Gallup—Town of Sweden, NY

The Gallup family came from England and arrived in Boston in 1633, moving to Stonington, Connecticut about 1675, where they remained for nearly a century. It was here that **Eli Gallup** (1791-1882) was born, the son of **Silas** and **Sarah Gallup**.

In his youth he moved to Albany County in New York State and in 1830 he settled in the northeastern part of the Town of Sweden. He had been a Minute Man in 1812 and was a blacksmith back in Albany, where he had married **Sally Crary** and had five children: **Sarah**, **Eli Jr.**, **Matilda**, **Andrew** and **Mary A.** He came west as a widower and married **Hannah**, daughter of **Joseph Wetzel**, by whom he had two children: **George** and **John**. **Hannah** died in 1835. The two children were both born in a log cabin in an apple orchard near the present cobblestone house.

The cobblestone house is the only one in the Town of Sweden, although there are many others in the towns along the Ridge. It was probably started in 1834, and took two years to collect the stones from Lake Ontario and bring them to the site by horse and wagon.

Andrew J. Gallup, one of **Eli Gallup's** older sons, married **Mary**, daughter of **Isaac Houston**, a lumberman and later the tavern keeper on the Ridge Road, and their children were **Eli**, **William**, **Albert**, **Susan**, **Fannie** and **Sarah**. They reared their family in the Houston Tavern. **Eli** married a sister of **Cora Whipple** of Brockport and their sons were **Eli**, **James** and **Jackson**. (**Eli** married and moved to Michigan; **James** married **Annabell Hermance**, had five children, spent his life in Clarkson; **Jackson** married and lived in Rochester where he was principal of several schools).

William Gallup, second son of **Andrew**, never married. **Albert** was married but lost his wife at an early age. **Susan** married **Isaac Garrison** and their children were **Mary** (wife of **Dr. Sheppard**), **Rachel** (who died young), **Jane** (wife of **Bert Henion**), and **Maurice G.** (who married **Charlotte Hermance**).

Fannie, another of **Andrew's** daughters married **J. Webster** and one of their daughters, **Ruth**, became the wife of **Charles Howard** of Albion, promoter of Christmas Park and head of the nationally known "Santa Claus" school in that community. **Sarah**, the youngest of **Andrew's** daughters, married and remained on the Houston homestead.

George Gallup (1833-1925) son of **Eli** and **Hannah**, married **Dilla Houston**, another daughter of **Isaac Houston**, but she died at the age of thirty-five. In 1877, he married a school-teacher, **Sarah**, daughter of **Charles** and **Lydia Darling**. She survived her husband by four years, living with her step-daughter, **Helen**, in the corner house just south of the Cobblestone residence. The children by **George Gallup's** first marriage were **Irad** (1860-1944) who married **Ella Smith** and lived in Canandaigua, **Charles H.** (1863-1942) who married **Alice Marshall** and lived in the corner house until his father's death and then occupied the Cobblestone house, **John** (1866-1948) who moved to the west, and **Helen** (1868-1948) who married **Lon Eldridge** and after his death married **Wayne Gallup** and lived in Rochester. They had no children, and in her later years, she returned to the corner house.

Charles and **Alice Gallup's** daughter, **Irma**, married **Ness Stroup**, Superintendent of Schools in Newark. Their daughters **Margaret** and **Mary Louise** are both married and live in Wayne County.

Andrew Gallup spent most of his adult life in Clarkson, but his descendents in the **Henion** family reside in Sweden. However, **George Gallup** remained in the old homestead all his life. His descendents have all moved away.

The beautiful Cobblestone House on the Gallup Road in the northeastern part of the town remains as a testimony to this pioneer family.

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