



NORTH GREENBUSH NOTES

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I want to continue my survey of North Greenbush farms from a previous article.

Let's start with Rt. 43 going towards West Sand Lake. Where the Van Rensselaer Square property is located, used to be Ed Gallogly's farmland. Yates, Sherrell and John Hoffman, all had farms on Rt 43. Bob Albert lives in the farmhouse of Sherrell Hoffman. Yates' farmhouse was on the right-hand side of Rt 43 just before Albert's house. John Hoffman's farmhouse was on the left side of Rt. 43 across from Dell's Body Shop.

Joe Schriener's farm was the third house from Lape Road (on hillside). Further along Rt 43 were vegetable farms of Salisbury and John Brack. Glenn Ferguson's farm was just east of the Parker School. Next door was Arthur Traver's farm. He raised chickens, corn and hay.

At the corner of Rt. 43 and Geiser Road was Edward Barnes' farm. Charles Sager had a large farm on Mammoth Spring Road. Andrew Cytrynak, whose daughter Helen married Charles Sager, had a farm on Peck Road.

Lape Road has several modern developments on the north end, but the south end still has some farms including the Wilkes, Bolton and Crain farms.

No Hidley farms on Hidley Road any longer, but Harry Bockleslaugh currently has one in operation. Previously there were farms of John Kruczylnicki, Harrison Allen and John Alden (on Edwards Road).

There were a few more farms in Defreestville which have given way to commercial growth. Carrie Bradwell had a farmhouse and barns located where Aaron's, Agway Drive and the North Greenbush Police Station now exist. She also owned farmland across the street where Stewart's is. Adam Bonacker raised cattle and operated a meat market along Rt. 4 across from Thompson Court; his farmland and barns were where Greenbush Commons now exits.

One other farm to mention is the Joe Bayly farm off Valley View Blvd. Joe was Frank Herbert's nephew and ran the farm formerly owned by his uncle.

Are there many farms left in the town? Depends on what you call a working farm. The real question is whether there will be any left in the future. As they say "stay tuned".

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