

CHAPTER 4 - Early Settlements

Enfield Military Lots¹

Most of the soldiers who received Military Lots never came to live there. They either died in the war or sold their land to others. Roads currently surrounding each lot are listed at the end of each Lot description.

- Lot #34** - George Dowlar - Sergeant, 1st New York Regiment (NYR) - Sixth Company (Co.) - 500 acres - 7/8/1790; Patent delivered to Moses Bears. (*Iradell, Waterburg, Aiken, and Buck Hill Roads*)
- Lot #35** - Reynold M'Donald - Private, 2nd NYR, Hollett Co., 500 acres - 7/8/1790; Patent delivered to Cornelius C. Elmendorph. (*Iradell, Waterburg, Aiken, and Podunk Roads*)
- Lot #36** - Edward Dunscomb, Captain, 4th NYR Co. - 600 acres - 7/8/1790; Patent delivered to himself. (*Iradell, Podunk, Aiken, and Halseyville Roads*)
- Lot #37** - William Haburn - Sergeant, 1st NYR, Fifth Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790; Patent delivered to Nicholas Fish. (*Iradell, Applegate, Hayts, and Halseyville Roads*)
- Lot #38** - Samuel Dayton, Jun., 4th NYR, Sacket Co. reported as dead - date recorded info. 9/13/1790, Patent delivered to John Dayton. (*Iradell, Applegate, Hayts, and VanDorn Roads*)
- Lot #39** - Richard Davis - NYR of Artillery Light Infantry Co. - ,600 acres - 7/9/1790, Patent delivered to himself. (*Iradell, VanDorn, Hayts, and Sheffield Roads*)
- Lot #42** - Abraham Travice - Private, 2nd NYR, Pawling Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790; Patent delivered to Garret Patterson. (*Waterburg, Aiken, Buck Hill, and Mecklenburg Roads*)
- Lot #43** - James Wilson - Private, 1st NYR, Fourth Co.. 500 acres - 7/8/1790, Patent delivered to Andrew Williams. (*Aiken, Waterburg, Mecklenburg, and Podunk Roads*)
- Lot #44** - William Balantine - Private, 1st NYR – Third Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790, Patent delivered to Michael Connolly. (*Aiken, Podunk, Halseyville, and Mecklenburg Roads*)
- Lot #45** - Cornelius Jacobs or Jacobson - Private, NYR Lee's Legion, 500 acres - 7/8/1790, Patent delivered to Samuel Darling. (*Hayts, Applegate, Mecklenburg, and Halseyville Roads*)
- Lot #46** - Henry Harris - Private, 2nd NYR, Hollett Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790, Patent delivered to John Elting, for Jacob Tremper. (*Aiken, Podunk, Halseyville, and Mecklenburg Roads*)
- Lot #47** - Jehiel Howell - , 4th NYR, Strong Co., reported as dead info. dated 9/13/1790, Patent delivered to Silas Halsey, for E.L. Hommediu. (*Hayts, VanDorn, Sheffield, and Mecklenburg Roads*)
- Lot #50** - Joel Ackley - Private, 1st NYR, Hollett Co., 600 acres - 7/6/1790, Patent delivered to Harmanus Ten Eyck; for J.H. Blecker. (*Mecklenburg, Buck Hill, Fish, Black Oak Roads*)
- Lot #51** - John Dolton - Sergeant, NYR of Artillery, Reed's Co., 600 acres - 7/6/1790, Patent delivered to John Howell. (*Mecklenburg, Black Oak, Enfield Center, and Rothermich Roads*)
- Lot #52** - John Mundon, 2nd NYR, Corps of Sappers and Miners, Pell Co., 500 acres - 8/24/1790. (*Mecklenburg, Rothermich, Enfield Center, and Enfield Main Roads*)
- Lot #53** - Derrick Hanson, Captain, NYR, Livingston Co., 600 acres - 8/17/1790, (also Lysander-1 #83 - 600 acres 8/17/1790), (also Lysander-1 #77 - 600 acres 8/17/1790, Patent delivered to himself. (*Mecklenburg, Applegate, Enfield Center, Enfield Main Roads*)
- Lot #54** - Samuel Pettit, Second NYR, Fowler Co., 600 acres - 7/7/1790, Patent to his Keziah Petti, his mother. (*Mecklenburg, Applegate, Enfield Center, and VanDorn Roads*)
- Lot #55** - Marinus Willet, Lieutenant Colonel Comm., 5th NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Mecklenburg, VanDorn, Enfield Center, and Sheffield Roads*)
- Lot #58** - James Harris - Matross, NYR of Artillery, Co., 500 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Enfield Center, Buck Hill, Harvey Hill, and Black Oak Roads*)
- Lot #59** - John Graham, Major, 3rd NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Enfield Center, Black Oak,*

Harvey Hill, and Rothermich Roads)

Lot #60 - Reserved for Gospel, & c.(*Enfield Main, Harvey Hill, Rothermich, Enfield Center Roads*)

Lot #61 - Samuel Logan, Major, 5th NYR, Co., 500 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Applegate, Bostwick, Enfield Main, and Enfield Center Roads*)

Lot #62 - Jeromus , Captain, New York Calvary, Co., 600 acres (*Enfield Center, Applegate, VanDorn, and Bostwick Roads*)

Lot #63 - Gerrit Lansing, Ensign, 1st NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Enfield Center, VanDorn, Bostwick, Sheffield Roads*)

Lot #66 - Cornelius M'Dormett - Private, 1st NYR , Co., 600 acres - 7/3/1790. (*Buck Hill, Harvey Hill, and Black Oak Roads*)

Lot #67 - Robert Glen - Corporal, 1st NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790. (*Black Oak, Harvey Hill, and Connecticut Hill Roads*)

Lot #68 - Jacob R. Hooper - Private, 1st NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790. (*Harvey Hill, Enfield Main, and Trumbulls Corners Roads*)

Lot #69 - Israel Smith, Captain, 2nd NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Bostwick, Enfield Main, Rockwell, "Old Section" of Applegate Roads*)

Lot #70 - Jonathan Nelson, 1st NYR, Co., 500 acres, reported as dead, info dated 7/13/1790. (*Bostwick "Old Section" of Applegate, VanDorn, and Enfield Main Roads*)

Lot #71 - Alexander Dunn -Sergeant, Field & Staff, NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/6/1790. (*VanDorn, Enfield Center, Sheffield and Bostwick Roads*)

Lot #72 - John Smith, Lieutenant, NYR of Artillery, Co., 500 acres - 7/13/1790, (also Town-25 #96 - 500 acres. (*Weatherby, Black Oak, and Cayutaville Roads, Schuyler County Line*)

Lot #73 - John Padrick, 2nd NYR, Graham Co., 500 acres , reported as dead - info recorded 9/13/1790. (*Connecticut Hill and Black Oak Roads, Newfield Township*)

Lot #74 - Stephen M'Dougall, A.D.C.. Major, NYR, Co., 500 acres - 7/3/1790. (*Rumsey Hill, Trumbulls Corners, Connecticut Hill, Porter Hill, Hines Roads*)

Lot #75 - Joseph Perkins - Private, 1st NYR, Co., 600 acres - 7/8/1790. (*Hines, Rockwell, and Porter Hill Roads, Newfield Township*)

Lot #76 - Henry Van Wort, Lieutenant, 1st NYR , Co., 600 acres - 7/9/1790. (*Hines, Thomas, Old Park, and Enfield Falls Roads, Newfield Township*)

Lot #77 - Henry Pickle - Private, 2nd NYR, Pell Co., 500 acres - 7/8/1790. (*Enfield Main, Bostwick, and VanDorn , Colegrove, and Teeter Roads*)

Note: Military Lots 78 and 79 are property of the Teeter Family (Gray and Enfield Falls Roads) 1847 Isaac Teeter bought 112 acres of Military Lot 78 and Adjacent lot 77 Town of Ithaca – Enfield area. (There is a NYS Marker sign at east end of Gray Road)

Military Lot 68 – Stevenson Farm²

Military Lot 68 is part of a Historic Preservation area. As owner of 25 acres of hilly land (part of Lot 68) Elizabeth Stevenson Bennett decided to preserve this area with a stewardship of the Finger Lakes Land Trust. The area is now known as the Stevenson Forest Preserve. This area was a woodlot for the Frank Stevenson Farm on Harvey Hill Road.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Seth Harvey Stevenson and grew-up in the Town of Enfield on Halseyville Road. Her grandfather was Frank Stevenson, who, at the time of his marriage to Carrie Harvey, was residing in the Town of Ulysses. Frank and Carrie Stevenson settled into farming along Harvey Hill Road. Frank also owned the land on the east side of Trumbulls Corners Road at the foot of Rumsey Hill Road³, and this included a small hilltop cemetery in which many Rumseys are buried. Elizabeth Bennett's

deed to the woodlot also included this burial ground, which has now been turned over the Town of Enfield.

On June 17, 1995 the Stevenson Family and Land Trust members held a dedication ceremony at the Stevenson Forest Preserve.

The Stevenson Forest Preserve is located on the west side of Trumbulls Corners Road (a half mile southwest of Route 327), a very short distance north of Rumsey Hill Road. Green on white Land Trust signs, as well as the white blazes of the Finger Lakes Trail, makes it easy to find the trailhead leading into this wooded area.

History Of Military Lot Number 73⁴

On June 8, 1809, John and Elizabeth Nobles purchased from William Ross, of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, 400 acres of Military Lot No. 73 in the present town of Enfield. At that time the land was a part of the town of Ulysses Lot No. 73 had been balloted to John Padrick, an American Revolutionary War soldier of the 2nd New York Regiment, Graham Company. John Padrick died in the war on May 31, 1777. Pursuant to a resolution granting patents to deceased soldiers, the patent to Lot No. 73, less 100 acres reserved to the State, was delivered to James Abeel, for Thomas Collins, Administrator of John Padrick; was conveyed to James Sutton, of Exeter, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; by him conveyed to William Ross and Putnam Catlin, both of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, on December 11, 1789; by Putnam Catlin to William Ross, excepting 150 acres, more or less, on May 6, 1806 and by Will Ross to John Nobles.

In the fall of 1809, Timothy B.⁵ and Squire J., sons of John and Elizabeth Nobles, journeyed to Enfield from Newport Township, Pennsylvania, to look over the property of Lot No. 73. They then returned home.

In the spring of 1810, John and Elizabeth Nobels and three sons, Timothy B., Charles and Squire J., moved to Enfield to settle on the Military Lot No. 73. The family came up the Susquehanna River to Owego Settlement, then by the newly constructed Road to Ithaca and from Ithaca to the property in Enfield on the Indian trail that then ran past the southern boundary of the property from Ithaca to Montour Falls. John and his sons cleared off a plot of land and built a log cabin on a site across from the present location of the old Nobles District School House (Little Red School House)⁶ in what was then entirely forest land.

The Nobles family had neighbors when they moved to Enfield. The James Rumsey family came to Enfield in 1806. James was a Revolutionary War soldier and carpenter, who had purchased about 100 acres of land one-half mile east of the Nobles property. On November 3, 1815 Hannah Rumsey, daughter to James, married Squire J. Nobles. They built a house "Wafer Place" on the land deeded to him in 1825. This house was removed in 1893 by Anson Nobles, grandson of Squire J., to make way for the present old homestead structure.

Arthur S. Nobles and family lived in the Wafer house until the Victorian "Homestead House" was built in 1895-96.

Between 1811 and 1827, John Nobles disposed of the property in parcels, conveying 60 acres in the northeast corner to Charles in 1811; 90 acres in the northwest corner to Timothy B. in 1813; the Homestead Farm of 100 acres, on which John resided, to Squire J. in 1825; three smaller parcels, totaling about 60 acres to parties outside the family at various times during this period; and the balance of the property to Charles in 1827 about two weeks after the death of wife Elizabeth, October 3, 1827. Elizabeth was buried in the old Rumsey Cemetery, located about a half mile due east of the homestead. John Nobles died on January 19, 1832, and was buried beside his wife.

June 4, 1825, Timothy and Joanna Nobles, his wife, deeded 90 acres to Roger Brown. A discharge of this mortgage was recorded on November 25, 1830. After that, all local records relating to Timothy

ceased. On February 25, 1836, Charles Nobles and Lavina, his wife deeded the last of his property in Lot No. 73 to Pardon Brown. This was the last record of Charles in Tompkins County.

Hillendale Golf Course 1783 - 1994 by Margaret M. Hamilton

Curry Family: Settlement of Military Lots 37-38 (1818-1881):

The first Curry to locate in this area was James F. Curry born on March 10, 1773 in Newburgh, New York. His three sons Joshua, Richard Jr., and Stephen migrated to New York City and were soldiers in the Revolutionary War. William, the son of Richard Jr., was born June 29, 1748, in Newburgh, New York. The family is assumed to have moved from Newburgh as he is listed in the family genealogy as having died in the Town of Curry in the Catskills on May 6, 1844, at 96 years of age. His son, James F., was born March 10, 1773, in Newburgh, New York.

James F. Curry married Sophia Brown in 1794 at age 21 by whom he had five sons and seven daughters. At age 25 he was the first Curry to come west to the Town of Ulysses, County of Onondaga in 1798. He brought his wife and two children--Thornton born in 1795 and Nancy born in 1796. He settled one mile south of Jacksonville (History of Tompkins County, pg. 267) near the future Ulysses-Enfield town line. It was recorded on pg. 282 in the list of jurors for April 3, 1798. "Jas. Curry, wheelmaker...qualified to serve."

Amos Curry, son of the above James, was born in Ulysses on November 8, 1798. The farm was about one mile to the north and east of the present golf course. Amos is first mentioned in the Book of Deeds Index for 1817-1860 for buying and selling parts of Lots 37 and 38 in 1818, 1822, and 1827 when 20-27 years old. This continued up to his death in 1876 at age of 78.

Partial list of land transactions of Amos Curry⁹ during his lifetime dealing with sections of Lots 37 and 38.

Deed Year	Grantor	Grantee	Book/ Page	Lot
1818	Wm. R. Collins	Amos Curry	H342	37- 15 acres
1827	Christopher Miller	Amos Curry	V422	38 - 23-1/2 acres
1837	Gilbert Longstreet	Amos Curry	Q222	Lot 38 - 8 acres
1841	Jesse Badcock	Amos Curry	QQ223	Lot 37 - 40 acres
1844	Samuel Bowlby	Amos Curry	UU446	Lot 37 - 110 acres
1847	John H. Smith	Amos Curry	WW169	Lots 38 - 40 acres
1826	Amos Curry	Jonathan Rolfe	R363	Lots 37 #6-50 acres
1828	Amos Curry	Samuel Atkins	S60	Lot 37 - 10-1/4 acres
1835	Amos Curry	John A. Smith	BB53	Lot 38
1843	Amos Curry	Septimus Badcock	SS98	Lot 37 - 41 acres
1864	Amos Curry	Harrison Curry	mortgage	1/132 Lot ?? 91 acres
1865	Amos Curry	William Cowen	1/130	
1873	Amos Curry	Wm. H.H. Curry	minister 1/576	1 acre
1875	Amos Curry	Leonard Murray ⁹	3/45 mortgage	
1880	James I. Murray ¹⁰	Amos F. Curry	3/233	108 acres

Amos married Armelia Badcock February 12 1832. They had seven sons and two daughters. Armelia's name always appeared on the deeds; and according to the custom of the times, she was always asked if she voluntarily agreed to the decision.

We do not know when or who built the farmhouse that is now the clubhouse at Hillendale. It has been suggested that Amos' son Lucius born November 9, 1823 and died December 15, 1890 and who



7. Hillendale Golf Course/Curry House

lived in the area, may have built it about 1840. He married May Rolfe who lived nearby. It is believed that he was a carpenter.

The three Curry men who were associated with the history of Lots 37 and 38 were buried in Rolfe Cemetery just down Applegate Road to the south: Amos Curry - 1798-1876 (78 years); Amos F. Curry (son) -1831-1902 (71 years); Samuel H. Curry -1857-1926 (69 years).

Cowen Family¹¹:

1881: Seth Cowen purchased farm from Amos F. Curry & wife Lydia Harvey Curry. April 15 1881: Book 3 Enfield Deeds pg. 270 Mortgage owed by father Wm. Cowen to be paid by Seth Cowen's son
July 1 1903: (1) Executor for Robert Harvey (deceased) to Executor of Robert T. Harvey --> Seth Cowen.

1912 (Jan. 12):Seth Cowen and wife to George A. Personius, Deeds Book 176, pg. 222, Parts of Lots 37 and 38.

Personius Family:

The Personius family came from Fairmont, Minnesota in 1912. All seven boys and two girls were born in Minnesota before coming to New York State. Mary Personius Eddy, a daughter, gave the following information to a good friend Catherine Kellogg on December 1994 at the age of 91 years. Mary was born in 1903. Her father had come from Lansing, N.Y., where the family was known for its six-sided barn. Her mother was a Mayo of the Mayo Clinic family in Minnesota. As a result, all the children received free medical treatment at the Clinic. Her father wished to return to his home area, so the family returned to Enfield in 1912 upon the purchase of the Cowen farm.

Mrs. Eddy told Catherine Kellogg about the locations of the various farm buildings. There was a partially enclosed barn and shed across the road from the house. The barn on the south-end was closed for the animals' protection in winter. The west and north side of the buildings were open sheds for the storage of machinery. The barnyard was in the center. The farm lane went west from the barn down towards the present pond. The remnants of the stonewalls and fences and a few old apple trees still remain on the lane. Ridges in the grass and some uneven depressions indicate the barn foundations. The outside toilet was by a big maple at the east end of the house driveway. Maple trees were in front of the house and along the north side, where several remain.

The family (Fred, Lee and Olive) decided to move to California in 1933. The farm was sold March 28, 1933; and the deed recorded June 8 1936. Mary had married Roger Eddy and had two girls and lived in Ithaca where her husband was a car mechanic. They later moved to Sacramento, California¹² where they lived until Roger died in 1987 at the age of 88. Mary later moved to Loomis, California to be near her granddaughter (Norma Jones), and died in 1995 at the age of 92. They made many trips back to Ithaca to visit friends and relatives after moving West.

Their oldest daughter Ruth married George Gaydash of Ithaca, and died in Grass Valley, California in 1991 and their youngest daughter Helen married and still lives in Sacramento, California.

Walter McFall Jr., as a young boy, was a neighbor of the Personius family. His father owned the next farm to the north on the west side of Applegate Road. He himself went back to the farm when first married. When the auction was held at the sale of the Personius farm in 1933. He also remembers during the war years of 1940-1945 that the golf course was not open and was only mowed once (he thought) and the grass grew up very high. He later worked at the course.

In 1930 it's interesting to note that part of the land was leased to the Wittmer Oil and Gas Property (Deeds Book 223 pg. 97) for oil exploration for 10 years and was to be paid if oil was found.

Buteux Family:

Ernest and Margaret Buteux bought the farm March 28 1933 from George A. Personius. The deed was listed and recorded in Deeds Book 240, pg. 35 June 8, 1936. It included the 30 acres of old Lot 38 on the east side of Applegate Road and 108 acres on the west side of Lot 37. The deed stated that these were the same lands sold to George A. Personius by Seth Cowen and Livina, wife (book 176, pg. 222 in 1911-12). New deed changes were made when rights-of-way were given in to NYSEG and in 1941 to Socony Vacuum Oil Co. on Lot 38.

Ernest built the golf course in the mid-1930's. It consisted of nine (9) holes on the west side of Applegate Road--a section of old Lot 37. Parts of the acreage in back of the golf house were rented out to farmers for crop use. The barns across from the house were still standing and were not taken down at this time.

The course was open until 1941 and then closed during the war years and reopened 1945-46. There was thus no play for five (5) years. The opening must have been well received as this was the only local public course. Newman Golf Course was in the city of Ithaca, and Trumansburg Golf Course was not developed until about 1960.

January 30, 1946 Ernest deeded the farm and golf course to his daughter Helen Booth Buteux (Deeds Book 284, pg. 178). An interesting sidelight was that Helen bought the McFall farm in 1957 to enlarge the course but the sale didn't go through and the course was not to grow until over 30 years later.

Sebring Family:

On March 18 1960 Helen B. Buteux sold the Hillendale Golf Course to Edgar & Alberta W. Sebring, (Deeds Book 426, pg. 449). He was associated with the N.Y.S. Division of Youth and the Ithaca Youth Bureau and "Bert" was a physical education teacher in Trumansburg. The Sebrings continued to run the golf course for 18 years.

Adam Bucci of Iradell Road worked as a golf pro for both the Buteuxes and the Sebrings. The Sebrings had the dilapidated barn opposite the clubhouse taken down. Bert said golf balls could be hit right through the barn from the adjoining fairways. At one time a trailer park was considered for the area in back of the clubhouse. A limited water supply stopped this. The Buteuxes had a small shelter in back for parties that the Sebrings later enclosed.

Durante Family:

July 7, 1978 Anthony Durante and Angela Durante of Los Angeles California (originally from East Rochester New York) purchased the golf course from the Sebrings (Deed Book 513 pg. 123 Deed Book 560 pg. 954). The Durantes ran the course for a couple of years and then leased it to a Tony Pesko for one year, 1980-1981¹³. There was a total of 108 acres of property—78 acres on Lot 37 on the west side of Applegate Road and 30 acres on the east side.

Novickas Family:

The golf course was purchased from the Durantes in 1980. It opened in the spring of 1982 under the new management.

Even the golf course has changed over the last 60 years from 1935-1995. Each owner has worked to update and to improve the course. Many of the older golfers will remember gravel areas spongy spots, the women's 8th tee tucked in below the 7th hole and the last, long fairway of the 9th hole. Tees, fairways and greens were moved about, practice areas switched. Brush was cleared to eliminate ball hideaways and to speed up play. Land was further cleared to widen fairways and give longer holes. New drainage directions were developed and stream runoff dammed to create ponds. The old orchard trees were limited to hedge rows or cut down for safety. A few "transparent" and maiden-blush" apples and quite large seckle pears can still be enjoyed in the fall. No land is farmed now.

Mary Novickas is the last and present owner to play a part in the development of this saga of a golf course. The first years of ownership were spent in maintaining the 9-hole course. Later more ambitious projects were initiated:

1. Improved course drainage and dammed runoff to make a pond.
2. Laid out a sprinkler system for the greens using pond water.
3. Developed a new 9th hole with the pond creating a large water hazard.
4. Added alternate tees to the 7th hole and enlarged the sand trap next to the green.
5. Constructed a new 8th tee and enlarged the two sand traps on the fairway in front of the green.
6. Built a driving range on the original fairway for the 9th hole.
7. Added new landscaping.

The major change began about eight years ago when construction was started to make Hillendale an 18-hole course. The acreage in back of the clubhouse offered a perfect area for the new nine holes. It was average farmland with some wetland and woods. Much work had to be done clearing brush, draining the wetland, again building a pond for a water supply for watering fairways and greens, and landscaping the 30 acres so that each hole is enhanced and the course is a challenge and pleasure to play.

And so, finally after a 30-year wait, the 9-hole course became the new 18-hole Hillendale Golf Course, Inc.: Mary D. Novickas, President.

Early Settlers

In 1798 Jabez Hammer settled on the south line of the town of Ulysses. Judah Baker (1804) met his neighbor in 1806, Ashbel Lovell and family. Jonathan Rolfe came from South Amboy, New Jersey with his wife and children, Reuben, Sarah, Mary, and Ephraim, to settle in Enfield in 1806 in the current area of Applegate Road near Rolfe Cemetery. Daniel Konkle and Joseph Rogers settled in the southeast part in 1805, where Thomas Kelsey lived later on. Isaac and John Beach settled on Lot 62 (Enfield Center area) in 1804, where David Purdy settled in 1827. James Bailey and James Rumsey came to the southern part of town from Bailey Town, now Romulus, in 1806.

Benjamin Ferris came to Enfield in the fall of 1805 with his two sons, James and John, to start farming. They left Enfield in the winter of 1805 and came back in the spring of 1806 with the entire



8. Obadiah Baker and Rachel Laycock (Son and daughter in law of Judah & Lydia Baker)

family and settled in Enfield permanently. In 1812 Benjamin built the first sawmill in Enfield on Five Mile Creek.

Gilbert Longstreet settled in the west part of Enfield in 1806. His daughter Anna married Lewis H. VanKirk of Enfield.

John Cooper, Reuben D. Lyon, Amos Ogden, and Gilbert J. Ogden settled on the southern border in 1809.

Isaac Chase, Ashell Lovell, and James Newman settled in 1809 at Enfield Center. David Thatcher settled at Kennedy's Corners before 1812. John Townsend settled at Bostwick Corners near the Methodist Church sometime in 1812. F.J. Porter came from New Hartford, Oneida County and John Sheffield settled on the east side of Enfield in 1814.

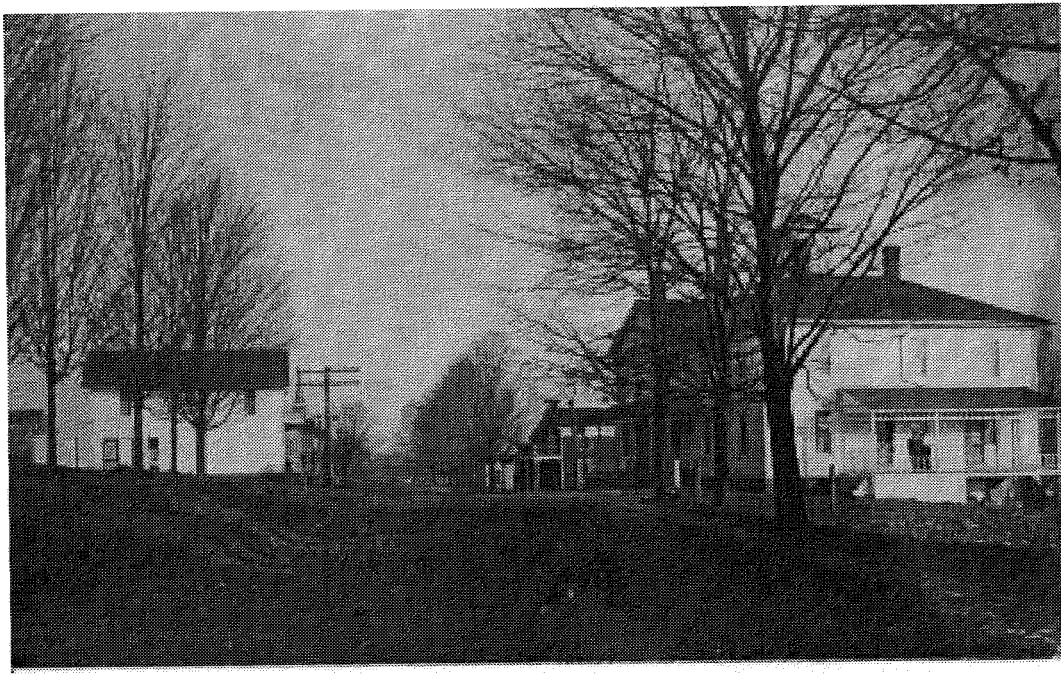
Samuel Harvey came from Monmouth County, New Jersey to Scipio, New York in 1806. He moved to Enfield in 1808. He kept a Tavern in Enfield for many years and also was the Justice of the Peace for the Town for several years. He bought 240 acres in Enfield and gave them to his sons. Silas, who married Abigail Lovell and settled on this father's farm in 1813, and Joseph who married Hannah Lovell and settled on a permanent place in Enfield in 1817. Walter Payne, John Summerton, and Jesse Harriman settled at Enfield in 1819. Walter was the first supervisor of Enfield in 1821.

Enfield Center

Judah Baker has always been referred to as the first permanent settler of Enfield along with his wife, Lydia Chase, and seven children in 1804. Judah came from Cossackie, Dutchess County. He first settled in Ithaca along Fall Creek. Judah left his family in Ithaca and went on alone. He found a place (halfway between present Enfield Center and Millers Corners) that he liked so he built a small hut and went back for his family. They arrived at the hut in June of 1804. At one time Judah owned the land that Enfield Center now occupies. Lydia died at the age of 93 years on July 10, 1863 and Judah died at the age of 88 years on May 7, 1851. Their burial stones are located in the Christian Cemetery in Enfield.

While building a barn a log fell on a man by the name of "Cooper" and he was instantly killed, this was the first known death in Enfield. Cooper was buried on the Baker farm along with 12 to 15 other people

look in answer to Cooper



8a. Enfield Center

who were buried there later on. The Log Barn was torn down in 1878. The principal village is Enfield Center located at the approximate center of Enfield, on Enfield Main Road. Rumor says that at one time Enfield Center was called “Dog’s Nest”.

The Wortman Family In Enfield By Richard Almy Wortman

The first Wortmans in the Enfield area were pioneering women, the wives of settlers from Somerset County, New Jersey. The very first was probably Anna Wortman Updike, the wife of Abraham Updike, Jr., who came to Ulysses in 1801 and started what was known as the Updike settlement south of Trumansburg, along with his father Abraham, father’s twin brother Jacob (1802) and an older brother Burgoon.

In July 1801 newlyweds Azariah Letts, 21 years old, and Margaret Wortman Letts, aged 18 arrived. They were married February 5, 1801 in Hightstown, N.J., Margaret was Anna Updike’s sister. Azariah was one of the eight men who established the Presbyterian faith in the Updike settlement in 1803. The Letts farm, later known as the Vanderbilt farm, is now the Fiddle Head Farm on the South Side of Perry City Road, owned by the Hairstons. Their house is built around Letts’ original house, with floor planks of various sizes, and thick beams for walls.

Azariah Letts wrote in 1850, at age 70, an interesting account of his trek to Ulysses, from which we excerpt the following:

“...I came to this new American forest in 1801, from New Jersey. My first point from home was Great Bend on the Susquehanna River, on the fourth of July, 1801. Was 21 days in coming. Had four wagons. Stayed out in the woods. Drove 4 cows, had two horses and four ox teams. From Beechwoods I came to Chenango Point, now Binghamton. There was only a house or two there. Then to Owego, then a small village. Thence to the head of Cayuga Lake, now Ithaca. There were only three or four houses then.

Settling on the farm I now occupy in the Updike Settlement, the forest was then unbroken. Bears, deer, panthers in abundance. I got lost in the woods between my house and Trumansburg. My farm of 125 acres I paid for as follows: for 50 acres 24 shillings, or \$3 an acre. For 50 acres more cleared and a long house on it six dollars per acre, for 25 acres more I paid \$12 per acre. I am now 70 years old, Mrs. Letts 67.



9. and 10. Mr. And Mrs. John Wortman

My great-grandfather Theodore Vescelius Wortman (henceforth T.V.W.) was born in Enfield in 1818, and we can trace his father John G. Wortman to the Bedminster-Pluckemin-Three Bridges area of Somerset County, New Jersey, because of T.V.W.'s middle name.

George Andrew Vescelius was a well-known doctor (due to a birthmark called "the red-cheeked doctor") who arrived at Three Bridges in 1740s. One of T.V.'s brothers Jacob Rowe W. also locates him there, for Dr. Vescelius' daughter Ida married a Christopher Rowe, and their son Jacob died in infancy. Another Jacob Rowe was a citizen of Ovid in 1801. T.V.'s mother was Ida Vescelius, who is a daughter or granddaughter of one of the first Ida's brothers, probably Theodorus, and was born in 1793.

John G. Wortman Sr. was himself born in 1794, one of 12 children of William Wortman, of German descent, and his wife Polly Gordon, whose people were Scotch. Polly had escaped with her first nine children from the Wyoming, Pennsylvania Indian massacre in 1778, carrying her two youngest "till she could carry them no longer, then put one down by a brush pile and went on with the other till she found a place of safety, then put that one down and went back for the other. Once she became somewhat bewildered and had to search quite a while before she found her little one. She traveled this way 2 days and 2 nights before reaching a place of safety. They stayed in some part of Pennsylvania or New Jersey until 1801, then came to Ulysses" (letter of J.R. Wortman, 1884). Important here are his sister Margaret, Azariah Letts' wife, and her brother Gabriel who also settled in Ulysses with his wife Lavinia. Their farm on Podunk Road is now owned by Osmo Haila, and he is buried at the top of Osmo's ski jump, across the Road from the house.

The redoubtable Azariah Letts also helps us to clarify that the 'John C. Wortman' buried in the Old Log Meeting House cemetery (Podunk Road and Perry City Road) April 4, 1825 beside his eight year old son Azariah Letts W.¹⁷ is T.V.'s father John G. Wortman, who probably came to Enfield by 1816 at least. He had four sons after the unfortunate Azariah: my great-grandpa Theodore V., Orsemus, Jacob Rowe, and John G.

T.V.W. was six years old the year his father and his brother died. Mother Ida must have been crushed by her losses in 1825, when she was also carrying John G. and was soon to have four boys six and under to take care of alone. In any event, the four boys were taken on by Gabriel and Lavinia, who parented these children until Gabriel's untimely death in 1832, aged only 37. T.W. was then 13. Then Margaret

and Azariah Letts, and James Letts, his brother, took them on and evidently raised them to maturity.

Orsemus, the third son, had a farm on the Enfield Center Road about one-half mile east of town on the south side of the Road. Sue and Ed Thompson and family live there now. He probably never married, and in later years made a home with his half-sister Naomi Gray Smith, with whom he is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Enfield Center. (The widow Ida had married again to Nathaniel Gray and a daughter Naomi, who married one Ananias Smith. Ida was widowed again in 1849, and both she and Nathaniel lie in the Presbyterian Cemetery).

The fourth son, Jacob Rowe W., moved to Ithaca, where he was a butcher and rather prominent citizen, being on the Board of Education many years, among other civic posts. He had four sons and two daughters. One of the latter, another Ida, became the grandmother of Ithaca attorney Robert Hines, who has a table and other furniture built by John G. Wortman Jr. in his office. Two other sons, Will T. and Jay Gordon, ran Wortman Brothers, meatpackers, with a factory at 100 N. Cayuga St. in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Another brother, L. Starr, had a meat market at 16 N. Aurora St., Jay G. was elected sheriff of Tompkins County in 1908.

The fifth and youngest brother, John G. Jr., stayed in Enfield and was well known. He was a carpenter and cabinetmaker, a merchant, a farmer (his farm was west on the Perry City Road) and the local undertaker. He was elected Town Supervisor in 1871. After the Presbyterian Church dissolved, he bought the building and moved it up the road to the main corner, where it still stands today. He greatly expanded the building, which included a ballroom-theater on the third floor, and it became Wortman Hall, with his general store, funeral parlor and living quarters on the lower floors. John G. Jr. married Elizabeth Nelson and had two girls and a boy. The boy Judson Nelson died in the early 30's from typhoid, leaving a wife Emma E. and an infant child, Judson T. John died the next year while pitching hay, aged 69. One of the girls, Ella, married Joshua Miller and became the grandmother of Roger and Nelson Brown; we are third cousins. The other girl, another Ida, married David Fisher, who was a farmer and drover in Enfield. They had no children.

Theodore V. Wortman married Lucy Burch and started his family while still in Enfield; my grandpa Charles Albert Wortman was born there March 19, 1850. Theodore was still on the military rolls in Enfield in 1857, along with his brother Orsemus. In the 1860 census we find him in Two Rivers, Manitowac, Wisconsin, where he is a chair maker. Charles had been preceded by sister Alice, and was followed by sister Ida. On May 30, 1864 T.V. was killed by a sharpshooter's bullet. His son Charles underage at barely 14, enlisted as a fife and drum boy and survived a 100-day's enlistment. Charles met my paternal grandmother Jennae Almy Miller, who was from by Lodi, in Chicago.

Jennae when I knew her she was a rather dotty, vague romantic, an earnest WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), yet she never proudly conveyed this history of two Civil War heroes to her son or grandsons. Her sons were Roi and Glen, my father, who had three children: Robert, who died in infancy, and twins Gordon and Richard. Gordon is a retired bond broker living in Marine County, CA and I am a clinical psychologist living in Cleveland Heights, OH and Green Valley, AZ.

Applegate Corners

Applegate Corners is located on the old Susquehanna-Bath Turnpike, Catskill Turnpike, now State Route 79, Mecklenburg Road. It was settled by the Applegate family (John, Mary, son Carlos¹⁸, daughters Eliza and Mariah and 4 other children¹⁹). John Applegate died December 14, 1825 aged 48 years and Mary died July 23, 1843 age 59 years, both are buried in Rolfe Cemetery, Applegate Road.

John Applegate opened a tavern at the "Corners" in 1805.

The first schoolhouse was built nearby in 1809. A post office²⁰ was established there at an early date under the name Enfield.

John Giltner came to Enfield in 1804. His farm was known as the John Horton Farm and located on Lot 45, which is the land on the north side of Mecklenburg Road after passing Applegate Corners. John White and Peter Banfield also settled in this area in 1805.

Samuel Rolfe settled at Applegate Corners in 1807. He was Justice of the Peace for the Town of Enfield in 1863-67.

Brothers, Timothy Shaler Williams²¹ and Manwell Russell Williams came from upper Middletown, Connecticut in 1825 to settle in Enfield. The brothers opened and operated a store on Applegate Corners in part of the Applegate Tavern house. In 1826 Timothy operated a Dry Saw Mill - "Ox Saw Mill" approximately half-a-mile west of Applegate Corners. Timothy and Manwell in 1827 decided to invest in the Canal²² trade. The Brothers moved to Ithaca and operated a line of Canal boats, produce, and commission stores.

Bostwick Corners

Bostwick Corners is located at the intersection of Harvey Hill Road, State Route 327 - Enfield Main and Bostwick Roads. The Presbyterian Church was organized here in 1832. District #11 - Harvey Hill School²³ was also located in this area.

Andrew Bostwick lived at Port Byron, NY and was a sub-contractor on the Erie Canal. He bought his farm at sheriff's sale, and in 1820 his son, Orson, came in and settled upon it. Andrew some years later, came to live on the farm. Orson Bostwick was engaged in the mercantile business with Oliver Williams, it was removed a little west of the corner, and was used for a dwelling-house (1890). Orson had two sons, William L. and Herman who resided in Ithaca. William was Enfield's Town Supervisor in 1861-62.

John Townsend settled on Bostwick Corners in Enfield.

Black Oak Corners

Black Oak Corners is cated loat the intersection of Harvey Hill and Black Oak Roads. This area is rumored to have received its name because of the black oak trees that grew there. At one time a large black oak tree stood in the intersection of the Roads. In 1927 the town cut the tree down.²⁴ This area was also referred to as Beach Corners.

Christian Hill

Christian Hill is located at the intersection of Waterburg and Iradell Roads. District #13 school was located here.

Honeypot

Honeypot is a sparsely populated community along the Enfield Falls Road just west of the Upper Entrance to Robert H. Treman State Park (Enfield Park). The area is also known as Meadowbrook, a name derived from the meadows along Enfield or Five Mile Creek flowing through the place.

Kennedy's Corners

Kennedy's Corners is located at the intersection of Sheffield Road and State Route 79, Mecklenburg Road. The Methodist Episcopal Church²⁵ was organized here in 1844. On the 1866 map²⁶ Kennedy families were located in this area.

Miller's Corners

Located at the intersection of State Route 79, Mecklenburg, Enfield Main, and Halseyville Roads. On the 1866 map²⁷ Miller families were located in this area. Partners Market, grocery store [market closed in 1997], and Valley Korners, a grocery store and gas station are presently located there. Before 1926 on



11. Miller's Corners, heading south, 1933. Photograph courtesy of the DeWitt Historical Society.

this Corner Mrs. Coon operated a small general store. The building was similar in construction to a chicken brooder house with a canopy on top.²⁸ At night Mrs. Coon would close the canopy down. Schabers General store was located on the south-east corner at Millers Corners, with a gas pump. Behind the Schaber Store is a field where many community picnics were held along with a number of baseball games. This store burnt shortly after the new Enfield Elementary School²⁹ was built in 1958. In 1937 Charles Phillips general store, possibly under the name of Texaco and Blue Sunoco Gas and Oil, was located at the northwest corner. Located east of the Corners is Sandy Creek Trailer Park.³⁰

West Enfield

West Enfield was located at State Route 79 - Mecklenburg and Georgia Road. A Post Office³¹ was located here in 1832.