYME"

by William Brown

(A son of Bert and Agnes Page Brown, William Brown, born Sept. 3, 1903 at Farmersville Station and died May 27, 1929. When he was five years old he had an attack of meningitis and was left badly crippled. He was able to go to school only three days. His poem on the Women of Hog Hollow was in the Sesquicentennial Book)

Start in with Frank Holmes,  
Who lives well to the end;  
And then Mr. Slocum.  
Who lives round the bend.  
A good honest worker  
And to that he does tend.

Next comes the Wright brothers,  
Good farmers are they,  
Who start in the morning  
And work all the day.

Then comes Mr. Peavy;  
Who lives on a farm,  
And then Mr. Knight  
Who does not any harm.

Next comes Roy Tarbell,  
A smart guy is he,  
And an extra good checker player  
He claims to be.

Then comes Mr. Forward  
Who lives on a hill;  
And his neighbor, A. Putney  
A healthy old pill.

Then there is Fred Dettman  
A carpenter is he;  
And an extra good workman  
He ought to be.

Next is A. Spencer,  
A hard working man  
With the help of his family  
He earns all he can.

And there's J.E. Brown  
A hard working boy,  
He's a help to his mother  
And also her joy.  
Next comes Mr. Wyman,  
A good neighbor and friend,  
And to his own business  
He strictly does tend.

And there's Dave Jones,  
A good Christian man,  
Who knows what he's doing  
And does all he can.

Then comes Charlie Dettman  
A good hearted old clown,  
Who is at present  
A working in town.

Now comes Leslie Marston,  
A worthy chap,  
Who's a help to his mother  
And a farmer at that.

Next comes C. B. Love,  
A middle aged man  
To help care for the family  
He does all he can.

## FARMERSVILLE CENTER HOTELS

Richard Tozer settled in Farmersville in 1817 and his wife, Polly Bebee, was the first woman to settle here. His home was a one room log house and he added to it and began operating a tavern. With the opening of the Chautauqua Road, business increased and he realized the need for a hotel. He built a large frame hotel in 1822 which was considered spacious and beautiful, called the Union Inn. Many a traveller had a hearty meal and stayed the night at this stage stop. In 1832, he sold the hotel to Jonathan Graves, and later his son, Grove B. Graves operated the hotel. Before the turn of the century, it was owned by Dana O. Tarbell. The Stillman Clements lived there as a residence and unfortunately it burned to the ground in 1971.

Early in the settlement of Farmersville Center, there was another hotel. Levi Peet built a hotel and commenced keeping a Temperance House. His customers were few and the profits small, but the needs of his large family were great, so he started selling liquor in his hotel. His wife protested and his conscience began to bother him since he had previously signed a temperance pledge which required abstinence from distilled spirits. So he soon ceased the operation of his hotel. He became a faithful, self-sacrificing and able temperance advocate the rest of his life.

Levi Peet was a marked character in many ways. It would hardly be possible to find a human so devoid of grace and beauty. Slim, six feet two inches tall, loose jointed, having few opportunities for schooling, he was undoubtedly possessed of latent powers susceptible of great development. He was elected Justice of the Peace and by the help of his excellent and well educated wife, he continually advanced in usefulness and influence. He became an able business man, studied law and became a successful practitioner in justice courts. He was married twice, his wives were sisters and to them he owed much of his success. He had a large family and several of them were teachers or lawyers.

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MARCH 1971  
Stagecoach Inn Leveled By Fire

## FARMERSVILLE CENTER CORNER STORE

There have been several stores at the Center but the present building was built by Fred Harbeck who ran the store for quite a few years. He fell in 1948, and Ed and Aileen Burrell purchased it and ran it for 20 years until 1968 when they retired.

Aileen remembers seeing a man sitting at the pump one night waiting for some one to pump his gas. She went out and pumped it for him and thought he looked familiar when he paid for the gas. When an article appeared in the newspaper the next day on Dr. DeBakey, the inventor of the artificial heart who was doing a presentation in Buffalo, she realized she had pumped his gas!

Jake and Shirley Andrews purchased the store in 1968 and ran it until Herman Cobb bought it in April of 1972. He died in July, 1972 and Karl and Lois Rose became the owners until it closed in 1982. It is presently used as a residence.



In the January 20, 1910 issue of the *Rushford Spectator*, is an ad for C. H. Searle & Co. store in Farmersville Center for COLLINS FRESH BREAD, every Monday.

Fresh Beef every week

White Foam Flour \$1.65

Buckwheat Flour 30¢

Try our Brighton Blend Coffee, 25 ¢/lb.

Bring your butter and eggs to us.

Highest prices paid for maple syrup and sugar.

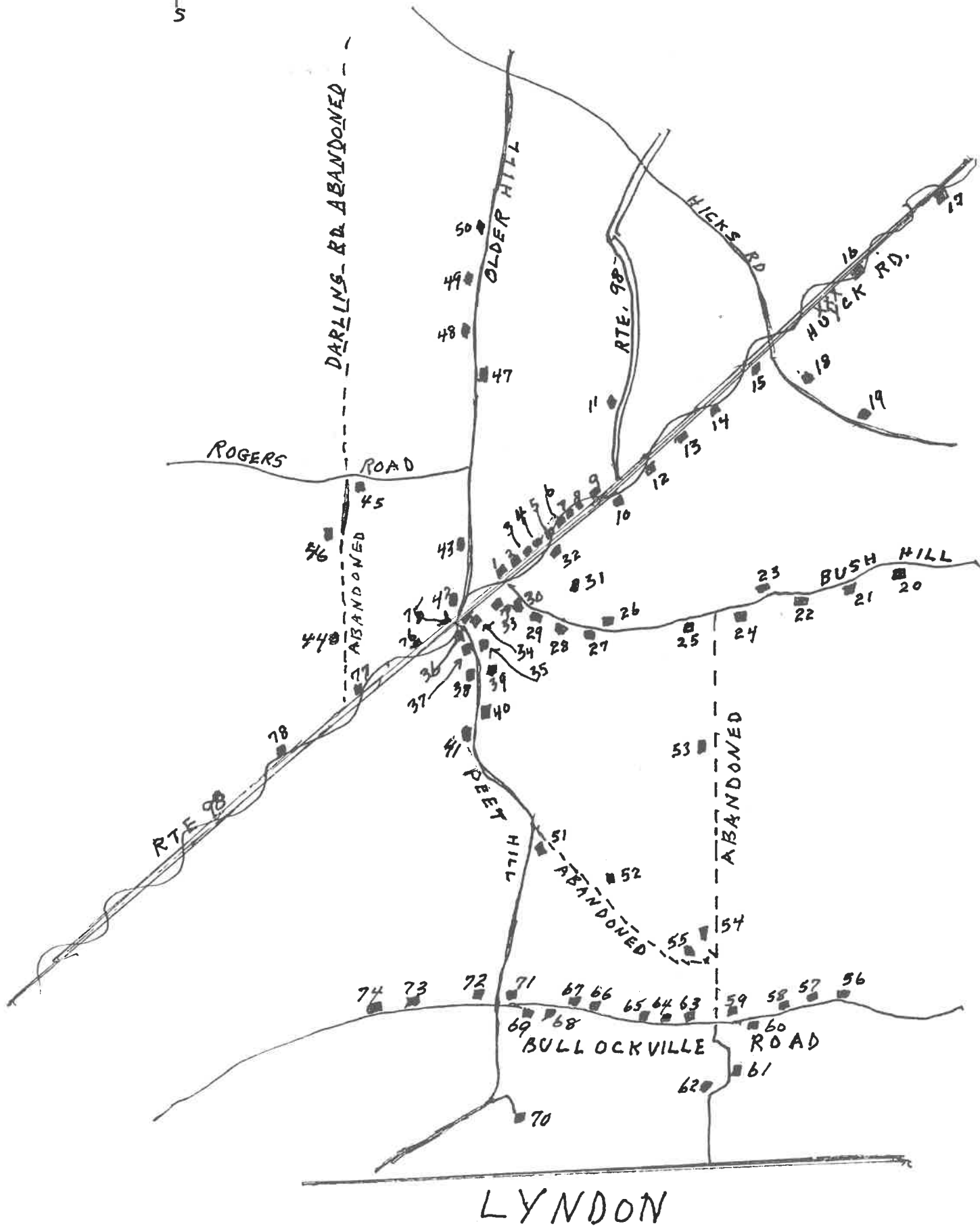
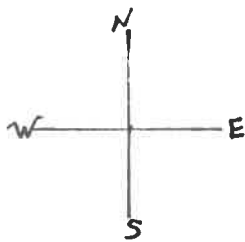
Some 1972 grocery prices were: bacon 79¢/#, 6 1/2oz tuna 39¢, TV dinners 69¢, smoked picnics 49¢/#, 2#carrots 29¢, Lux detergent 49¢/1 pt 6oz, Jello 3oz 11¢, and watermelon 8¢/#.

New car prices at Martin Bros. in 1976 were: 1976 Camero \$4792; Chevette \$3464; 2 door Nova \$3570.

In 1971 a fish fry cost \$1.25 and porterhouse steak dinner \$4.75.

The dinner menu for the Ischua Valley Country Club in 1976 listed surf & turf - \$10.95; Lobster \$8.95; T-bone steak \$7.00. Hosts were Carl & Carlyle Phillips and Jack Pixley.

FARMERSVILLE  
CENTER



## KEY TO MAP OF FARMERSVILLE(CENTER)

#1. This was the home of Richard Tozer, a log house built in 1818. His wife was the only female to come with the first settlers. His son, Addison, was the first child born here. In 1822 he built a large frame building called the Union Inn. Tozer sold it to Jonathan Graves in 1832. In 1846, his son, Grove B. Graves was proprietor. Later, Delos Graves, Groves' son, took over proprietorship. The Post office was located at the hotel in 1856. In 1869, Dana O. Tarbell owned it, and Leonard P. Tarbell was proprietor of the Inn in 1874. Fred Stowell owned it for a time and had a small store there. After he died, his daughter, Elsie and husband, Stillman Clement lived there until their deaths. The Russell family lived there in 1971 when it burned.

#2. This was the old Town Hall. The date when it was built is not known but it was around 1915. The second floor was the voting place and it was used for meetings and Ladies Aid dinners. At one time there was a blacksmith shop on the ground floor. A new Town Hall was built in 1956 on Peet Hill Road(now Lake Ave.) and the old building sold by Fran Law to Ralph Gould who remodeled it into a residence. It is Dave Russell's residence at the present time.

#3. This was the Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1839. The building deteriorated and a new church was built across the road. The old church was burned by the Fire Department in 1992.

#4. This was the Farmersville school house District #2, built in 1822. It was closed when the district centralized with Franklinville about 1945. Millard Law bought it and remodelled it into a comfortable residence where he and his wife, Catherine Smith (daughter of Melvin Smith) lived out their days. Their granddaughter lives there now.

#5. This was the home of Lenna Harrison, sister of Grace Agett. P.H. Spencer owned it at one time. William Spencer was a carriage maker, blacksmith, farmer, and had a feed mill. This property is presently owned by the Freemans who have built a new home there.

#6. This was the home of Charles Harrison, father of Fred but unrelated to Lenna. It burned while the Byroads family lived there.

#7. This was the home of Lillian Baker, a dressmaker. Prior to her the Giles and Eckert's were owners.

#8. There was a cheese factory here in 1869 owned by J. Leonard with cheesemaker, Otis Kingsbury. Another cheese factory was built here in 1880 by Howden Bros. In 1915, F.E. Bush was the cheesemaker. There was a house on the property owned by the Vaughn's. It needed some repair and Fred Stowell worked on it and Guy Norris and wife, Agnes Hall, daughter of Ralph and Georgia Hall lived there for awhile. They had married in 1919. In 1927, Samuel Allison bought the property as the cheese factory was torn down. He did a



complete remodeling job on the house and the Allison family moved in and lived there a long time. He and wife, Rillie Bush celebrated their 50th anniversary there. They had 4 sons. Sam was a well driller and Superintendent of town highways, and died in 1961. Rillie remained in the home ten more years before going to live with her son, Robert where she died in 1972. The property is now owned by Carl Fridman.

#9. This was the home of Cicero Holmes, son of Peter Holmes. He had 7 children born there. Two sons, Frank & Earl remained in town their entire lives. In 1915, Bert Mannigan owned the farm and the last was Amos Meacham. The buildings have been gone many years.

#### #10. Cemetery

#11. In 1856, M. Older lived here. Later, W.H. Thomas resided there. Later Ralph Hall owned it and in 1910 he rented it to Glenn Austin and the Halls moved to the Thomas farm which had been the farm of Georgia Hall's parents. Ralph moved back to his farm where they lived until 1937 when they retired and moved to Rushford. Ralph and Georgia had 3 children. Many either owned or rented this property. The Scurrs owned it at present it is owned by their daughter Wanda and Kyle Riethmiller.

#12. In 1856, A. Adams owned this farm. Later it was the home of W.H. Thomas and wife Luceba, parents of Georgia Hall. After they died, Ralph Hall became owner. Karl Rose lived there and Lyle Harwood bought it and made Sun Valley Lake and campground there. At present it is owned by Rhonda Rodgers.

#13. In 1856, L. Tyler lived on this farm. Later, S. Merrill lived there. In 1915, George Huyck and wife Flossie who was a sister of Fred Stowell owned it and lived their lives there. Patayes lived there and it is owned by their son and rented out.

#14. In 1856, L Tyler owned this farm also. In 1915, W.R. Holmes lived there and later Ernest Schuyler. The buildings are gone.

#15. In 1856, J.B. Lines owned this farm. J.W. Thomas came from Wales and settled on the farm in 1860. He married Mary Gilley, the only daughter of Robert Gilley. Thomas was a tanner and currier in addition to farming. They had 3 children; his daughter Addie married Milton Leonard. In 1915, William Fox owned it. The original house burned and the Foxes built a new house and barn. In the meantime, they lived on their farm on Tarbell Hill. They had 2 sons, George and Charles who continued to live on the farm after their parents died. Mrs Fox was Dulcina Knight. When George died, Charles sold the farm and moved away. Rogers, Opferbecks, and Burrells have owned the property. It is presently owned by Tom and Cindy Meacham.

XXX marks the site on the 1856 map of an old schoolhouse of which there are no records. It also appears on the 1869 map.

#16. In 1856, Ira Bartlett owned this farm. Then in 1869, Roland P. Tarbell owned it. Wellington Holmes bought it and the farm has remained in the Holmes family for 3 more generations; Ralph to Elwin to Dean and sisters, who presently own the farm. It was a large operation, the family had a private cheese factory which in 1905 produced 29,000 lbs. of cheese. The building is still standing.

#17. This was the Tarbell farm. The first owner was James Tarbell who married Hannah Walker in Vermont and migrated to New York State. His ownership was followed by that of his son, Roland P. Tarbell in 1856 who also owned the adjoining property. His brother Dana O. Tarbell married Frances Wilder and they became the next owners. He acquired other lands and the farm totaled 750 acres. Misfortune came upon him when his barn was struck by lightning in 1877 and burned. He rebuilt the barn and again in 1881 lightning struck and barn and contents were burned. He rebuilt the barn and carried on with farming until he retired and moved to Olean where he and his wife died. His son, Myron, who married Bertha Baldwin, managed the farms. The Tarbells had their own private cheese factory which produced 36,500 lbs, of cheese in 1905. Myron finally sold the farm to John Dittman and wife, Anna. They had 3 children. 2 who were stricken with diphtheria and died. They were buried on the property. In Oct, 1944, John was on a wagonload of grain and suffered a heart attack, falling to the ground dead. Anna sold the farm and kept the house for her brother, Fred Unger. After his death, she lived in Chicago with her daughter, Florence where she died in 1960.

#18. In 1856, William Giles owned this farm. In 1869, H. Hill was the tenant. In 1915, W. H. Thomas lived there. Later Simeon Rose and wife Ruth(Austin) bought the farm and lived there many years raising a large family. They retired to live at the Center where Sim died in 1968. Steven and Bonnie Lambert Rose are the present owners with his parents, Karl and Lois Rose living in a mobile home on the property.

#19. In 1856, Robert Gilley lived on this farm. In 1869, Robert was the tenant. In 1915, J. Goerss lived there. Later, George and Imogene Lane Ogilvie bought the farm and lived there a long time. Many people have lived there after they left.

#20. James Gilley lived here in 1856 followed by P. Slusser in 1869. In 1915 Marvin Bush owned the farm, hence this is the Bush Hill area. At the peak of the hill the elevation is 2158 ft, the highest point in the town. Marvin's daughter, Nina and husband Fred Harrison took over the farm and lived there many years.

#21. In 1856 the owners of this farm were D. & A. Baldwin; in 1869 D. Baldwin was the owner. Earl Holmes bought the farm and lived there many years. Earl married Nettie Bush, sister of Nina Bush Harrison and had 4 children; Gordon, Fern, Gladys, and Donald all living.

**#22.** In 1869, Jedidiah Hubbard owned this farm. In 1915 it was the residence of Ella Cooledge, mother of Mrs. Floyd Ross. John Swanson was the next owner. Dana Gould is the present owner.

**#23.** This was the farm of Peter Holmes who became a citizen of the town in 1820. To aid the family finances he made woodenware, buckets, bowls etc. in addition to farming. He had 6 children, one son Cicero born in 1823 was the only one to remain in town. Peter lived and died on this farm in 1864. W. Baldwin lived there and in 1915 Floyd Ross lived there. The Rosses had 3 children; Austin, Ella, and Leslie.

**#24.** Grove B. Graves resided here in 1856. He managed the Union Inn in 1846. In 1915 the McGreal Bros. owned the property. In the 1920's Elbridge (Del) Graham and wife Minnie bought it. The barn burned and Frank Law bought the farm after Grahams' moved away.

**#25.** J. Leonard owned this farm in 1869. Frank Law and wife Harriet Carpenter bought it and lived there for many years. They had 3 sons; LaVerne, Millard, and Francis. When they retired, their son Millard and his wife Catherine Smith became the owners. When they retired and moved to the Center, their son Leonard, and wife Jennie took over the farm.

**#26.** K.S. Stewart lived here in 1856, in 1869, J. Leonard owned this place, then F. Blackman. In 1915, Milt Leonard and wife, Addie(Thomas) daughter of J.W. Thomas, owned this little farm of 35 acres. They had a flock of 25 hens that laid a record number of eggs- 1226 eggs from Jan. 1st to Apr. 1st according to a newspaper notice. Clifford Murray bought the place and lived there for many years. He married Eunice Burrell, daughter of Wesley and Grace Keech Burrell. Their son, Ronald Murray now owns it.

**#27.** In 1915, James Giles lived here. No house remains.

**#28.** W. J. Cashore lived here in 1869 and Alonzo Older owned the place in 1915 after he moved down off Older Hill. He was the son of Wallis Older and wife Juliette Mulliken. Wallis came to town in 1818. Alonzo married Marian Woods and had 6 children Marian died and Alonzo married Jane Carpenter. Francis Law owned this place for several years and sold it to William Preston who spent several years there before selling it to Gleb Volkoff and wife.

**#29.** This was owned by L. Cleveland in 1869 and Leander Marble in 1915. He had 3 children. Mrs Wesley Burrell bought it and lived there many years. Charles Dettman and wife lived there several years, then Ron and Amy Murray, then their son Clifford Murray Jr. They recently sold it to Thomas Wing.

**#30.** A. W. Rowley, hardware merchant owned this lot in 1869. E. Eckert and Son had a grocery store on the same lot. Frank Law owned it later where at one time there was a gas station.

**#31.** This was the Farmersville Center Baptist Church organized in 1826 by Rev. Eliab Going. The building was erected in 1838 at a cost of \$1600. It was closed in 1918, the last pastor being Rev. J.W. Norris who was also pastor of the Baptist Church at Farmersville Station. The Town of Farmersville bought the building for a machine and tool storage shed for the highway department. It was torn down.

**#32.** This was the home of Abram Peet and family. They were musically gifted and a visit there developed into a happy time of song. Abe played the clarinet, Mrs Peet played organ and also was a fine vocalist and the rest joined in singing. They had 6 children. At one time, H. Johnson, Erwin Taylor, and the Byroads family lived there. Emmet Ganoung and daughter, Aileen bought it. After he died, it was sold and then rented to various people. The Reynolds family lived there when it burned and it became part of the Law farm. The new Community Church now occupies the site.

**#33.** In 1856 T. Cummings owned this property. In 1869, this was a general store owned by A & R Robbins, brothers with their house on the lot also. They were dealers in dry goods, drugs and medicines, paints and oils. John T. Cummings ran the store in 1874.

**#34.** J Nichols owned this in 1856 and it was a grocery store and post office in 1869 with Albert E. Robbins Postmaster. The first store was built by Jacob Comstock in 1828 with George Gillett his successor. Gillett was in partnership with Jonathan Graves in a mercantile business in 1828 before Graves bought Tozer's Tavern. C.H. Searle & Co. had a grocery store in 1910, and Smiths had a store that was managed by Fred Stowell. John Johnson had a store by the old Baptist Church in the 1930's that burned. Fred Harbeck (he was somewhat crippled) ran the store until he fell and was unable to continue. He sold it to Ed and Aileen Burrell, who ran it for 20 years. Jake and Shirley Andrews bought it in 1968 and ran it until 1972 when Herman Cobb bought it. He died several months after the purchase and Karl and Lois Rose became owners until it closed in 1982 and is now used as a residence.

**#35.** In 1856, this was owned by C.L. Watkins who was a carriage manufacturer. In 1869 Mrs. M. Hayford lived there, and it was the Harwood home in 1915. No buildings remain here.

**#36.** J. R. Blackman was a blacksmith in 1856, S.A. & W. H. Thomas were blacksmiths and carriage manufacturers in 1869, and in 1915, Mr. Waterman was the smithy, later William Cashore and Franklin Blackmon. A large millstone was at this corner as a reminder of the shop, but no buildings or stone are there now.

**#37.** This lot was owned by George Huyck in 1915.

**#38.** This was the home of Lucius Cleveland, who was born in Rhode Island of English ancestry. He was a stone mason and came to Farmersville in 1851 and died in 1876. The Cleavelands had 7 children. Son Norris remained on the homestead and was living there in 1915. He married Marion Crawford and they had 3 daughters who died in early childhood.

Ren Hunt and his wife Reba Stowell, daughter of Fred Stowell, bought the Cleveland home and lived there until they died. They had 3 children. The house was destroyed when Harwood Lake was formed and the road became a dead end road. Access to Peet Hill Road was made from Bush Hill Road. The new town hall and highway building is now on the site of the Hunt home.

**#39.** This house was owned by J.P.Lines in 1856 and by Levi L.Lines in 1869. Nelson D. Smith came to town from Rushford in 1870 and was proprietor of the cheese factory.His son Melvin Smith and wife Mary Burger, known to everyone as Mel and Mate Smith were the owners in 1915. Many a large group was served here for Ladies Aid dinners and election suppers. They were parents of Catherine Smith Law, wife of Millard Law, and Genevieve Peet, daughter of John Peet. Melvin was supervisor of the town in 1885-1893 and again in 1916-1920. He also served as Town Clerk 1878-1882 and 1884-85. The house is now gone.

**#40.** In 1856 and 1869, R. Osborn lived on this lot. Mark Osborn was the tenant in 1915.

**#41.** This was the ashery, making pearl-ash and potash. Gillett was the manager at one time.

**#42.** This was the home of Levi Peet, Esq. one of the first settlers in the town. He was born in Washington County and came here in 1817. His wife was Eunice Putnam ,born in Massachusetts. They had 9 children. He was married twice, his second wife was Eliza, sister to Eunice. He attempted to run a hotel but it was not a financial success because he was sworn to abstinence and ran a Temperance Hotel while his competition sold liquor, so he gave up that business. He built the first frame barn where church services were held. He was popular in the community and was appointed supervisor before elections were held. He was one of the first justices of the peace in 1822, studied law, and became an able lawyer in charge of the judicial cases in town. He was postmaster from 1823 to 1845. This is a good place to explain the Older Hill - Peet Hill situation. On the 1856 map, Older Hill crosses the Stage Road and continues on as Peet Hill. The 1869 map shows Older Hill with a curve in it bringing it closer to the Union Inn so it meets the Stage Road farther to the north. Stories have circulated that there was competition between the hotels and politics at the time caused the road to be moved. Many of Levi's children were school teachers. Only sons Silas and Abram stayed in town. The Peet buildings have been gone for years.

**#43.** William Older came to town in 1818 and settled on this site thus causing the road to be called Older Hill. He was a cooper and had many successful children. Sally, Marvin, Pauline, Morden, and Marvin were all teachers. In 1856 Reuben Cross was living on this property. In 1869 it was owned by Alonzo Older, son of Wallis who was also a cooper. Later, Abe Putney owned it in 1915. His wife was Alma Pratt and they had 2 sons and a daughter. They moved to a farm on Rogers Road. Rufus Putney owned it and Herbert and Jennie Holmes lived there. The house is vacant.

**#44.** Samuel Hayford owned this in 1856. The road is now abandoned.

#45. David Day who settled in town in 1829 owned this property. The first Laidlaw schoolhouse was built on the corner of his lot in 1839. David had 5 sons and son James was supervisor in 1862. This is now part of the Krotje farm.

#46. In 1856 Mrs Day lived here. In 1869, J. Ricks owned it. In 1915, Fred Dettman and wife Anna Reed owned it. They had 3 children and lived there until retirement when they moved to Farmersville Station. This is now the Henry Krotje farm.

#47. In 1856 this farm was vacant. In 1869, J. Caldwell owned it. In 1915, Henry Caldwell and wife Anna Williams owned the farm of 150 acres. They had one daughter, Blanche who married Holsea Lane. They took over the farm when Henry retired and moved to Farmersville Station. Blanche and Holsea had 2 daughters and a son, Basil who managed the farm after his parents died. Basil married Luella Kraft and they 3 children. When they retired son John who married Lois Batt, bought the farm and presently live there.

#48. In 1856 S. Thomas lived here; in 1869 W. Gibbin was the tenant. In 1915, Jesse Brown owned the farm and Bert Brown, his son was the tenant. After a few years, Bert left the farm. His wife was Agnes Page and they had 2 sons and a daughter. Nello, son of Jesse, became owner. Nello married Alice Ball and they lived on the farm for 34 years. Eugene and Mary Lou Batt presently own the farm.

#49. Grove Post lived here in 1856 and 1869. In 1915, William Hughes owned the farm. His wife was Greta Leonard and they had 5 children. In 1918, they sold the farm to Charles Schuyler and moved to Farmersville Station. Charles wife was Mary Baker, daughter of Darius Baker. They had 3 children and lived on the farm many years before moving to Farmersville Station. The property was sold to Clarence Willett and wife Dorothy. Their son, Clarence, Jr. owns and operates the farm now.

#50. In 1856, David Hooper owned this farm and he was still there in 1869. He came from Wales as did his wife Margaret. They settled in Farmersville in 1854 and had 6 sons. James was the only one to remain in Farmersville. The farm was rented for two years to Joseph Henry. James married Mary Jones and they had one son, Frank. James was on the farm in 1915 and soon moved to town. Lee Smith owned the farm for many years. Leonard Curtis bought the farm and then sold it to David Reino who lives there now.

#51. In both 1856 and 1869, Silas Peet owned this farm of 600 acres. Silas, born in 1824 was a son of Levi Peet. He married Eliza and had 8 children. Before marriage he was a teacher as were several of his siblings. When they arrived on the hill that bears their name, they lived in a log house while he built a fine frame house. His wife died in 1891 and he married Mary Carpenter. In 1911, Samuel Allison bought the farm and lived there until 1927 when he moved to the Center. The buildings are gone and New York State owns the land now.

#52. In 1856 and 1869, L. West owned this farm. The road was abandoned.

- #53. In 1856 this farm was owned by T. H. Williams and by 1869 the road had been abandoned.
- #54. This was the Wickwire farm. George arrived in town in 1826. After his wife Roxy died, the road was abandoned.
- #55. In 1856, this was the farm of Seth Squire.
- #56. W. Frazier in 1869, F. E. Austin in 1915.
- #57. E.A. Pratt owned this in 1915, tenant was Roy Spencer.
- #58. H.T.Holmes owned this in 1856 and 1869.In 1915, L.M. Holmes owned this farm of 298 acres.
- #59. L.M. Farwell owned this in 1856. E. Austin owned it in 1869. In 1915, F.E. Whitcomb lived there.
- #60. In 1869, G. Gould owned is farm. In 1915, William Marble lived there. Later Roy Marble owned it.
- #61. This was also the Marble farm owned by Edwin Marble with Bert Marble tenant in 1915.
- #62. This was the Marble farm also owned in 1915 by Bert Marble.
- #63. In 1869 this was owned by W. O. Kingsbury. In 1915 it was the farm home of George Hogue. He built and owned several cheese factories.
- #64. Ted Gordon owned this property in 1856; in 1869 C.C. Gould owned it. In 1915, M.P. Bullock was the owner.
- #65. This was Bullockville School District #5. The first building was built in the early 1860's and burned. It was rebuilt by George Hogue and is still standing on land that was owned by Roy Marble.
- #66. This was the farm of O.D. Rood in 1856 and 1869. In 1915, E.W. Dickens owned it. Lee Dickens owned it for many years and after his death, his widow continued living there. His daughter sold it recently to Joseph Imperatori.
- #67. Duma Burr owned this farm in 1856 & 1869. Duma married Lucy Munger and came to Farmersville in 1849. He held the office of justice of the peace for several years and was a respected citizen. They had 3 children and his daughter Triphena, who married William H. Adams lived on the homestead. In 1915, W.M. Darbee was the owner.

#68. This was the Bullockville Cheese factory, built and owned by George Hogue. In 1915, Dori Dye was the cheesemaker.

#69. This was the home of Preserved Bullock who settled in town in 1824. He married Lydia Woodbury and they had 3 children. The parents died on the farm, Preserved in 1872 and Lydia in 1879. Son Elisha remained on the farm. Bullockville derived its name from this Bullock family. In 1915, M.P. Bullock was the owner.

#70. In 1869, W. Burns owned this farm, and in 1915 it was owned by William Zeliff and wife, Emma Dettman, sister of Fred Dettman.

#71. In 1856, W. Bullock lived here. In 1869, A. Holmes owned the farm. In 1915, Albert C. Blackman and wife Nora lived here. The buildings have been gone many years.

#72. John Craddock owned this farm in 1856 and in 1869 it was owned by G. Harris. In 1915, John Harris and wife Alice owned it. They had 9 children. John was supervisor of the town before they moved to Franklinville. The house is gone and replaced by a seasonal camp.

#73. In 1869, O. Ashby lived here. In 1915, it was the farm of George H. Bump and wife Maggie.

#74. In 1869 Preserved Bullock lived here, assumed to be Preserved, Jr. who married Malana Cronk. They had 2 children, Joel who was burned to death and Elisha.

#75. In 1856 the Watkins wagon shop occupied this lot. Then in 1869, it was the S.A. Thomas residence. In 1915, Mrs. W. H. Thomas owned it, and later many others owned or rented the place. Among them were Victor Saunders, Albert Ulmer, Simeon and Ruth Rose who lived there after they left the farm. Sim Died in 1968 and Mrs. Rose went to live with her daughter, Ethel Camp in Pike. She died in 1990 at age 97 years. The house burned and was replaced by a double wide mobile home where Mark Rose and family lived until that burned.

#76. This is shown only on the 1915 map and P. Byroads was the owner. Later, Lounsbury's lived there and it was owned by Wesley Burrell. Donald Burrell and family lived there and it is presently owned by the Roots.

#77. In 1856 and 1869 this farm of 327 acres belonged to David Carpenter, a nephew of Levi Peet to whom he was apprenticed. He raised a large family and became one of the wealthiest and most influential men in the area. In 1915, G. Henry Agett & Son owned the farm. Henry married Grace Andrews and they had 2 sons, Clair and Ross. The house was made to accommodate two families and Ross and wife, Gertrude Baker lived there also. Ross owned the Red & White Store at the Station for a short time. He was in a partnership with Millard Law, owning and operating a Commission Market in Ischua. He also had a seasonal fruit market at Lime Lake for years. Ross and Gertrude had 3 children. After Ross died Gertrude



stayed in the home for a time then sold it to Kenneth Jarnot who now lives there.

**#78.** This farm of 477 acres was owned in 1846 and 1869 by H. Bond. In 1915, it was owned by Hunt Bros. and was rented to various people, among them was John Hahn. The house burned and the barns fell to ruin.

This information was gleaned from 3 old maps, 2 Cattaraugus County Histories, news clippings, and interviews with past and present citizens. If anyone can add to this history, we would be glad to get the information. Elce Slocum

## THE HAMLET OF FAIRVIEW

The Hamlet of Fairview is unique, not only because five roads converge there, but because it is composed of four sections which are in four different townships and two counties. The Carmel Congregational Church and two cheese factories were in the Town of Freedom and Cattaraugus County. The cooper shop, ashery, and depot for the Tonawanda Valley Railroad were in the Town of Centerville, Allegany County. The schoolhouse was in the Town of Rushford, Allegany County. The blacksmith shop, the post office in the general store, hotel, and hotel barn were in the Town of Farmersville, Cattaraugus County.

In June of 1880, the store and post office owned by R. S. Wilder was burglarized and a quantity of notions, cigars, stamped envelopes etc. were stolen. They had entered by boring holes through the door, then sawing the panels out. The booty was recovered and prisoner taken the next day.

We do not know the date the Hotel was built but it was in business in 1849 and was known as the House of Charles P. Cady. In 1857, N. Petit was the proprietor. In 1884, it was owned by Hiram (Hi) Lawrence, son of Zachariah Lawrence. The hotel burned but the date and owner at the time is not known. From the late Alvenus Metcalf we have the following quote: "I do not remember this as it was burned before I was born (1896) but I will write what I was told. Bill Spencer and Hi Lawrence were partners. The hotel did a big business when the oil fields opened around Bradford, PA. They drove horses from Rochester on the old Allegany Road and all the hotels along the road were full.

When the fire was discovered, all the bedding was on the fiddler's bench in the ball room and the canned fruit in boxes next to the cellar door. The wind was from the west and the Griffith house on the west was saved; there was only a narrow drive between. There was a flag, or liberty pole east of the hotel made of two white pine trees joined together by Sam Hill. It stood around 80 feet high and the trees were from the Genesee River. To raise the pole, a hole was dug with a trench leading up the hill about 7 feet deep. The flag rope had to be replaced and there was no way to climb the pole so John Hill flew a kite on a day with a westerly wind and worked kite cord over the open pulley on top of the pole. The rope was pulled up! There was a watering trough that stood east of the hotel and a barn, south of the hotel."

The Congregational Church buildings were purchased by Stanley Morgan of Arcade and taken down in 1936, with the lumber used for other structures. The school, which once had a registration of more than 60 pupils, had 9 registered in 1936. The converging roads are about all that remain today of that rural hamlet.

## INVITATIONS TO FAIRVIEW HOTEL

### INDEPENDENCE BALL.

*The pleasure of your Company is respectfully solicited at the House of*  
**CHARLES P. CADY, in Fairview,**  
*on Wednesday, July 4th, 1849, at*  
*1 o'clock, P. M.*

#### MANAGERS.

H. M. LAWRENCE,  
R. R. WILLIAMS,  
W. LINES,  
D. TARBELL.

J. HUBBARD,  
A. HOPKINS,  
F. SCHUTT,  
M. RICH.

**MUSIC--Warner, Willson & Blanchard.**

JUNE 1, 1849.

Shankland's Print.

## OYSTER SUPPER AND DANCE,

AT

FAIRVIEW HOTEL,  
Friday Evening Nov. 7, '84.

YOURSELF AND LADIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

BILL, \$1.25

H. M. LAWRENCE.

## PICTURES

1971  
Kelly Roblee &  
Renee Benz

Bradley Benz &  
Cindy Roblee



Philip Sampson Family  
Duane, Pat, Darrell, Phil  
Dale, Linda, Lorraine



Burt Windsor at Rock Spring  
Cheese Factory

Making Ice Cream - 1912  
Nettie & Earl Holmes  
Ben & Ida Goerss



Laidlaw Rd. - Wright Farm



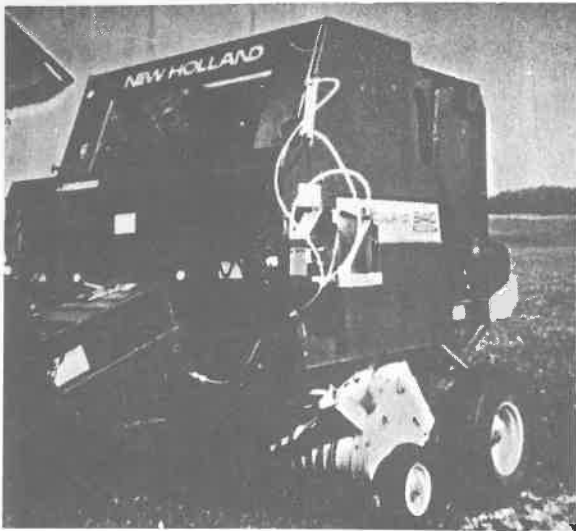
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the Railroad?



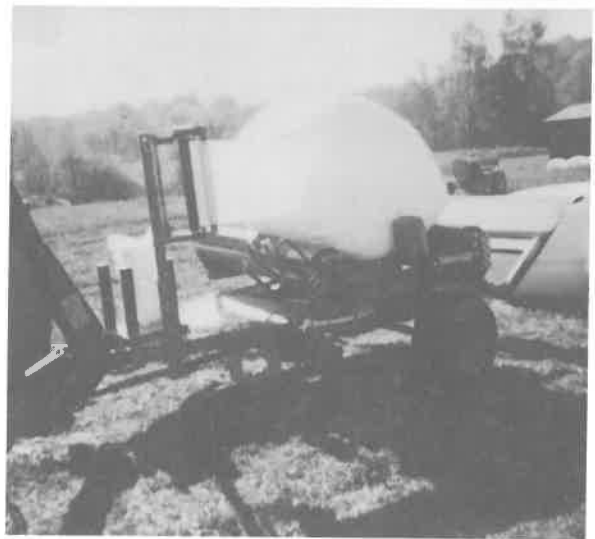
Church Street  
Farmersville Station

Main Street  
Farmersville Station





Round Baler



Wrapping Bales



Hilltop 4-H Club  
(Left to Right)

Back: Dennis Gould, Debbie Morrison,  
Bob Wright, Karen Batt

3rd Row: Chuck Krotje, Glen Krotje

2nd Row: Ricky Holmes, Roger Wright

Debra Krotje, John Krotje, Bernard Krotje

1st Row: Steven Converse, Rick Wright

Allen Gould



Members of the Farmersville Junior Fire Department pose next to one of the company's trucks. Picture are, front row, left to right: Advisor Shane Blakeslee, Brandy Wheeler, Sara Gajewski, Sheila Blakes Darlene Welch and John Killingbeck Jr. Back row, left to right: Dan Owens, Robert Atwater, Jason Fitz Guy Atwater and Jacob Brodka.

*Photo by Judy Kess*

Today's Teens train for future...

## Junior Fire Department a big help to Farmersville volunteer firemen



Farmersville High School 1933-1934

Front Row, Left to Right: Bob Henry, John Kellogg, Bill Owens, Professor Noonan, Gerald Tarbell, George Ogilvie

Second Row: Maxine Hunt, Lillian Hardy, John Strong, Dick Gilmore, Carl Swanson, Ada Mae Harrison, Lyssa Swezey

Third Row: Madeline Holmes, Genevieve Williams, Marguerite Hunt, Rose Bannister, Rosella Witt, Emma Rose, Frances Leonard, Mrs. Smith

Fourth Row: John McCluer, Doris Morgan, Vivian Moore, Leah Law, Margaret Swanson, Ethelyn Leonard, Helen Tarbell

Back Row: Norm Gilmore, Eldon Vaname

