423 West Sweden Road — Town of Sweden, NY



Fig.1 Facing southeast

Don Shetler

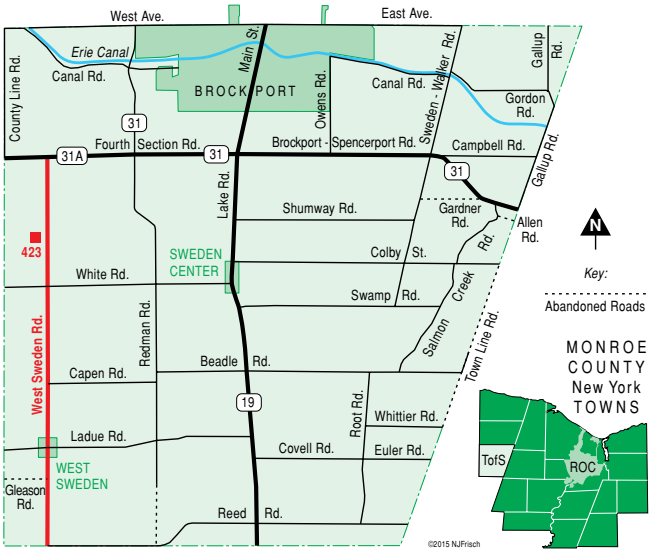
1854 deed records show Oliver Spencer conveyed to Daniel Greene said property. Daniel Greene and his successors occupied the farm until the year 1914 when deeded to Richard Armer. In 1936 Albert R. Armer became the owner, then in 1961 Albert H. Armer to Don Shetler in 1972 until present.

This farm could easily date to the early 1800s. It has a very large 32' x 82' 4-bay hand-hewn threshing barn, along with a smaller hand-hewn barn attached at the corner. The two barns make up an 'L' shape to give shelter from the cold northwest winds, thus a southern exposure for the barnyard. Many area farms would use this footprint.

The large barn has an interesting tale to tell, it was taken apart, made longer, and re-assembled. The drive bays' width was increased by 3 feet. This is evidenced by the empty mortise housings in the purlin plate. All of the posts in the original 3 bents have had new bottoms added, save for the posts on the east end, which is the newer 16' addition. The granary has been removed.

The silos and dairy operation were added after the turn of the century (1900). The east silo, made of steel, is approximately 12' wide and 30' high. The west silo is masonry and 14' wide by 35'-40' high. This farm also has three other buildings in use: A horse/carriage barn, tool shed, and well/milk house.

Christmas trees are the latest agriculture produced here. This is a well kept farm.



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