

# Greenville Local History Group Newsletter

June 1996, Issue #80

Share Session

A warm, sticky night awaited a smaller than usual number at the June share session. Maybe, the thunderstorms of the previous days and the oppressive humidity of the day made people think staying home was a good idea.

[Before I get to the highlights of the meeting, this is a ripe time to remind people about subscriptions. On your envelope label, you'll find a four digit number. A 9606 means that June of 1996 is your last newsletter. (9607 is July, 9608 is August, 9609 is September, and so on.) For those of you who want to renew a one year subscription, send a check for five dollars (made out to Don Teator) to Don Teator, RD1, Box 147, Freehold, NY 12431.]

On to the night's business.

First, Don had a few items to share. A thank you went to John Donohue who mailed a picture from John Hook to the Historian's files, showing the Sanford house about 1890. Actually, we're still trying to figure out which house it is, John; we think it's the Turon house just east of Orrin Stevens' house on Route 26.

The flyer of the Greene County Historical Society's Home Tour was passed around. The Warren house picture drew the most comment. Anyone who's never been on a house tour should do it sometime.

A college course project Carol Schreiber prepared on the early theaters in the area was shown. Carol has allowed her project to be Xeroxed and placed in the files.

She had written a paper based on her experience, some newspaper research and the memories of some "old-timers". In addition, she had made some copies of advertisements for most of the places.

Rosemary Lambert brought in two pictures of houses in Freehold, about one-half mile north of the four corners (the Mutke brick house and the one a couple places up). There was some connection with Pine Springs, and this led to talk to a nudist vegetarian, oops, health fitness resort, in the that area decades ago. No, I'm not kidding!

Leona Rundell was cleaning out and donated a manila envelope teeming with dozens of obituaries and death notices. They will be placed in the family files after Harriet has had her chance to view them.

Rosemary also brought in an issue of *Country*, a national magazine whose feature in a recent month was the Catskills. Even though Greenville was not shown, most of us know the scenery of the mountaintop.

Don passed around three rolls of pictures duplicated from older Baumann Brookside pictures, one of which is intended for the 1997 calendar.

Harriet's turn was next. Having written nearly ten pages from notes taken when she, Cas, and Uncle Burdette rode the streets of the Greenville area, Harriet allowed Don to type her manuscript. The next step was to select a few pictures to be included, and the result is included separately in this mailing (unless you were at the meeting and have already received a copy). A pat on the back goes to Harriet for again producing a docu-

ment that can be used by everybody.

Don showed two of the pictures for the 1997 calendar for which he needed some help with the captions. Story led to story led to story until enough information was obtained about the corner restaurant building and the drugstore on Main Street. Of course, if you have some information I should consider, give Don a call.

Harriet contributed a clipping from a recent newspaper which reviewed the Volckmann murder case in Greenville back in 1935. If OJ, or some of you will maintain the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, was the case of the century in the US, the murder of the Glenn girl seems to be the crime of the century in Greenville. Perhaps, it can be written up sometime for the newsletter.

Dot Blenis brought in two pieces of fun stuff. One was a souvenir-business spatula from Carolyn Olsen when she had the Sew 'N Sew shop on Main Street. The other was a brochure advertising a conference at the Conservative Baptist Bible Camp (Raffo Villa, Carlson's Auction, etc.) with an aerial view of the grounds in the early 1960's.

Nearing the end of the evening, Don showed two books he had recently purchased. One of them was about the construction of the Ashokan Dam and, although not of this area, paints an interesting and heartbreaking story of the people involved. The second book, *I Walked the Road Again: Great Stories from the Catskill Mountains* (Purple Mountain Press, Fleischmanns, 1994), is a collection of folklore type material. One story is about the murdered peddler from Murder Bridge Hill (the junction of 81

and West Road); Don read the Dunbar murder case, which has been retold several times at our meetings, usually by Gerald Boomhower. It was a good thing we didn't turn the lights down low, considering the creepiness of the story (a young man kills two young boys, goes out with the search party, is caught and executed in due time).

Enjoy the Fourth,



#### Other notes:

-1 I will try to get a key to the new conference room for the coming month. If successful, we'll meet in the new room. Otherwise, we'll meet in the usual space.

-2 The next meeting will be July 8. I've "pressured" a good friend of mine, Jonas Havens of O'Hara Road, who quite willingly has agreed to give a slide presentation of a variety of topics he enjoys doing. Although some may be from this area, Jonas and family have traveled to a variety of places, usually in the guise of taking a scuba diving vacation, and has spectacular slides of a few foreign countries (Egypt, Costa Rica, a few Caribbean islands, etc.) and a plethora of underwater life. In addition, he has photographed plant life and animal life around here and especially the Huyck Preserve in Rensselaerville. A couple years ago, Cris Ketcham did a slide show of "things" she has done; this will be of a similar nature. I think you will see some sights that that only pictures describe; other scenes will remind us of the world around us. Feel free to invite a friend or two.

## A Ride With Uncle Bud

On a sunny morning in April of 1990, my husband Cas and I picked up my eighty-four year old uncle, Burdette Griffin and we set out to put down in writing what he could remember about where people lived during his boyhood and into early manhood - approximately 1913 to the early 1920's. His memory of people and places amazed us.

With Cas driving, me writing, and Uncle Bud reminiscing, we began at the corner of Rt. 81 and Ingalside Rd. The house on the east side of that corner was called the Marble Pillar House and in earlier years had been a hotel or inn. But during the time frame already mentioned, Burdette's grandparents, Frances and Bloomer Griffin and their daughter Caroline lived there. Bloomer was a carpenter.

Heading up Ingalside Rd. on the right was the school house (now Leona Rundell's). In earlier days, there was a little red schoolhouse directly behind the present building. Burdette said when his father, Burdette Sr., went to school in that first building, Frank Wickes was the teacher. When Burdette went to school in the present building Rosemary Gifford (later she married Del Haskins) was the teacher.

In the field across the road from the school (now Tyrrell's) was the place where the boys played baseball.

The next place on the left side of the road was the home of George Francis, one of the several colored families living in Greenville at that time.

Moving to the right again, there was Maggie Cathcart's farm (about 40 acres). The house is now owned by Rev. Charles Rice. Aunt Maggie, as she was known, was the only sister of James Evans. James and his wife, Elizabeth (Purinton) Evans were Burdette's maternal grandparents. They had a house across from Aunt Maggie but that house burned on February 19, 1913 and James and Elizabeth went to live on South Street. Further explanation will be found later.

Keeping to the right side of the road, the next house (now Russ Carson) was where the Treasure family lived. Mrs. Treasure kept a garden and Tommy the Jap was her gardener.

Next was Ingalside, run by Warren and Margaret Ingalls. Burdette said he worked there when he was eleven years old -- helping on the farm.

About opposite the now Ingalside pool, was the home of Rod and Mary Talmadge. Rod was a farmer and taxidermist. Upon the death of Mary, that house and the barns were torn down in 1960-1961.

There was a house north of Talmadge but Burdette couldn't remember who it belonged to (now Garth Bryant).

The next place was all the way up where Art Howe lives now. Art is the grandson of Addison Howe who lived in a house on the right side of the road. Ad built the present house on the left side and moved into that. He had a son Eugene who was the father of Art and Grace (Cutler). That house has been lived in by the same family for three generations. Art Howe is the same age as Burdette.

Beside Howe's was Ina Green. She was a maiden lady. Ina's father was Charles Green and he was a carpenter. Burdette recalled an accidental shooting involving a young visiting relative from the city in which Mrs. Charles Green died.

The next place was the Hilzinger place (now Larry Ridings). At that time, the place belonged to Orrin Stevens. His father was called Capt. Jim. Burdette's father, Bert, used to work that farm.

Staying on the left, the next place was Luman Cole (in the 1940's Bogias lived there - do not know the present owner). Luman Cole was the father of Vida Lowe and he also had a son call "Cap Col."

Right at the intersection of Ingalside Rd and Rt. 403 was Watson Lockwood's home. He had three boys, Harry, Mel and Del, and one daughter Georgianna. Georgianna lived there all her life and one tragic night in 1983, the house burned and she died in the fire. The ruins of the house are still there and the barns across the road are mostly on the ground.

The place on the right on Rt. 403 was where Mary Meyers lived (now called John's Farm). Her father was James Henry Myers. There is a small cemetery just

opposite the Luman Cole house that has mostly Meyers names on the stones.

Back down to corner of Rt. 81 and Ingalside Road, heading toward the village.

On the left hand side past the Marble Pillar was the home of Smith and Marilla Griffin (now Burdette's home; Smith was his great-grandfather.) Bloomer was born in that house as was his son, Burdette, Sr. Smith Griffin had a blacksmith shop across the road.

The next house was where James & Cynthia (Cynthia) Smith lived. Jim had a slaughterhouse. On the right hand side of the road (across from the former Farm Store) beside the creek, lived Dan Greenwood. His daughter married Steve Hallenbeck. They were the grandparents of Orson Hallenbeck and Lela Hallenbeck Lennon. This house was last occupied by Ken Lowe's family and the house was torn down in the late 1980's when the road was changed.



**Burdette Griffin**

On the left past Scripture Bridge, on the hill, lived George Ashley Bryant (son of Albert Bryant and Ada Griffin. Ada was a sister of Smith Griffin).

In the little house right next an old man lived alone. He was called Am Hall.

On the Wakely place lived William Tallman. Dave Tallman was his father.

In the next house, known as the Mary Vanderbilt Stevens house lived Henry (Hank) Knickerbocker.

The house which sets in by the pond along what is the High School driveway was built when Burdette was young by a man named Fred Meyers.

The house next to the road (now Skip Truesdell) used to be a barn. Will Gedney built it into a house. Will was Bill Gedney's father (had daughters, Ruth Delaverne and Loretta Bauer).

Beside the Gedney house was the Victorian house which Henry T. Botsford had built for his family. Willis Crow was the carpenter.

Across from Henry Botsford's (the house now owned by Evans Griffins who purchased it from the Mary Talmadge Estate) was once Dr. Botsford's.

The house across from Neil Avery was the home of Dr. Charles McCabe, now the Lee Cunningham house. He was a son of Dr. Bradley McCabe.

On the left across from McCabes (now Barbara Maxwell) was the home of Neil Avery, the druggist. In later years, the gas station was built by Norton Cameron (on the site where the Post Office now stands). Burdette remembers that his brother Max drew the fill needed to build the station from the stone walls on the Balsam Shade Farm. At the time, Nort and his wife Frances lived in the Avery house next door.

The funeral parlor was run by Amberson J. Cunningham and was also a furniture and feed store. A.J. Cunningham moved into his brand new house in 1902.

The big house past Cunninghams was built by Will Crow and was the home of Kim Roe. His son Charles and wife Elsie lived in one half of the house. This house was torn down and the Coxsackie National Bank was built there in the 1970's.

On the corner where the Pioneer Insurance building stands, there was a hotel run by Lorenzo Coonley. There was a big barn across the creek. Charlie Fancher took care of the horse there.

Next was John and Edgar Hartts store. Stevens Insurance office was in one side and over the

office was an apartment where Uncle John Griffin and his wife Lydia (Palmer) lived. (John was a brother of Burdette, Sr.)

Just past the store was a building with a switchboard for telephone. Ren Gardiner (Harrison's brother) was the switchboard operator. He and his wife lived there. The small house just before the Greenville Arms (now Laura Stevens) was the home of Gerard and Lizzie Vanderbilt Hegeman.

Greenville Arms belonged to William Vanderbilt. He had it built about 1914.

The house where Bob Randall lives was the home of Henry Barker. In earlier years when his daughter Laura was small, they lived on North Street in the stone house on the now Vanderbilt Farm (originally Sherrill place).

The home of Phil Ellis was the place where John Sanford lived then. These last two house were

said to be identical and built by the same man (a Story or an Earl.)

Staying on the right side, next came the Methodist Church built in 1873 after the one across the street burned. Beyond that was the home of Spees (Mildred Reinhardt now).

Just south of the Spees home was the home of Frank Wickes (now Virano).

Daniel Fish lived in the big house which sits below the hill leading into Greenville. Then it was called Fish's Hill (now Carelas' Hill)

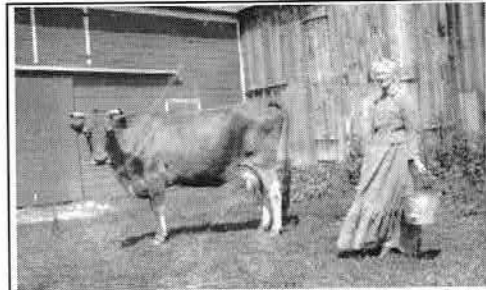
Coming back toward town, on the other side of South Street we came to the corner of Hill Street. In the first house on that corner lived the Stevens' sisters, Hattie and Zillah (Van Hecht House).

Still on South Street but on the opposite corner of Hill Street was the home of James and Elizabeth Evans. These were the maternal grandparents of Burdette who were burned out of their home on Ingalside Road when Burdette was 7 years old. In one half of the house lived a Mr. and Mrs. Meddaugh. Burdette remembers having to cut the lawn there and that it was a very heavy mower for a small boy.

On the other side of the Evans home was a livery stable. Jim Evans was the stage driver and had horses and a stagecoach. (It was told to me by my grandmother Rhue Griffin that these two corner houses were built by her grandfather David Evans and were also identical houses.)

(We did not complete South Street - to be completed later.)

Turning the corner from South Street on to Main Street and staying on the right hand side. On that corner was McCabes store. McCabe lived in the big



**1906 - Maggie Evans Cathcart  
Ingalside Rd**

house next door (later Wirschish). Burdette remembered that the grandson was Bill McCabe.

Next there was a small building in which Philo Irving had a shop where he fixed watches. he was also a painter and he had a son Howard (Cornucopia building).

The next building was Will Irving's ice cream parlor (Grossmans). There was an ice house in the back and Burdette said, "We used to fill it with ice from the Red Mill Pond."

Then came Neil Avery's drugstore. At that time the Post Office was there.

Just past the drugstore was a grocery store run by John and Edgar Roe. (Edgar Roe had a wooden leg.) Masonic Lodge and Knights of Pythias Lodge had rooms upstairs.

The little brown shingled house of Neil Craft was once a meat market. it was run by Jim Smith. Later it was made into a house and Ted and Ruth (Gedney) DeLaverne lived there. The next house belonged to Jack Cameron. It once belonged to Will Gedney. He built it.

Following Rt. 81 on up: The house (now Ruland's) was where Charles and Fannie (Gedney) Sanford lived. Later Lee Cunningham owned it and Charles Kiley's family lived there.

Where upper Hill Street meets Rt. 81, Andrew and Luella (Covert) Ellsworth lived in the first house (now George Stock). They had a daughter Ruth who married a Powell and lives in Catskill. Andrew Ellsworth had lived in a house on the opposite corner (recently Irene and Ed Tompkins). He sold that house to Ernest Gardner and built the aforementioned house. Ernest was Irene's father. There is a new house on that sit last owned by William Reinecke.

The next house was the home of Augustus and Samantha Armstrong (now Chris McDonald). He was the son of Augustus and Josephine (Griffin) Armstrong. She was the daughter of Smith Griffin.

The next house was Ed Maunton's. He had a grey horse and wagon and it was his job to take care of the road from his house to probably Surprise. He had a daughter Lulu who was a good friend of Burdette's mother, Rhue when they lived on the Stevens Farm across from her home (later home of Gladys Kroll - now Dorothy Atwell). These two were granddaughters of Ed.

The house which sits up on the bank (more recently the Cone Ranger) was owned by Orrin Stevens. But Norm Baker lived there and worked for Burdette Sr. who ran the Stevens Farm. he had two daughters Ethel and Gertie.

Next was the Rundell farm (Judge Henry Werker) where Ward and Idella Rundell lived. They had a son Ed. Originally that property belonged to Uriah Stevens who was the grandfather of Idella. (Note: There is a family cemetery behind the house where Uriah and the mother and father of Idella are buried. My mother - Burdette's sister - remembers that there was a creek in the fields below the house and every year they would have a picnic and corn roast with the Rundells there.)

Orrin Stevens owned the next house and a colored man by the name of George Winnie lived there. He worked for Burdette's father on the Stevens farm. George had five daughters: Carrie, Ada, Effie, Anna and Cora. He also had two sons, Charles and George. That house was torn down when Rt. 81 was changed. A small house was built there for Moses and Carrie Van Zandt to take the place of the original house.

We moved on up to Sanford's Corners and turned around to head back toward the village. The big house on the corner (now an apartment house and flower shop) was the home of Thad Horton. He was married to Alatheia Sanford, widow of Victor Ruland.

Looking on up Hiland Road, the first house on the right was the home of Lanny Roe. He was the father of Eva Hoose. He killed himself with a shotgun.

Back to the corner and turning toward Greenville, the first farm was the home of Frank and Edith Evans. (She was the daughter of Sherman Sanford.) Frank had one daughter, Eva, who was Burdette's cousin because Frank was Rhue Griffin's brother.

The next house was the home of a colored man named Jim Dixon (Gussie Winn's). It was his job to butcher hogs.

Then came the Stevens Farm. It was first owned by Jim Stevens and later his son Orrin. Burdette Griffin, Sr. lived there with his family and worked the farm on shares. It is Burdette's understanding that they lived there a couple of years and moved away briefly before coming back for about ten years. When they first

moved to that farm, there were three little girls and the baby was Burdette. Six more children were born while they lived there. Seven year old Mabel died there in 1911 and six day old Merritt died in 1912. The last child was born in 1917 when they had moved to Red Mill Road.

Where Vernon (Fibber) Magee's house stands now, there was a chicken house.

Hughes and Emma Budd lived in the house later owned by Dr. Bott and now belonging to Norton



**Steven's Farm, Rt. 81  
Family moved here when Burdette  
was one.**

and Mickey Hauge. Hugh was a tinsmith who had a shop on Main Street. His daughter Edith worked at Pioneer Insurance.

The house known as Dr. Bott's was Lorenzo Coonley's. The same Lorenzo who ran Coonley's Hotel at the four corners in Greenville. He had a daughter named Susie.

Next was the big house where Mr. and Mrs. Seaman lived. They had a daughter Grace.

Then, for a time, there was a cider mill owned by Ernest Slater. it was built about 1925 or 1926.

Next was the home of Jaliel Bogardus (Linda and Cliff Jaycox).

Then came the home of Ed Chesbro (Mrs. Jaycox). Ed took care of the cemetery. he had a son Harry.

Mrs. Finch lived in the house on top of the stone wall. (now Tumey). Mrs. Finch had sons Almet and Charlie and two daughters Ada and ?. She was the grandmother of Lizzie Velie and Ada Finch and Willie and Sarah Hickok.

From here we went all the way to the top of the hill where George and Martha Turon live. That farm belonged to John Sanford but Warren Cutler lived there with his family, working the farm on shares. He had four children, Chet, Mildred, Randall and Herbert.

The next little house was where David and Mae Atwater lived (now Ann Stevens).

Below that was the big house of Capt. Jim Stevens. One half of the house was occupied by his son Orrin and wife Arceia (Tompkins). She was a sister of Ernest Tompkins of Medusa. The children of Orrin Stevens were James, Alice Walter and Charles.

Walt Stevens built the house which is now Bill Vaughn's and lived there with his family.

Egbert Abrams and his wife Carrie (Gibbons) lived in the next house. They moved to Oneonta. Bert had a son Gordon. (Note: Gordon graduated from Hartwick College and became librarian at the University of Wisconsin.)

The now Bill Quackenbush house was the home of Matt and Lena Chesbro. They had Madelaine, Irene, Alice, Margaret, Matt and Lena.

Lewis Broulliard, the barber, lived in the house now owned by Richard Clark. Then there was a small building which was the print shop of Peter Winne. The Local was printed there.

Where the gas station stands now there was a very large barn. Burdette remembers helping to tear that barn down after Ted Delaverne and Bill Gedney built the garage (Gordon Simpsons).

In the spot where Dale Doerner's office stands now, there was Hugh Budd's tin shop. Then a little house where George Grogan and his wife lived.

George Smith, the dentist, lived in the house where Gordon and Evie Simpson live and he had an office in his house. (Note: His wife Emeline was a daughter of builder David Griffin.)

Charlie Sanford and Fannie had an ice cram parlor where the new hardware store was built. On one side Ray Bennett had a pool room. There was a Charlie Bennett, brother of Ray. he lived in the

Carriage House at Vanderbilts. At that time, there was a tiny building between Sanford's store and Stevens Store. It was the barber shop of Lewis Broulliard.

Next was Matt Stevens' general store. They sold everything from bolts of cloth to hardware.

There was a small store where Wilbur Baumann's Electric & Plumbing Store stands now. It was the candy store of Lyman Wood. He had a daughter Edith.

On the corner was a big house with a picket fence all around it. At that time, the Thomas sisters lived there. They

had a millinery shop at their home. Pearl Roe was their niece. Burdette remembers, "When I was a small boy, I helped move Ford and Pearl Roe from Schenectady back to Greenville. I can remember that I went to Henry Barker's house and stayed all night. The next morning early, Henry Barker and I took a truck to Schenectady to get their belongings." Pearl was also the sister of Henry Barker's second wife Etta. Both were the daughters of Enoch Walters of Cairo.

Turning the corner, we headed up North Street. On the site where Flach's barbershop now stands was Wessel's Garage, run by Lynn Wessel. Cliff Thorne (husband of Bea Griffin) worked there.

Then came the house of Fan (Sanford) Day (now the home and jewelry shop of Felix Perkowski). The bungalow where Mitchell Sanford (Fan's brother) and wife lived was right behind Fan Sanfords on the road to the cemetery.

After the cemetery (in the vacant place beside the Episcopal Church) was the home of Sylvester Story. he had a daughter Charlotte who taught school.

Next was the Episcopal Church. The stone to build that church was drawn from John Sanford's farm



**1895 Evans Family: back-George, Lewis, Rhue, Arthur & Flora; front-Elizabeth & James, Elizabeth, Maggie. House on Ingalside Rd. burned in 1913.**

on the top of Main Street Hill (George Turon's farm). Burdette remembers Rev. Sillman being a pastor.

The house where Dave Rundell lives was, at that time, across the street on the present Elementary School site. It belonged to Ford Rundell and Stanley Ingalls lived on one side and Ransom Ingalls on the other. When the school was built, that house was moved across the street to its present location.

At the time indicated in this account, the next house was the home of Edgar Hartt (later Thurm Vaughn's and now Wilbur Baumann's apartment house). Edgar's daughter was Clara.

Dr. Wasson and family lived in the house now occupied by Ella and Waldo Powell. He had a daughter Alice who married John Sanford. Ruth Hook, wife of Homer Hook, was Dr. Wasson's granddaughter.

Next was the Presbyterian Manse, occupied by the pastor, Rev. Van Dyke and family. Burdette's sister, Estella, was married there on September 25, 1921.

Beside the Manse was the Conklin's home. They were the parents of Madelaine (Conklin) Rundell, wife of Ford Rundell. The Conklins had a colored servant who lived there with them until she died. (Now the Episcopal ministers home, for many years Rev. Richard Clark). Conklins sold it to Bill the Barber.

The house now owned by Mary Abrams and daughter Shirley was the home of Peter Winne who was the Local Editor. He had a print shop on Main Street.

Next was the house now know as the Talmadge - Atwater house. It is presently the home of Ron and Edie Baumann. At that time, Maruice Atwater and sister Louise lived there. Then there were no more buildings until you reached of what is now Irving Road. On the South corner was the place of David Irving. (In later years, the home of Charles and Dorothy Rebman). David Irving ran a Blacksmith shop where Jim and Jane Byrnes live. David had five children: Bill and Anne by his first marriage and George and Harriet and Muriel by his second.

On the opposite corner of Irving Road lived the Chattertons who were related to the Spees. They were the parents of Robert Chatterton whose widow Barbara presently lives there.

Next was the home of Cornelius Atwater who had sons Dave, Ken and Robert and Elnathan (now the home of Mulligan).

After Atwater was the farm of Addison Hickok. He had a daughter Mary who married Rod Talmadge and lived on Ingalside Road. (Ray and Hattie Wickes lived there in the 1950's, then Hattie until she died. More recently it was a natural food place.)

Then there were no houses until you get to the farm last lived in by Marie and Edwin Brown (Willig and Brown Golf Carts). In the time frame we are talking about, Grace Gardner lived there and raised a niece and nephew - Marie and Chris Vogel. They were the children of her sister Kitty (Shaw) Vogel). Burdette remembers that Kitty was a good friend of his mother. "Aunt Grace", as she was known took the children when her sister died. Upon the death of Marie (Vogel)

Brown, the house became the property of Chris Vogel's children. They are the present owners although the property has been for sale for some time.

Then it was all the way up to the place owned by the Kanes. (There were only the barns of Balsam Shade and Shepards on that side of the road). This home was then the home of David Dyer. Then we turned around and headed back toward Greenville noting the places on the

right hand side of the road.

The house which was made into the first annex for Shepards Farm was the home of Charlie Newman, who was a mailman.

Next of course was Shepard's Farms then run by Frank Shepard who was the father of Augustus (Gus) who later operated the business until his death.

Looking up to the House on the Hill (now known as the SRV Retreat), Burdette recalled that that was where Darius and Irma (Cleveland) Rundell lived. They had children Horace, Ruth and Martha (Turon).

Then came the place which is now Balsam Shade operated by Jyl and Len DeGiovine (Jyl is Burdette's granddaughter). At that time, it was owned by Henry Lorenz, whose wife was Louella Bryant. They had daughters Mabel (Jackson) and Helen (Knowles). Henry's father was Adam Lorenz who lived over on Johnny Cake Lane (once Ziller's home). In 1935 Burdette and Vangie Griffin bought the Lorenz place and built it up over the years with the place being operated by his oldest son and daughter-in-law Edward and Mary Griffin.

The next farm (now Steve and Barbara Lauria) was then owned by Pierce Stevens. At that time Walt and Martha Pierce were living there. (In the 1930's) the place was bought by Paul Willig, Sr. and remained in the Willig family until about 1982.

He couldn't remember who lived on the next adjoining farm. That farm was bought by Burdette Griffin from William Butler probably in the 1940's. In 1953, he sold two building lots facing the highway to Harriett and Cas Rasmussen and Phyllis and Ed Beechert. Ad Showers built homes on these lots for both couples. Most of the rest of the farm was later sold to Lily and Eugene Morfesi. They had the



**Dr. Wasson's House  
North Str.**

farmhouse razed and built a new brick house as their residence.

The next house was all the way down to the place now know as Bryants Greenwood Apartments. At that time there was a large house know as the Spees house. Lester and Elizabeth Cunningham the parents of Leland, Dorothy and Earl, lived there. Later this was a boarding house run by John and Vida Lowe. Later it was know as Jesse's Elm Shade. The big house was torn down in 1988 or 1989.

Then came the large farm and stone house known as the Vanderbilt Farm. It was originally the Lewis Sherrill Place. William Vanderbilt married a Sherrill Daughter.

Next was the place known as "The Knowlton" (now Hlocky). That was the home of the Henry and Mary Hedges family. There were children Alice, Marietta and Maurice.. (Alice Hedges married Russell Moore and they built and lived all their married lives in the house across the street (now the home of Phyllis and Ronald Magee.)

The house which is now the home of Bill Irving and the Westerner, was at that time, the home of Sam Williamson and his wife Rose Brown. (She was a sister of Grover.)

The next house was the home of Will Irving who had an ice cream shop on Main Street. There were four children: Marion, Ruth, Gerard and Bill. (Marion lives in that house at the present time and Bill lives next door at the Westerner.)

The now Stanger residence was then the home of George Cook who was the Principal of the school. He had a daughter Dorothy.

The next house (now Angie and Eunice Powell) was then also a two family house. Charles Horton Lived on one side and Theodore and Julia Roe lived on the other. They were the parents of Mary (Roe) Abrams who lives nearly across the street. Theodore also had a son, George Roe.

In the house where Moody now lives, there lived then a man called Herc Rivenburgh. His wife worked at the Insurance office (Hercules was the son of Minnie Spalding and Edwin Rivenburgh.) Burdette remembered that Emeline McCabe lived in one of those houses before the school driveway. He thinks it is the house where Mrs. Minutella lives. Miss Rider, the teacher who taught in the Legion Hall building, lived there earlier.

Next was the house previously mentioned as belonging to Ford Rundell and occupied by the two Ingalls families (now the site of Scott M. Ellis Elementary).

Adjoining this land was the property of the Presbyterian Church on which stood the building now known as the Legion Building (used by the Boy Scouts) and the present church.

Then there was the Academy Building (now the home of the Greenville Library and Town Offices, Justice Court, Community Room, etc. On this land is the Veterans' Park with its pond and newly constructed gazebo.

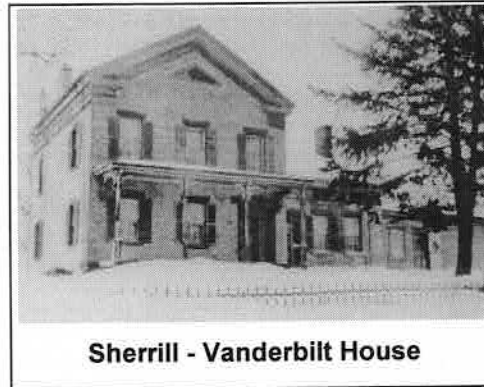
We traveled back down South Street and turned up Hill Street. During the time we are now recording, this was sometimes called Jenkins Avenue. On the right side after the corner house in which the Stevens sisters lived was the home of Eugene Hunt (now the Mahoneys). Eugene was killed in a roller accident on Fish's Hill, coming into Greenville. The

house then became the home of Charles Finch who was the father of Lizzie Velie and Ada Finch.

The next big house was the home of Almon Finch and Rozetta. Charlie and Almon were brothers.

Across the street from the Finches was the family of George Jenkins. This was another one of the colored families living in Greenville at that time. George was the driver for Dr. Charles McCabe. There were children Alice and George Jenkins. George's mother lived in part of the house. Old George's brother Charlie worked for Dr. Conklin in Durham. He took care of the Dr. and his wife and the doctor left him their house.

- written and submitted by Harriet Rasmussen  
- typed by Don Teator



Sherrill - Vanderbilt House