#1 "Comstock" School — Town of Sweden



Fig. 1. This private dwelling was once #1 "Comstock" school. It is situated on the southwest corner of Lake Road and Ladue Road (6177 Lake Road). This view to the northwest was taken in 1946.

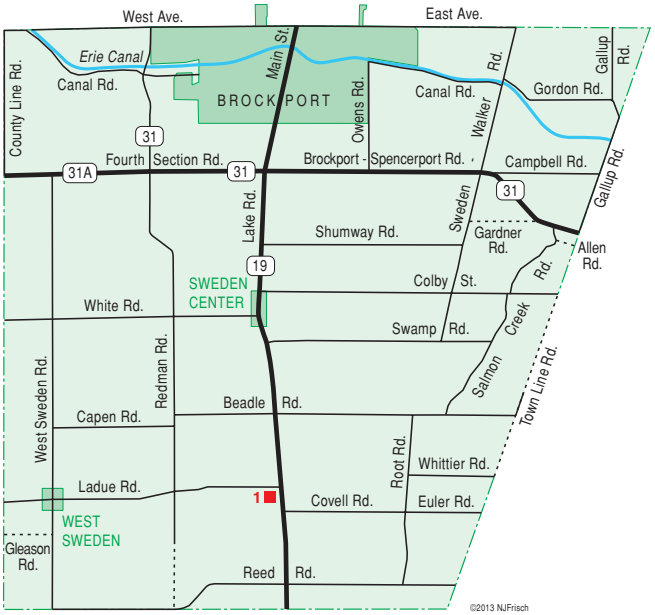


Fig. 2: Location of #1 school in red.

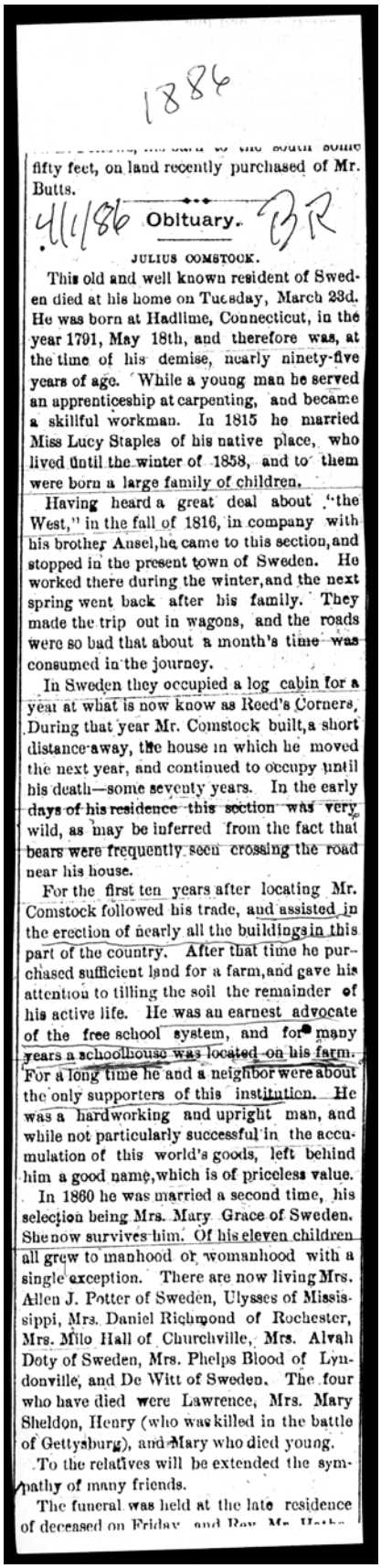
The school was named after Julius Comstock (1791-1886?), an early settler and advocate of education, who provided the land the school was built on (see clipping, page 2).

The school was decommissioned in 19??. It was sold May 22, 1942 to Arthur, Gladys, and Doris Shattuck for $440 and converted to a private home. The Doty's are among those who have lived here.



Fig. 3: Another view.

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1886

fifty feet, on land recently purchased of Mr. Butts.

4/1/86 Obituary. BR

JULIUS COMSTOCK.

This old and well known resident of Sweden died at his home on Tuesday, March 23d. He was born at Hadlime, Connecticut, in the year 1791, May 18th, and therefore was, at the time of his demise, nearly ninety-five years of age. While a young man he served an apprenticeship at carpenting, and became a skillful workman. In 1815 he married Miss Lucy Staples of his native place, who lived until the winter of 1858, and to them were born a large family of children.

Having heard a great deal about "the West," in the fall of 1816, in company with his brother Ansel, he came to this section, and stopped in the present town of Sweden. He worked there during the winter, and the next spring went back after his family. They made the trip out in wagons, and the roads were so bad that about a month's time was consumed in the journey.

In Sweden they occupied a log cabin for a year at what is now know as Reed's Corners. During that year Mr. Comstock built, a short distance away, the house in which he moved the next year, and continued to occupy until his death—some seventy years. In the early days of his residence this section was very wild, as may be inferred from the fact that bears were frequently seen crossing the road near his house.

For the first ten years after locating Mr. Comstock followed his trade, and assisted in the erection of nearly all the buildings in this part of the country. After that time he purchased sufficient land for a farm, and gave his attention to tilling the soil the remainder of his active life. He was an earnest advocate of the free school system, and for many years a schoolhouse was located on his farm. For a long time he and a neighbor were about the only supporters of this institution. He was a hardworking and upright man, and while not particularly successful in the accumulation of this world's goods, left behind him a good name, which is of priceless value.

In 1860 he was married a second time, his selection being Mrs. Mary Grace of Sweden. She now survives him. Of his eleven children all grew to manhood or womanhood with a single exception. There are now living Mrs. Allen J. Potter of Sweden, Ulysses of Mississippi, Mrs. Daniel Richmond of Rochester, Mrs. Milo Hall of Churchville, Mrs. Alvah Doty of Sweden, Mrs. Phelps Blood of Lyndonville, and De Witt of Sweden. The four who have died were Lawrence, Mrs. Mary Sheldon, Henry (who was killed in the battle of Gettysburg), and Mary who died young.

To the relatives will be extended the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral was held at the late residence of deceased on Friday and Rev. Mr. Hath-

Fig. 4: Julius Comstock obituary. Bracketed text indicates his relationship with the school.

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Provenance

Fig. 1: Photo: Courtesy of Darryl Doty [?] via Chris Hunt. Dated 1946 (photographer unknown)
Fig. 2: Map: ©2013 Norman Frisch
Fig. 3: Photo: Courtesy of Darryl Doty [?] via Chris Hunt (date and photographer unknown)
Fig. 4: Clipping: Possibly from the April 1, 1886 issue of the Brockport Republic newspaper Courtesy of Eunice Chesnut, gathered by Sue Savard.

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Fig. 3: Original glossy B&W photo print. Print size: 3 1/8"w x 4 3/16"h. Image size: 2 1/16"w x 3 3/16"h. Obverse: Machine stamped number "273' Details in photo suggest this was taken at a different season than Fig. 1.

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