

# Newsletter of the Fabius Historical Society

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## FABIUS RESIDENTS CREATE LAND STEWARDS GROUP

Land Stewards of NY is an organization started in Fabius by a group of citizens concerned about the possibility of horizontal hydrofracking in our area. We feel there are not enough protections in place should the gas industry be allowed to proceed with this method of obtaining natural gas.  
(web site: **LandStewardsOfNY.org**)

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING** on **Wed June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 at the Fabius Community Center.**

Our group intends to take the following to Albany:

We, the undersigned residents, taxpayers and landowners of the State of New York hereby demand our New York State, Assembly and Governor to implement immediate legislative action as follows:

- Repeal Article 23-0901 of the Environmental Conservation Law of 2005, the law enacting "Compulsory Integration" and thereby allowing the natural gas industry to hydraulic fracture for natural gas without landowner consent and fair compensation.
- Enact a Landowner's Bill of Rights to protect landowners from predatory leasing practices, misinformation and the right to full compensation for any gas removed.
- Establish a Compensation & Remediation Fund for damages from hydraulic fracturing, funded by the gas industry and maintained by the State of New York.



PARADE FLOAT OF YESTERYEAR



*Pictures of America*

This was my Dad's first new "ordered" car, as all his previous cars from 1931 on were used cars. In February 1964, he specified an Impala sedan with the 195 hp 283 engine, Powerglide, AM radio, power seat, positraction, seat belts and 4-way flasher. No other options. I still remember that day in April 1964 when the dealer called Dad to say his new car was in. We all piled into the 1957 Nomad family car to go pick it up. No, the Nomad was not to be traded in (see "Tomorrow's Barn Fresh", Classic Chevy Magazine, February 2006). Dad had ordered the car with a white top, but it was all red when we first saw it, so we returned home disappointed, as the dealer had to paint the top. The first thing my Dad did to the car was put new tires on it as the skinny tires wandered all over the road; those original Silvertowns are still in our cow barn, dry-rotted.

My sister and I got our drivers licenses with this car; notice I didn't say we learned how to drive in this car, as on the farm we had field cars to practice with. "Old Red" saw us both to our college campuses, serving the whole family well until about 1974, when Dad retired the car to behind his house. I sold the power seat, posi and 4-way flashers ten years ago as the car was rotting into the ground.



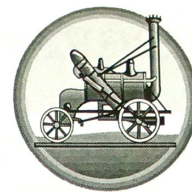
Today, behind the same cow barn where the Nomad is stored, this 1964 Impala sits, valiantly awaiting its final mission as a parts car for my son's 1964 Impala lowrider convertible. My departed Dad would be pleased that his car is still of value to his family, but probably unsure about the lowrider part.

Ron Glasgow #10026294  
Syracuse, NY



A Newsletter from the  
**Fabius Historical Society**

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President's Message

Hello Everyone:

Walking the dogs down my country road allows me time to think about what is happening in my life. One night, it occurred to me that my connection with the Fabius Historical Society is like working on a giant picture puzzle. Working on one project, or researching a family, seems to link to another person, place or thing. Sound confusing? In the end, all the pieces start to fit together and the picture is complete.

Sadly, we have been losing some very important long-time residents of our small Fabius community. With each individual loss, is also a loss of undocumented history of our village and town. As a society, it is our hope that those of us who remain will make an effort to help fill in the pieces of our historical puzzle by being more active in the community, sharing historical photos, stories, perhaps family diaries and genealogies. Please, also keep in mind as you Spring Clean: "Your Toss is Our Loss."

The two Bicentennial projects are almost complete:

\* The 1998 Time Capsule has been concealed in the basement of the Fabius Community Center (FCC), to be opened in 2098.

\* Two information plaques, located on either side of the Bicentennial Quilt, identify the creative quilters & Fabius buildings that are stitched in the quilt. This is on display in the FCC.

The National Abolition Hall of Fame & Museum (housed in the Smithfield Community Center at 5255 Pleasant Valley Rd., Peterboro, NY) honors antislavery abolitionists, their work to end slavery, and the legacy of that struggle. On October 23, 2010, a banner was unveiled to honor Theodore Dwight Weld, an abolitionist and former Fabius (Old Apulia) resident. If you are ever in the area and the museum is open, I hope you will go in and see our Society's name on the banner. (An anonymous donor helped make it happen.) [www.abolitionhof.org](http://www.abolitionhof.org) or 315-684-3262 for info.

Remember "SOCK HOPS"? Join us on Saturday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> for "Dancing to Memories." The music of the 40's thru the 70's will start at 7PM, with yours truly as the DJ. It will be great fun!

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has helped keep the Fabius Historical Society alive and ongoing. It takes many hands to make this organization successful.

*Sandy Beglinger*

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If your name did not appear on the list, perhaps you have overlooked us. You may renew or join our society by mail, at a regular meeting or on Memorial Day at the Fabius Community Center. Paid membership guarantees that you will receive the newsletters.



## FHS PROGRAM LINEUP

All Meetings are held at the Fabius Community Center  
Main Street, Fabius, NY, unless otherwise noted.

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, May 29 & Monday, May 30:** Please don't forget to join us again this year to for the Fabius Memorial Day Celebration in the Community Center. The building will be open **Sunday, Noon – 3PM and Monday, 9AM – 3PM.** We will be honoring those who served our country, as well as those who served our community: our veterans and our medical practitioners. Judy Conway will have her scrapbooks on display for "browsing" and several Fabius Family Genealogies will be available to view. If you have a copy of your family tree, Fabius photos, old scrapbooks, etc. to share, please bring them along.

#### **Monday, May 30 @ 10:30: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**Sunday, June 5 @1PM:** The Town of Fabius Historian Peter Schlicht and the Fabius Historical Society will unveil the two newest additions to our town's historical markers. At 1 p.m. the first marker will be set in place on the Rowley-Jerome Road across from Ron Glasgow's barn. Then the group will head to Highland Forest to set the next marker in place in front of the Jacobe House. After completion, a dish-to-pass luncheon will take place at the Community Shelter behind the Jacobe House. Everyone is welcome to join. Please contact Peter Schlicht at 315 683-5506 for more information. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be provided; bring your own tableware and a dish to pass.

**Monday, June 6 @ 7PM:** "The Unexpected Realities of Life" will be presented by F. William Smullen, III. Currently a professor at Syracuse University, he had a long career in the military which took him to Korea, Panama and twice to Viet Nam. He has had a variety of command and administrative posts including Chief of Staff to Colin Powell, who served as Secretary of State. Mr. Smullen assisted in the writing of Colin Powell's book, "My American Journey."

**Tuesday, June 21 @ 7PM:** "rain or shine" at the Apulia Station Fire House, the LaFayette Community Band will perform a free concert, hosted by the FHS. Bring a chair and sit a spell. This event is open to the general public and refreshments will be available for purchase.

**Monday, July 11 @ 7PM:** **\*\*(We won't meet on July 4th)\*\*** Rosemarie Tucker and April Sheffler will present a program on "Verne Morton, Photographer; Making the Commonplace Compelling." Verne Morton (born in Groton in 1868) lived on the family farm, taught school and practiced free-lance photography, photographing people in their daily work in his rural community. Rosemarie is Groton Town Historian and April is Groton Town Clerk.

**Monday, Aug. 1 @ 7PM:** **\*\*\* HYDROFRACKING\*\*\*** Randy Vaas will return to discuss a problem, or an opportunity, which is being debated in our area. Should we allow hydrofracking so natural gas can be extracted from our ground? Is our water supply endangered? Randy has worked for the DEC in New York State and can provide valuable insight into this issue.

**Saturday, August 27, 7-10 PM:** Come and join us for an "OLD FASHIONED SOCK HOP." Grab some comfortable socks and your favorite poodle skirt for some enjoyable "Dancing to Memories" with well-known DJ, "Sandy B," who will play some great old favorites from the 50's, 60's & 70's. Admission: \$2.00; Food & beverages will be available for sale.

**Monday, Sept 12 @ 7PM:** **\*\*(We won't meet on Labor Day)\*\*** Chuck D'Imperio, a radio broadcaster and author in Oneonta, will return to tell us about his latest book entitled "Upstate New York; History Happened Here." He tells interesting stories of 25 people, places and events in Upstate New York. Come for a lively program.

**Monday, Oct. 3 @7PM:** Author Jerry Antil writes novels about some real life events and people of Central New York. As one of "The Boys of 56/57" of Fabius High School, he and Wes Carr achieved a David and Goliath kind of championship status in basketball tournament play and with the local media. He now lives in Texas, but feels a kinship to the Fabius community, utilizing us as characters in his writings.

**Monday, Nov. 7@ 7PM:** "Matilda Joslyn Gage, Suffragist, and the Long Struggle for Equal Rights." Pamela Poulin, a volunteer in the Matilda Joslyn Gage Home and Historical Museum in Fayetteville, will come in costume to present the story of Matilda Joslyn Gage, an early suffragist from Fayetteville and president of the Women's Suffrage Association.

**Monday, Dec. 5 @ 6PM:** **\*\*(Note the earlier time)\*\*** Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own tableware for an enjoyable dinner and a little entertainment with fellow members and guests of the Fabius Historical Society.

## FABIUS GREETING CARDS

The Fabius Historical Society now has 25 greeting cards for sale, 22 of them historic black and white photographs showing bygone days in Fabius, Apulia and Apulia Station. These document daily farm life, businesses, street scenes and individuals. Many of these images are taken from early 1900s postcards; others are photographs from private collections. The most recent additions, courtesy of Jan Christoffel: (1) Parker Davis and Civil War veterans at Apulia Station in 1913, on their way to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg; and (2) John Murdent with his handsome horses at the Jacobe house, Highland Forest, circa 1920s. The contemporary full color cards feature the Fabius Bicentennial Quilt, Pioneer Museum, and Anna's Country Store.



The cards sell for \$2.00 and are available at most FHS monthly meetings and on Memorial Day at the Fabius Community Center.

For more information:  
Sandy Beglinger (683-5878)  
or Lilita Bergs (683-5191).

*John Murdent & Horses*



# FABIUS AND THE CIVIL WAR

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. In 1861, Fabius residents boasted that their town was second to none in Onondaga County in loyalty to the Union during the War of the Rebellion. The exact number of soldiers is not known, but approximately 200 enlisted from the town of Fabius.

Captain Eugene Marcy Deming, who came from Connecticut, aroused great enthusiasm and had no trouble gathering recruits to organize Company I, 61<sup>st</sup> NYV Infantry at Fabius Village. Made up of the bulk of the Fabius recruits, it was mustered 6 November 1861, and most of the members served to the end of the war. Of the approximate total 200 Fabius veterans enlisted, there were 40 honorably discharged from this unit.

*"Captain Deming is counted among the Fabius men who went to war and was loved by all. The last sight of him by his Fabius comrades was at the Battle of White Oak Creek, where he was wounded in the leg. Someone propped him up against a tree and tried to administer to his needs, but he told them to look out for themselves. He was taken prisoner and sent to a hospital at Richmond, VA. A confederate surgeon wanted to amputate his leg, but he would not allow it until it was too late and the delay was the cause of his death."* Capt. Deming died 20 July 1862, following the amputation of his leg.



Capt. Eugene M. Deming



Capt. Jared T. Abbott

Jared Thomas Abbott, the Captain of Company I, 185<sup>th</sup> NYV Infantry, was born in Homer, NY and enlisted in Sep. 1864 in Fabius, at the age of 40. Upon entering the War, he was given the rank of Private and promoted to Captain the following December. There were 27 Fabius veterans honorably discharged from his unit.

When recruits were being secured for Company B, 22<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry, a public mass meeting was held and Captain Lucien B. Cadwell and First Lieutenant Reuben L. Fox were presented with swords by the Fabius residents. These presentation swords are now very valuable collectibles. There were 12 Fabius veterans honorably discharged from this unit.

By the second year of the War, it became evident that the battle was not going to be quickly resolved and enthusiasm was beginning to wane. In July of 1862, the President called for a draft order for the war efforts. The quota for Onondaga County was 1395 men. Based on the population of each town within the county, the quota for Fabius (with the population of 2305) was 33 men. This draft order was repeated in August of 1863, and the quota for Fabius was 60 from 235 names of qualifying men.

Near the end of the war, when yet another requisition was made on the town for a certain number of men, a public meeting was held at the Fabius Baptist Church. There was great enthusiasm at the meeting, with many attending, and enough money was raised to prevent another draft of Fabius men, about \$4000.



A clipping from the Tully Times dated 4 June 1887 mentions the Memorial Day observance in Fabius: *"Memorial day passed off very pleasantly, being appropriately observed by members of Post Allen, G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic). At 10:00am members of the post and citizens formed into line in front of Stewart's Hall, the G.A.R. headquarters, and headed by the drum corps, and the Apulia coronet band wended their way toward Evergreen Cemetery where upon arrival, the graves of*



*fallen comrades were decorated with flowers, after which the procession wended its way back to the Baptist church, the large auditorium of which the people filled to its utmost capacity. For an hour the large and appreciative audience listened to a very able address by comrade Rev. S. A. Beeman, of Syracuse. After the address all repaired to the church parlors to partake of lunch served by our patriot ladies at the close of which the crowd dispersed, each patriotic citizen feeling that memorial day had been properly observed."*

The mention of Stewart's Hall has been haunting me. It was a building, definitely in Fabius, and somewhere I read that it was located on or near the Fabius Elementary School property on Main Street. Unfortunately, I did not make a notation of the source or photocopy the article, and cannot reconstruct where I read it. If anyone knows about Stewart's Hall and/or its location, please let me know.

## THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The G.A.R. was founded 6 April 1866 as a fraternal organization for veterans to network and maintain connections with each other, and membership was limited to honorably discharged veterans who had served between 12 April 1861 and 9 April 1865. Based on the principles of "*Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty*," its original purpose was for camaraderie, but it evolved into a strong political power. State and federal leaders from President Lincoln down had promised to care for "*those who have borne the burden, his widows and orphans*," but they had little knowledge of how to accomplish the task and there was little political pressure to see that promises were kept. One of the most powerful organizations, the G.A.R. would number almost half a million veterans of the "War of the Rebellion" by 1890.

The organization provided the political clout to establish federal and state Soldiers' Homes for invalids, organized soldiers reunions, was active in relief work and in pension legislation, advocated a "Memorial Day", and promoted voting rights and pension benefits for black veterans (although most black troops never received any pension or remuneration for wounds incurred during their service).

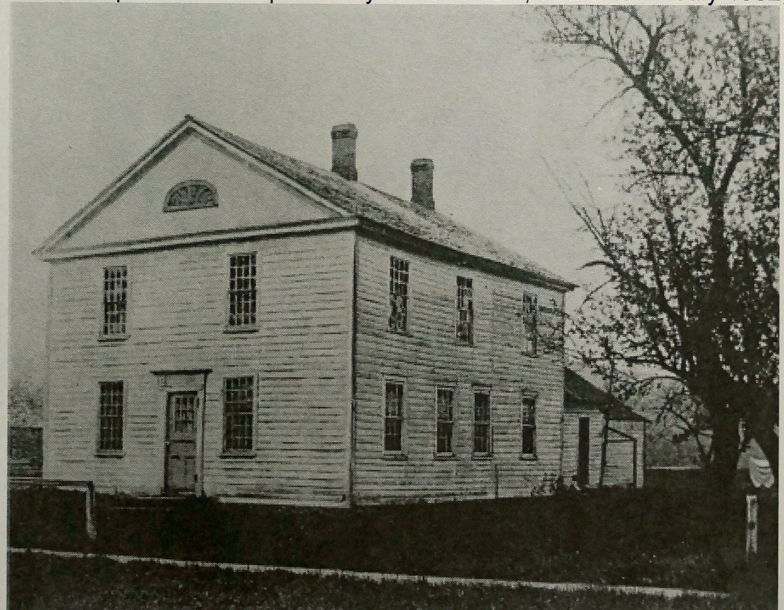
The local branches of the G.A.R. organization were called "Posts" and each was numbered consecutively within each state or region. The Fabius G.A.R. Allen Post #54 was named in memory of Orrin Joseph Allen, born in Fabius on 17 Aug 1837 and the son of Spafford and Almenia Hill Allen. He was listed as a student who signed up with Capt. Deming's Co. I of the 61<sup>st</sup> NYV Infantry, as a Private in 1861. He was killed at Fair Oaks on 1 June 1862, then a Corporal at the age of 25, and is buried in Section K, Lot 32 of the Fabius Evergreen Cemetery.

The organization held an annual "National Encampment" every year from 1866 to 1949 until surviving veteran numbers were too few. The G.A.R. was formally dissolved in 1956, after the death of its last veteran member.

## MEMORIAL DAY IN FABIUS

As Memorial Day is celebrated this year, those who gather at the Civil War Monument might take a moment to read the inscription on the monument. A gift of James Jerome Belden in memory of the Fabius Civil War heroes, the monument was placed on the hallowed ground of his birthplace to be replaced by a monument, dedicated 4 July 1902, to remain as hallowed ground for our veterans. That day of dedication was known as "The Greatest Day Fabius That Fabius Ever Knew." Written by Denise Demong, the Syracuse newspaper left out the entry paragraph which held a personal meaning for Fabius.

*"Thousands crowded the streets and fought for space on walks and lawns. Band music and happy voices filled the hot summer air. In the bustling milliner's shop on Main Street, tiny Bobby Schlicht's mother bought him a frilly red cap and set it on his head, and his brothers and sisters laughed in delight. Up the street, little Gracie Thompson sat with her family beneath the big maple tree, watching the festivities, happily aware of her new blue and white polka-dot dress. The occasion was the dedication of the new Civil War monument given to the village of Fabius by James Jerome Belden; the day—the greatest Fabius ever knew."*



*The Birthplace of James Jerome Belden, which was moved for the Civil War Monument.*



## JACOB FAMILY HOMESTEAD

The Jacobs farmhouse, located in Highland Forest and utilized for many years as a "Community House" for family reunions and parties, has just received one of the two most recent historical markers in our town. Through the combined effort of Courtney Tucker, Al LaFrance, Peter Schlicht, and Sandy Beglinger in researching the property and filing application forms, it will now document the only remaining Fabius homestead in the early Kenyon Hollow settlement area of our town.



*Painting of Jacobs Homestead by Amy Bryan*

## JACOB FAMILY HISTORY

The Fabius Historical Society would like to thank and offer recognition to the generous benefactor of the two historical markers:

The William C. Pomeroy Foundation.

Jacob Jacobs (b. 18 Oct 1817, Germany; d. 24 Oct 1900, Fabius) and Julia Ann Simmons/Seemans (b. 22 Feb 1820, Germany; d. 2 May 1910) were married in Germany on 1 Mar 1846. The couple and two young toddlers sailed in steerage to America, Julia giving birth to a daughter en route, and arrived in New York City in Dec of 1852. They lived there a few years before moving to Syracuse. From Syracuse, they moved to the southern part of the town of Fabius, where they are listed in the 1860 Fabius Census with three children. A total of ten children were born to the couple, five of whom died in childhood.

Jacob enlisted in the 61<sup>st</sup> NYV Infantry on 29 Oct 1861 at the age of 44. Two days later, on 31 Oct 1861, Julia Ann Jacobs purchased three acres of land located in Fabius Military Lot #39 from Jonathan Kenyon. Mr. Kenyon's property already had a house and a barn which was believed to have been built in the 1840's or earlier. A year later, on 12 Nov 1862, Jacob was discharged from service in Warrenton, VA and headed north by train for Fabius. On 30 Aug 1864, he re-enlisted at Cuyler in the 185<sup>th</sup> NYV Infantry. Again, while her husband was off in battle, Julia Ann purchased property. On 15 Nov 1864, she purchased ten acres of land "with appurtenances" (or buildings) adjacent to hers from Warren K. Hall, thus creating the 13-acre lot referenced in her widow's pension application. Jacob served with the 185<sup>th</sup> until his discharge on 29 June 1865 in Philadelphia. The final land purchase was made 1 April 1873, when Amy Preston sold an additional 7 acres to Julia Ann Jacobs from Lot #38.

After the passing of Jacob and Julia Ann Jacobs, the land was inherited by their daughter, Christina Jacobs Smith, in 1910. In early 1930, Christina sold the land to Onondaga County as an addition to Highland Forest.



*Julia Ann Simmons/Seemans Jacobs*



## TIMOTHY JEROME HOMESTEAD

The second historical marker is to be located at the homestead of Timothy Jerome on Jerome Road in Fabius. On 7 January 1793, Timothy Jerome (b. 1757) of Stockbridge, Mass. purchased the 600 acres in Fabius Military Lot #5 from Peter VanGasbeck of Kingston, NY, for 100 pounds. At that time, a pound was roughly equivalent to \$3. Timothy Jerome had served in Capt. Elisha Whittlesey's Co., Lieut. Rossiter's 3d Berkshire regiment from 1777-1780.

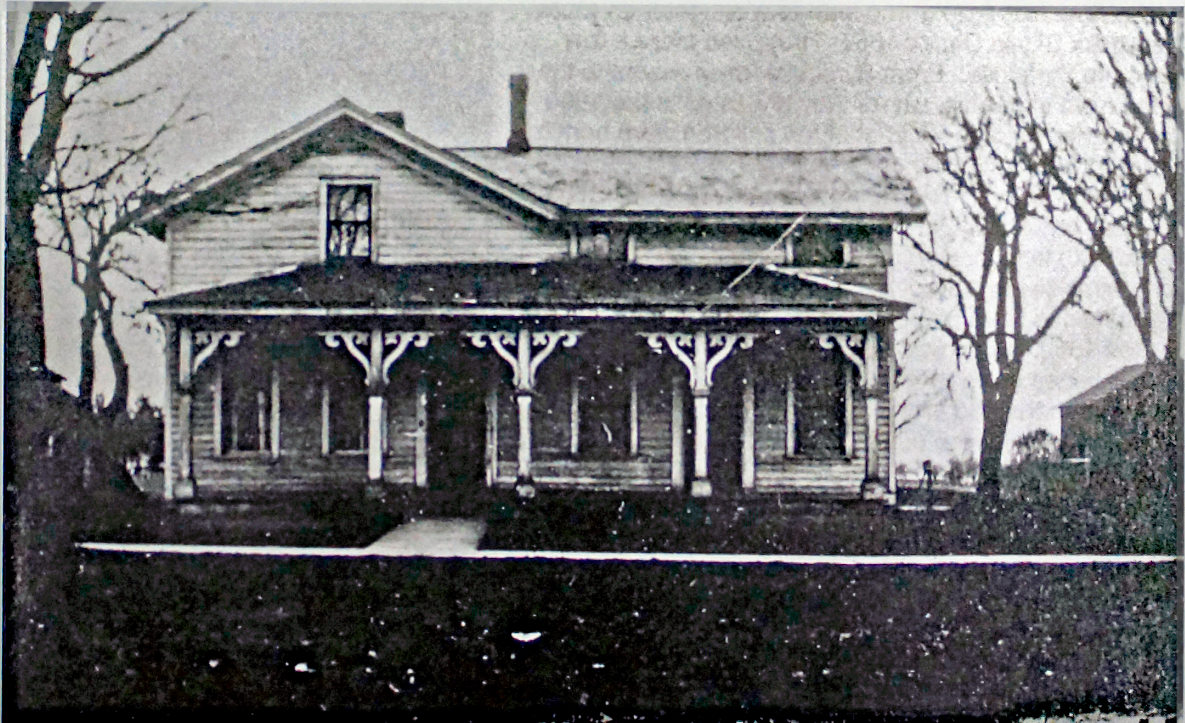


The following year, Timothy Jerome and Josiah Moore (also from Stockbridge, Mass.) became the first settlers in Fabius. They built their log cabins in the dense forest of Fabius. Timothy Jerome had married Mary Isaacs in Stockbridge, brought her to Fabius, where he started his family. At the first Fabius town meeting on April 3, 1798, Timothy Jerome was chosen Supervisor. He died in 9 May 1802 at the age of 46, was buried in the open square in the center of the village of Pompey Hill, and the remains were subsequently removed to the cemetery on the high ground east of the hamlet.

Four of Timothy's brothers (John, Aaron, Levi, and Chauncey) also bought land in Fabius, Pompey, and Manlius. Aaron's grandson, Leonard, was born in Pompey (1817). When he grew up, he moved to Brooklyn and started a family. Then they moved to England where his daughter, Jennie, grew up and married Lord Randolph Churchill. Their son became the famous Sir Winston Churchill. (This material was researched by Ron Glasgow and Sandy Glasgow Beglinger.)

### A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS... BUT WE HAVE NONE...

Can you help identify this home? It is most likely in the village (because of the sidewalk) and there appear to be structures on either side of the home.





# THE SHEA FAMILY

With the passing of Charles Frances Shea on 6 January 2012, the Fabius community is witnessing the last of the Shea family.

"Shea" has been a prominent name in Fabius, as at one time three different unrelated families of Sheas lived here. Edmond, the grandfather of Charles Shea, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland on 1 Nov. 1832 (death certificate) or 1834 (tombstone). He arrived in America and was offered employment placing logs in the roadbed for the Hamilton-Skaneateles Turnpike. He later purchased the Shea farm on Shea Road, which is the present Engst farm on Vincent Corners Road. Edmond married Annie Quinlan and they had twelve children. The photo below was shared by Leo Demong and shows the ten Shea children who survived to maturity.



Steven, farmer      Joseph, farmer/carpenter      John, lawyer      Robert Emmet, school teacher  
 Dennis, farmer      Mary      Michael George, grocer, supervisor, etc.      Thomas, farmer  
 James A., educator      Edward F., lawyer  
 The two girls, Julia (who died at about age 12) and Annie, are not pictured.

Michael George Shea, the 9<sup>th</sup> child, was raised on the Shea farm and attended public school, later teaching a year or two in the area schools, one of which was at Cowles Settlement. He worked on the family farm until leaving to operate a retail store within the village of Fabius. He married Jessie Saunders and they had three children, Florence Agnes b. 1911, Mary Lucille b. 1914, and Charles Frances b. 1916.

Mike was active in local politics, the school systems, Onondaga County government, and a principal proponent in the establishment of Highland Forest. Charlie would tell that his father toured fellow town supervisors through what was to become the Park, and they responded that "if Mike could get them out of this wildness, they would support his Highland Park." A tall, handsome man, Mike was also a philosopher, realtor, auctioneer, notary public, and town supervisor.