2689 Colby Street — Sweden, NY

This beautifully maintained farmstead is now owned by **Wayne** and **Margaret Zyra**. The Monroe County Plat map of 1902 sites ownership of this farm to **Ichabod** and **Mary A. Beedle**. The property was then owned by the **Laack family**, **Charles** and later his son **William**. Other owners include **Gerald Loomis**, and **Edward Warnick**. The **Zyra** family purchased the property in 1976, becoming the fifth owners. There are 45 acres remaining intact from the original 70 acres.



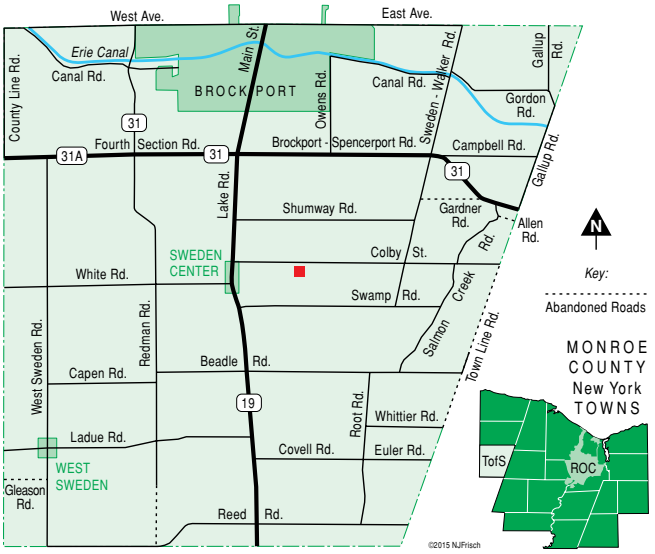
Fig.1 Possible ice house

The house merits much attention. It is a five bay structure built in the Federal style circa early 1800s. There is a hand hewed five sided ridge beam in the attic, tree rafters, and split lath walls.

Directly behind the house, one can see a 18' x 30' building that sits on a 7' high, 2' thick, dolomite stone wall (fig.1). An early use may have been as an ice house with the ice being stored above and a primitive dairy below. There appears to have been at one time a carpenter workshop in the upstairs area. One can see the 10" x 9" hand hewn timbers mixed with sawn softwood of pine or hemlock.

The large barn at the end of driveway (fig.2) was originally built as a threshing barn with a north-south orientation. It is a four bay building that had a gambrel roof. It measures 32'x 60'. The north bay which measures 18' x 32' was used for horses. The three remaining bays are each 14' in length. The building, weakened by a micro burst wind and a heavy snow load, lost its original roof and now appears with gable roof and trusses. There is a shed attached to the south end.

Other buildings on this property include a pig pen and a three bay garage.



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Fig.2 Threshing barn.