Robert Staples—Town of Sweden, NY

Squire Robert Staples (1793-1871) came to Sweden in 1816 from Branford, Connecticut, at the age of 23. He became one of the largest land owners in the town. His farm included more than 700 acres along the West Sweden Road from the LaDue Road to the Capen Road. Access to his lands was from the Lake Road over a rough trail from Sweden Center, corduroyed with logs.

He was married to **Eunice**, daughter of **Perry G. Smith**, and fathered three children: **Fidelia** (who died at age of 22), **Robert** (married to **Helen**, daughter of **Zonas Shafer** of Clarkson but who died at age 28 leaving an infant son, **Robert LaMont Staples**) and **Martha Staples Kendall** (who died in 1908 at the age of 82. All of the original family are buried in the West Sweden rural cemetery which was once in the center of their farm tract.

Mrs. Kendall, with the aid of hired help, continued to manage the homestead until her death when it was inherited by her nephew. Upon his death it was sold and is now the home of **Albert Armer** and his family.

The original buildings of **Squire Staples** remain, and are most unique. It is the only house in the town of Sweden where the house, shop and barns are all attached under one roof.

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