Elon Lee—Town of Sweden, NY

A direct ancestor of the **Willis Lee** family and the **Kishlars** was among our earliest pioneers. **Elon Lee** (1790-1887) was born in Guilford, Connecticut, during the presidency of George Washington. He lived to be almost ninety-seven and was married three times. He brought his first bride, **Lydia Palmer**, with him on a wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen and settled in 1816 on a farm just south of Cooley's Basin on the East Lake Road, which was then only a wilderness.

Accounts of some of his experiences have been kept by the family. It required one hundred fence rails in those days to purchase two pounds of pork. A bushel of wheat, which had a commercial value of fifty cents, was considered ample reward for a day's labor. In one instance where Mr. Lee needed some cotton cloth, he took a cord of wood to a distillery, exchanged it for a gallon of whiskey which he carried to a grocery to procure one yard of the material he desired. He carried the sugar which he produced to market on his back.

His wife died soon after they settled in the town leaving him with two young children and he remarried to **Eunice Howard**, by whom he had eight children, two of whom had distinguished records in the Civil War. In 1834, he moved to Hamlin and in 1855 he moved again to Clarkson. His second wife died in 1854 and he remarried two years later to a lady from his native town in Conn.

Among his children, a son **George H. Lee** was the father of **Mrs. William Kishlar**. **Lee**, **Leverett**, **Gilbert**, **Alta** and **Roy** were their children. **Roy** carries the nickname "**Pete**" and is the only one of this family remaining in the town.

Willis S. Lee was another son of **George H. Lee** (who also had eight children). **Willis** was well known as a Brockport merchant. He married **Caroline A. Blossom**, a sister of **Peter A. Blossom**, and they had three daughters, all of whom still reside with their families in this area: **Gertrude** (**Mrs. Richard Spurr**), Leora (**Mrs. Earl Linscott**), and **Winifred** (**Mrs. Keith Fowler**.

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