

# Webster Crossing, NY History

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## ELISHA WEBSTER:

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Elisha donated land to the Erie Railroad in 1882, became the first Post Master . Websters Crossing in now a hamlet of Springwater in 2015.



# TRIBUTE TO E. T. WEBSTER

Highly Respected Livingston  
County Resident.

DESCENDANT OF PIONEER

Postmaster Serving Two Years and  
Maintaining Honorable Position  
in All His Dealings.

Special Dispatch to The Herald.

Webster Crossing, June 22.—Elisha T. Webster, a highly esteemed resident of this place, died at his home Monday afternoon, June 5, at 5:30 o'clock. The community was shocked to hear of his death as he had been on the street the night previous. His death was due to apoplexy, sleeping himself peacefully away, surrounded by his family and a few friends.

He was born in Webster Crossing, December 12, 1862, and was the only son of Elisha T. Webster (born November 29, 1822), and Anna M. Clamons (born May 20, 1822), who was the son of Elisha T. Webster and Betsy Northrup of Conesus, who was the son of Elisha T. Webster and Edie Drake of Conesus, who was the son of Elisha T. Webster and Dollie Fosdick of Granville, N. Y. These settlers of early pioneer days were of English descent.



ELISHA T. WEBSTER.

Elisha T. Webster, father of the deceased, came to Webster Crossing, which was comparatively a wilderness and built a sawmill, employing sixteen men. The mill was run night and day. At one time he owned a large tract of land, 1,000 acres, in the vicinity of his home. He donated the land for the railroad when the Erie Railroad was built via Rochester to Elmira, consequently this place derived its name from Elisha Webster, sr.

About this time he was appointed the first postmaster, which office he held for a number of years.



ANNA CLAMONS WEBSTER  
Elisha's Mother

"Lish" Webster (by this name he was commonly known), and the subject of this obituary, was a man of large acquaintance, having for the past 42 years been engaged in the general mercantile business at Webster Crossing. In 1880 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Harvey C. Hill, under the firm name of "Hill & Webster. In 1901 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Hill retiring and Mr. Webster taking over the business which he continued until the time of his death.

During the administration of Grover Cleveland Mr. Webster was appointed postmaster, which office he filled, a period of eight years in all. He was unquestionably a man of remarkable good judgment in business and practical affairs, with his tact and shrewdness, he maintained honesty as his policy. His honorable business methods made life long friends of all classes of people, especially of the wholesale business firms of Rochester and elsewhere.

A year ago he suffered the loss of an only sister, Mrs. Luna Webster Hill. Mr. Webster was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Moose of Sparta, N. Y., June 14, 1885. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Gilbert May and Mrs. George E. Leeson; two grandchildren, De Forest May and Robert E. May of Webster Crossing.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2:30 from his late residence, Rev. Dr. A. Kieble of the Presbyterian Church of Livonia Center officiating. The bearers were Adelbert Hill, Henry Case, Cyrus Hill, Elmer Bernhardt, William Johnson, and John Burdick. Mrs. Nellie Moose Sutton and Miss Muriel Tucker gave the following selections of music: "He's Gone," and "The City Four Square." The floral tributes were beautiful and profuse from friends and business firms. There were friends in attendance from Corning, Cohocton, Dansville, Selo, Sparta, Wellsville, Wayland, Groveland, Genesee, Rochester and Rome. Interment in the Appleton Cemetery.

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## Biographical Sketch of Elisha T. Webster

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Elisha T. Webster was born at Granville, Washington Co., N.Y., November 29th, 1818. Came West with his father Elisha Webster, and family in the fall of 1830, and settled in Conesus, where he continued to live until 1845, when he came to Springwater, and purchased a farm at what is now the village of Webster's Crossing on the Erie railroad, and built a sawmill, and in addition to farming, went extensively into the business of sawing lumber and shingles. He was married in 1846, to Anna M. Clemmons who is still living. They have had two children, one daughter and one son. The daughter married Harvey P. Hill, and the son married Clara Moose. They are both engaged in selling goods and general merchandise at the crossing. After the railroad was built in 1852, Webster was very active in business and assisted much in building up the village and making it quite an active business place, and a good market for grain and other products. He got a Post Office established there and he was the first postmaster. Though now sixty-eight years old he is as full of life and push as his age will allow him to be.

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Biographical Sketch of Edwin T. Webster  
Lived in New York, New York

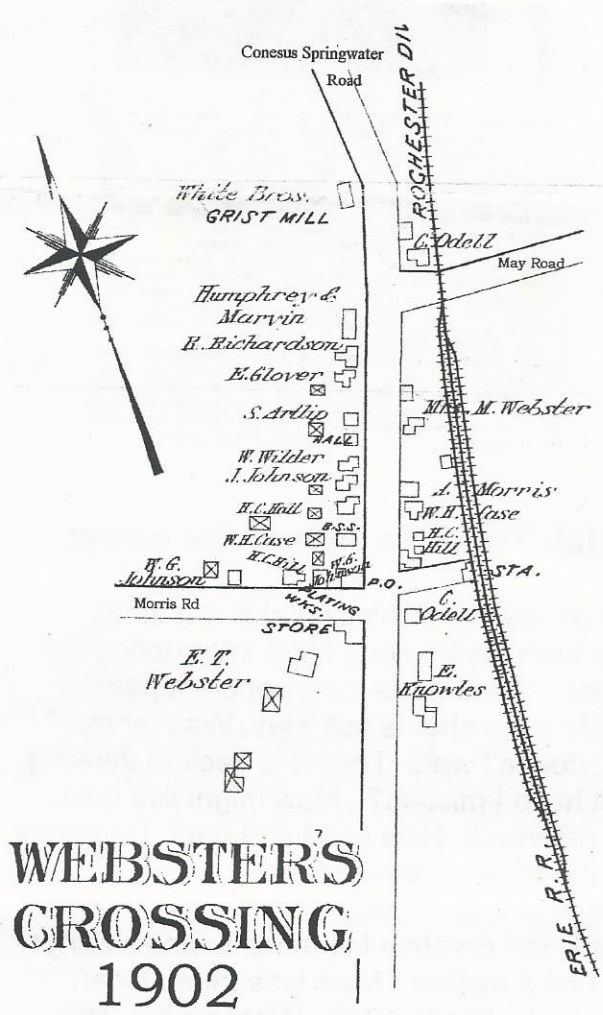
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Edwin T. Webster was born in New York, New York, on October 2nd, 1818. He was with his first wife, Maria Webster, and family in the fall of 1858, and settled in Concord, where he continued to live until 1862, when he came to Grand Forks and purchased a farm at what is now the village of Webster's, resting on the line between Grand Forks and half a mile and in addition to farming went extensively into the business of raising hogs and sheep. He was married in 1868 to Anna M. Peterson who is still living. They have had two children, one daughter and one son. The daughter married Harvey P. Hill and the son married Mrs. Moore. They are both engaged in selling goods and general merchandise in the country. After the Grand Forks was built in 1872, Webster was very active in business and worked much in building up the village and making it what is now an active business place, and a good market for grain and other products. He got a Fair Office established there and he was the first postmaster. Though now sixty-eight years old he is at the height of his powers and he will allow him to be



**WEBSTER'S  
CROSSING  
1902**





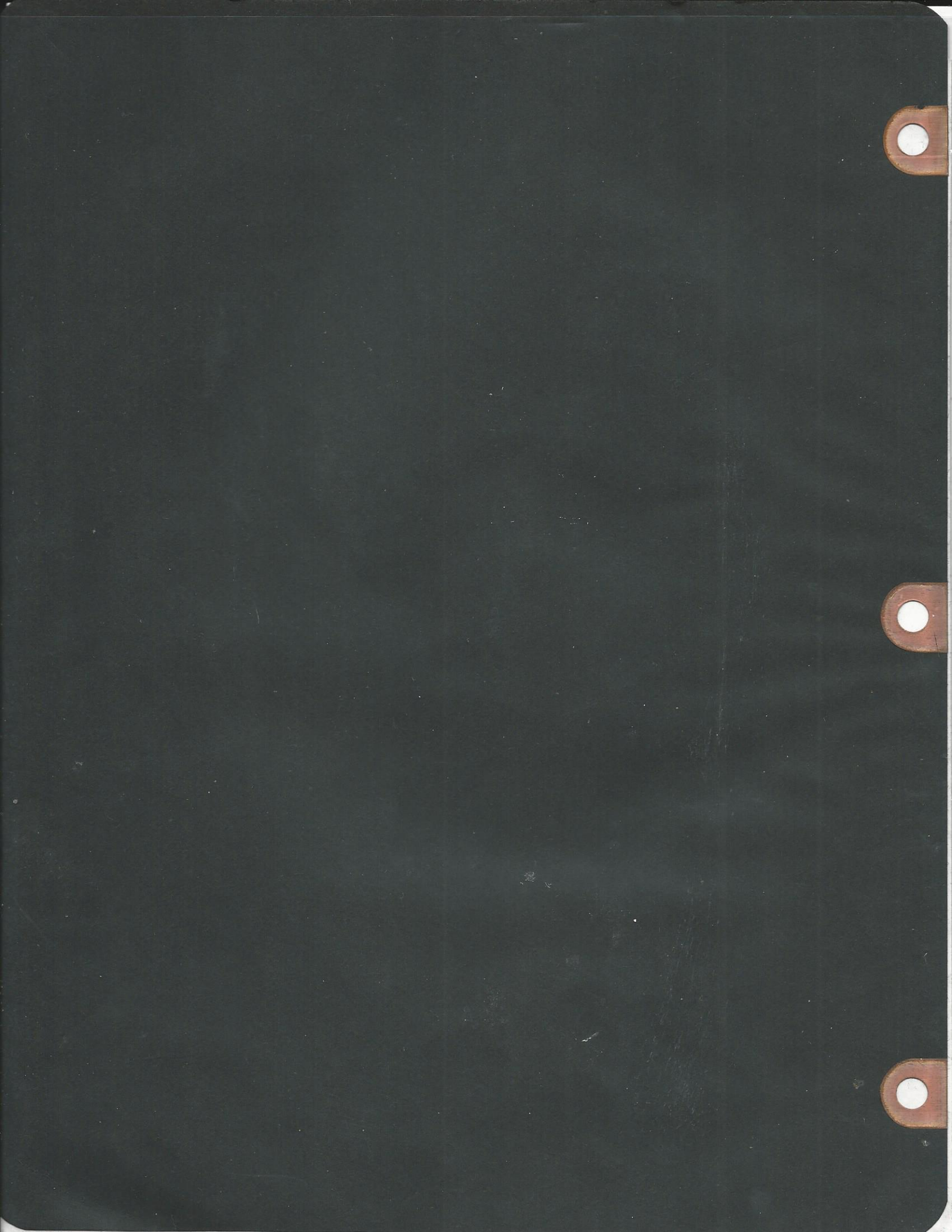
1909



Main St. Looking South  
Webster, N.H.



Main St. Looking North  
Webster, N.H.



## **GENERAL STORE:**

The store is on the corner of Morris Road and Route 15, it was run by Elisha Webster and Harvey Hill (brother-in-law) from 1901 to 1922.

George Lesson ran the store from 1922 to 1960.

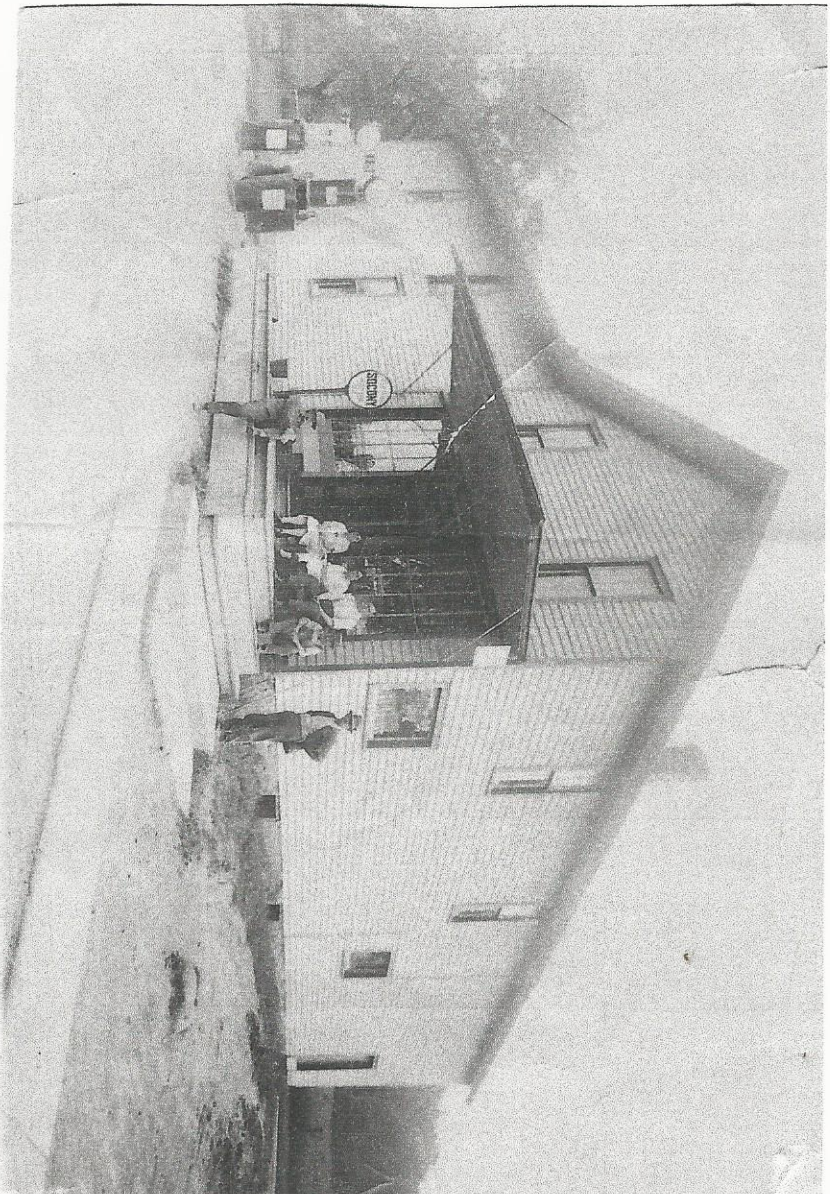
DeForest May and Ruth May took over the store in September 29, 1960 til 1970. DeForest May turned the fields next to his home (which was next to the general store) into a 9 hole golf course. DeForest and Ruth sold the store to Paul Gilson . The store now belongs to Richard and Wendy Mastin ( wendy is the great great granddaughter of Elisha Webster), they have restored the building and now it's use id for heavy equipment in 2015.



Richard & Wendy Mastin 7294 & 7302 Webster  
Crossing Road (the May Country Store remodeled as a  
storage for large equipment, and apartments ?),  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560



Peabody -  
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#### WEBSTER CROSSING STORE

(1980) ELISHA WEBSTER, IV & HARVEY HILL (BROTHER-IN-LAW)  
 WENT INTO BUSINESS TOGETHER - (HILL & WEBSTER)  
 RAN STORE TILL - (1981)

(1901) MR HILL RETIRED & MR. WEBSTER TOOK OVER  
 THE BUSINESS - TIL HIS DEATH JUNE 5 1922 -

ELISHA'S SON-IN-LAW GEORGE LEASON TOOK OVER 1922 -  
 UNTIL ELISHA WEBSTER (GRANDSON) DEFOREST MAY 1960  
 ON SEPT 29TH 1960 BOUGHT THE STORE FROM

MR LEASON,  
 DEFOREST WITH MAY RAN THE STORE UNTIL 1970  
 WHEN THEY SOLD TO PAUL GILSON -

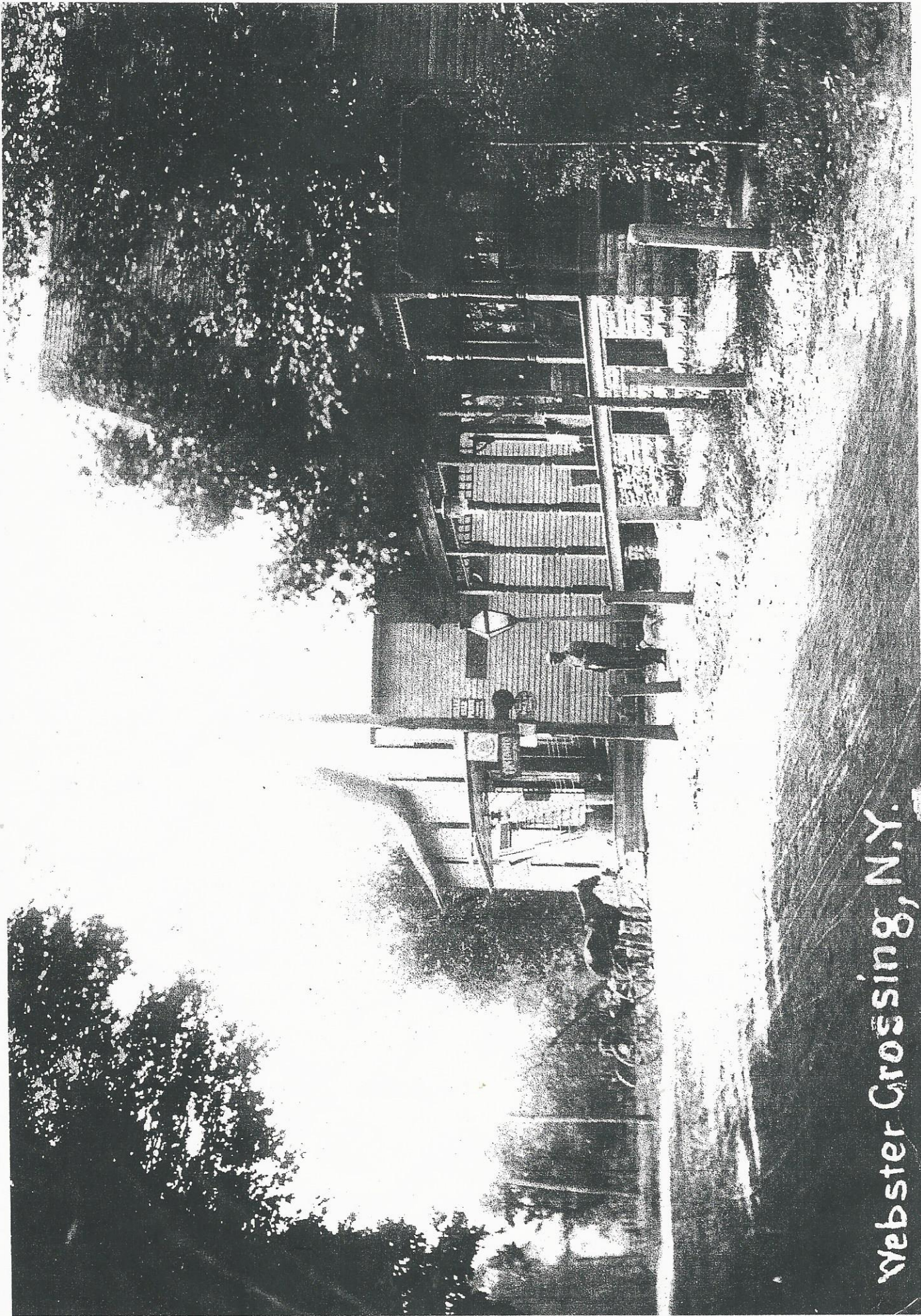
THE STORE NOW BELONGS TO RICHARD  
 & WENDY MASTIN (GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER  
 OF ELISHA WEBSTER THE IV.)



July 1891

L to R  
ELSHA WEBSTER (28)  
ANNA WEBSTER (69)  
LUNA WEBSTER HILL (40)  
JETTIE HILL ARTLIP  
HARVEY HILL  
EUGENE ARTLIP

July 1891  
BIG HOUSE - WEBSTER CROSSING



Webster Crossing, N.Y.





PITTSBURGH, PA.

SEP 29-13

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

*E. J. Webster  
Webster Crossing*



PITTSBURGH, PA.

OCT 6-13

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

*E. J. Webster  
Webster's Crossing  
N.Y.*



BUFFALO  
SEP 11  
8:30 PM  
1913  
N. Y.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

MR. R. T. Webster

Webster Crossing, N.Y.

BUFFALO  
SEP 11  
8:15 PM  
1913  
N. Y.

Buffalo



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
State of New York } SS

We It known, That on the... 25th ..... day of... October ..... in the year of our  
Lord one thousand nine hundred and... seventeen ..... at the request of the

**Merchants and Farmers National Bank, Dansville, N. Y.**

I. G. M. Young ..... a Notary Public, duly commissioned and sworn, dwelling in the village of  
Dansville, County of Livingston, State aforesaid, did present the original ### note .....  
hereto attached, at the

MERCHANTS AND FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF DANSVILLE

..... where the same is payable, and demanded payment which was refused.  
on, I the said Notary, at the request aforesaid, did Protest, and by these presents do publicly  
nly protest, as well against the drawer and endorser of the said ### check .....  
..... as against all others whom it doth or may concern, for exchange, and all costs,  
damages and interest, already incurred for want of payment of the same.

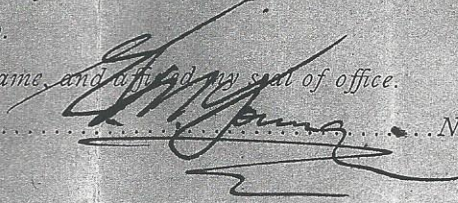
said Notary, do hereby certify, that on the day and year above written, I deposited in the  
of said village of Dansville, Notice for the foregoing PROTEST, partly written and partly  
igned by me, folded in the form of letters, postage paid, and as follows, viz:

- ..... Reuben Swarts ..... Directed to ..... Dansville, N. Y. ....
- ..... Charles Mefford ..... Directed to c/o Federal Res. Bank .....
- Notice for ..... Elisha T. Webster ..... Directed to c/o Federal Res. Bank .....
- Notice for ..... Smith, Perkins & Co. .... Directed to c/o Federal Res. Bank .....
- Notice for ..... Lincoln Nat. Bank, Rochester Directed to c/o Federal Res. Bank .....
- Notice for ..... Federal Reserve Bank ..... Directed to ..... New York, N. Y. ....
- Notice for ..... Directed to .....
- Notice for ..... Directed to .....

Each of the above named places being the reputed place of residence of the person to whom the said notice  
was directed respectively, and nearest post-office thereto.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my seal of office.

..... Notary Public.



No. .... 73 .....

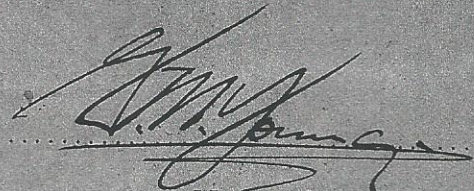
Name. Reuben Swarts .....

Amount ..... 20.00 .....

Interest .....

Protest Fees \$ ..... 1.37 .....

2137

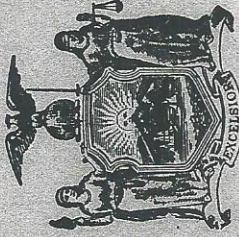


Notary Public

DANSVILLE - - NEW YORK.



STATE OF NEW YORK



# DOG LICENSE

For Year Ending February 28, 1918

License Tag No 75055

Issued to

*Elisha Webster*

(Owner or Harboree)

Residing at

*Springwater*

For License for Dog

Named

*Reg*

Sex

*Male*

Age

*5*

Breed

*Irish*

Color

*Irish Brown*

Markings

*None*

Date

*Aug 18*

*Springwater*  
*Geo J Mann*

Clerk









C. WALTER SMITH, President  
GEORGE H. PERKINS, Vice-President

ESTABLISHED 1826

LUCIUS E. WEAVER, Treas.  
ALFRED M. MOSHIER, Secy

# SMITH, PERKINS & COMPANY,

(INCORPORATED)

## IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE GROCERS.

*Rochester, N. Y.* November 1, 1917.

Mr. Elisha T. Webster,  
Webster's Crossing, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 31st ult. is received, enclosing a check for \$21.37 to take up the protested check of Reuben Swarts for like amount. We enclose the protested check herewith.

Yours truly,

*Lucius E. Weaver*  
Lucius E. Weaver

DEBIT

*Accts.*

*Smith Perkins Co.*

*Samuel 20.00  
Treas 1.37*

21 37

OCT 30 1917

DR. FREDERICK A. WICKER  
DR. VERNON L. BISHOP

Hours: 1 to 2:30, 7 to 8 p. m.  
Both Phones

LIVONIA, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1913.

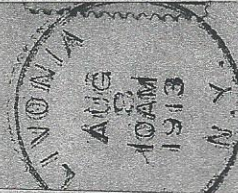
Mr. E. J. Webster,  
Websters Crossing, N. Y.

Dear Sir: -

Your check for \$10.00 to  
balance your account came  
this morning and has been  
credited. I thank you.

Yours truly,

F. A. Wicker



LIVONIA, N. Y.

Office Hours:  
1 to 2:30 p. m. and 7 to 8 p. m.

Livonia, N. Y., Aug. 7, 1913.

Mr. Eliza Webster

To Dr. Frederick A. Wicker, Dr.,

To Professional Services rendered

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\$ 10.00

Special request.

Received Payment

Bills Due at Close of Treatment and an early Settlement is requested

Items of this account may be seen at the office

Paid by Check 8/9/13

RETURN AFTER FIVE DAYS TO  
SPRINGWATER AUTO CLUB  
SPRINGWATER, N. Y.



SPRINGWATER  
JUN  
1917  
3 PM

*Mr. C. G. Webster*

*Webster*

*WV*

L. A. WILDER  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
838 ~~21~~ POWERS BUILDING  
ROCHESTER, N.Y.

January 10, 1918.

Mr. Elisha T. Webster,  
Webster Crossing, N. Y.

My dear Lish:-

Sometime ago mother received a letter from Allen Perkins stating that Walter Baird wished to buy our burial lot, that Mr. Baird had given him the money and that we were to forward a deed of the same. The price of the lot is \$15.00, but Mr. Perkins states that there is \$1.00 due him for the up-keep of the lot, so the net price will be \$14.00.

I inclose herewith our deed and also the old deed, and will ask you to deliver the same to Mr. Perkins upon payment of \$14.00, or to Mr. Baird upon payment of \$15.00. I also inclose postage for the return of these deeds in case they have changed their mind.

When you have received the money you are to deduct an amount that will pay you for your trouble and expense and return the remainder to me by money order or check, or other means which is most convenient for you.

Hoping this will not inconvenience you, and with best wishes for your continued health and prosperity,

Yours respectfully,

Sent - you by Allen Perkins *[Signature]*  
10/21/18  
Sent - by Floyd Baird - 1/14/18





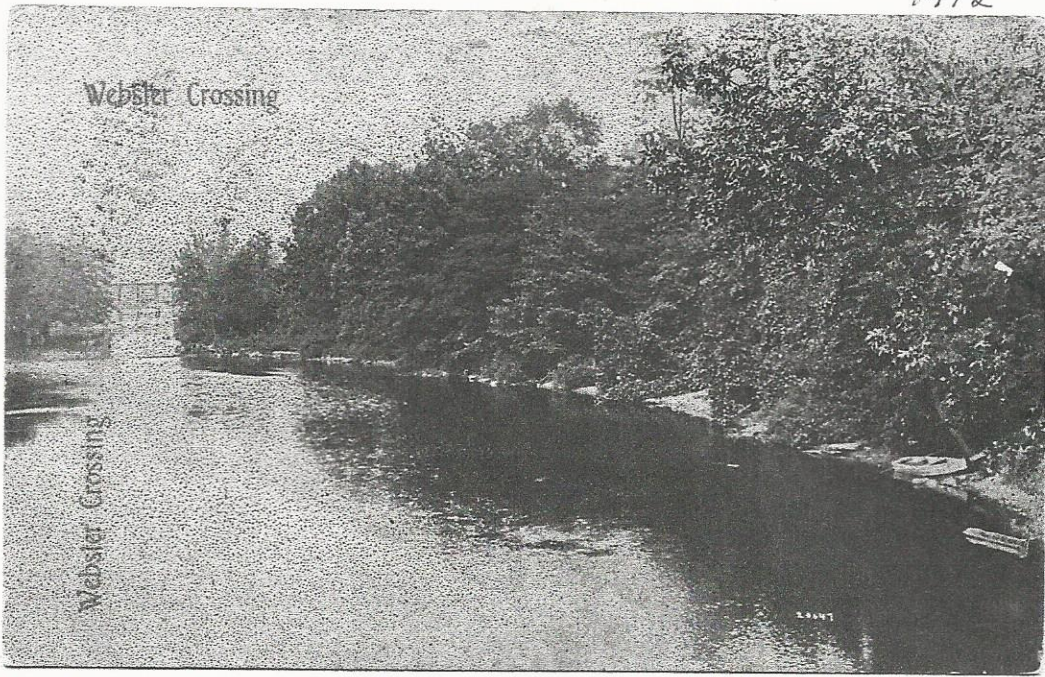
*Charles Mefford*  
*Elihu T. Webster*

FAY TO THE ORDER OF  
Federal Reserve  
PRIOR ENDORSEMENT  
60-21 OCT 23 1907  
Lincoln National Bank  
P. A. 1907



DANSVILLE - NEW YORK.

1912



1909

Post Cards  
OF  
EARLIER DAYS

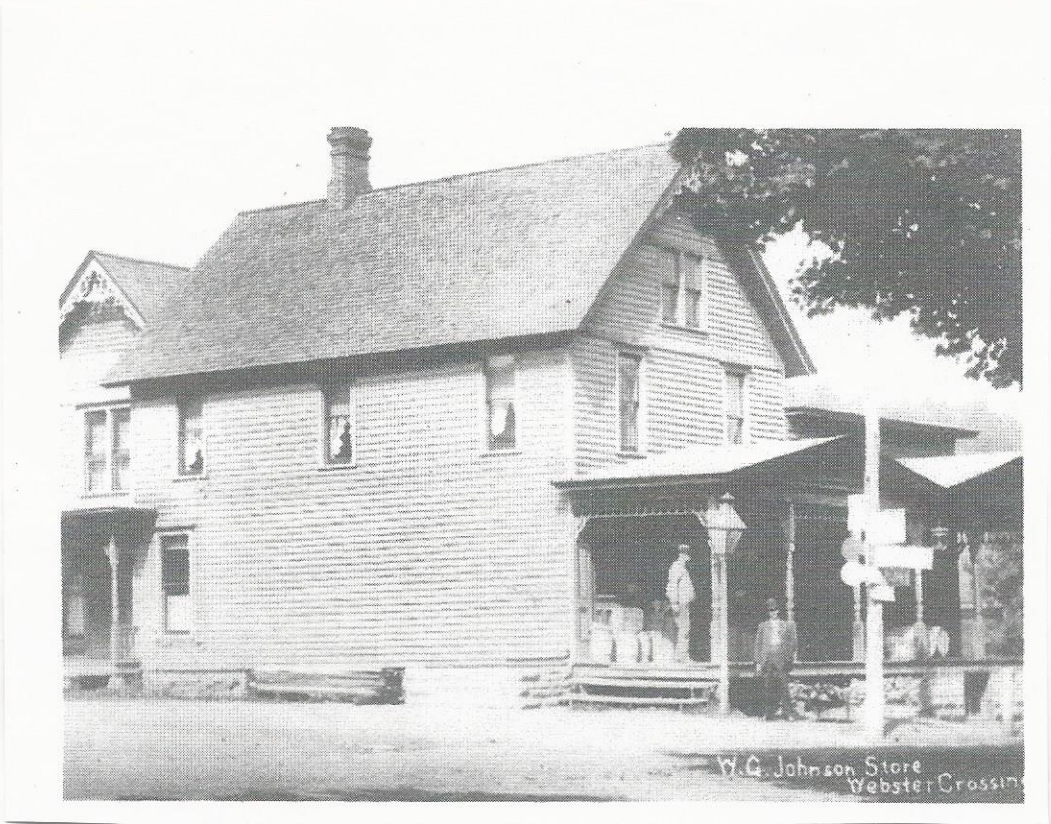


*De World may*



*The Ladies Aid - In The New Minister*





W.G. Johnson Store  
Webster Crossing



Ralph Hamilton 7286 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

Elisha Webster 1849  
Harvey Hill 1874  
Samuel Miller  
Anna Webster 1894  
John Foster 1888  
Harvey Hill 1913  
Jettie Outlip 1921  
Claude Ke Melt 1944  
William Roll 1958  
Bobb Hamilton

Mary Jane Weed Old Barn (Blacksmith Shop)  
Across from 7273 Webster Crossing Road

**BLACKSMITH SHOP:**

Sollia Case, father of the late Henry Case, was the first to do blacksmithing in Webster Crossing. The shop had begun operation before the Civil War. Henry followed in his father's business, in the old shop until 1885, when the old shop was replaced by the one that now stands as a blacksmith shop in 1891. In the Spring of the year 1905, there occurred a most shocking incident in the Case blacksmith shop. A few men of the community were gathered in the shop in the evening, which they used as a sort of a meeting place, among those gathered were Fred Spencer, Eugene Arthis, Grant Krisher and others.

It seems that sometime previous to this particular evening Spencer and Krisher had had some words concerning Krisher's use of Spencer's horses while he was working for Spencer skidding logs during the Winter. Mr. Spencer turned his back toward Krisher, Krisher picked up a heavy iron rasp used by blacksmiths for shaping the hooves of the horse and struck Spencer in the back of the head, throwing him to the floor. The blow fractured Spencer's skull, he died 10 days later. Mr. Krisher was arrested and indicted by the grand jury, found guilty and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

In the 1950s Brenard Weed bought the shop, he used it to restore a 1924 model T automobile, built hutch cupboards and stored his vehicles. In 1960, the Weed children purchased horses, they were housed here until a pole barn was built to house the horses. In 1980 Gladys Weed gave the barn to Mary Weed.

Blakesmith Shop

1997

BLACKSMITH SHOP



Bernard + Gladys Weel  
Donald Reinhardt

1965





Brian W. West & Sandra Johnson West ①  
7274 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY

07-2015

Our "Abstract of Title" only goes back to 1902.

Ruth May had done some family research. She told me our house was built around 1886. She said one of the Websters, possibly, Elisha, had the house built for his new bride.

Owners of our home since 1902:

-Harvey C. Hill & his wife, Lura A. Hill  
1902 to 1903

Fred Hill & his wife, Emma Hill  
1903 to 1912

Adelbert Hill ~~and~~ his ~~wife~~, Emma Hill  
1912 to 1936 (Adelbert Hill died  
in 1936)

Adelbert's wife <sup>(Emma)</sup> Emma continued to live in house until 1954.

(2)

Floyd F. Movey + his wife, Frances E. Movey  
1954 to 1962

Harold L. Reynolds + his wife, Carol A. Reynolds  
1962 to 1972

Brian W. West, + his wife, Sandra J. West  
1972 to present





Brian W. & Sandra J. West 7274 Webster Crossing Road, Webster Crossing, NY 14560



Diane Olson, editor, the Lake Country Weekender  
7270 Webster Crossing Road, Webster Crossing, NY  
14560

ds, Page 132.

3. WILL

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
Albert J. Compton, deceased

*Owner  
now  
2015  
Diane Olson*

Date of Death: 6/20/1924  
File No.: X2326

See copy of Will at next page.

Verified petition for probate of Cora A. Compton, shows the death of Albert J. Compton on June 20, 1924 testate, married, leaving the following distributees:

1. Eugene C. Compton, son, full age, Waiver July 2, 1924.
2. Jessie May, daughter, full age, Waiver July 26, 1924.
3. Mabel Clancy, daughter, full age, July 26, 1924.
4. Cora A. Compton, spouse, full age, Petitioner

Oath of Executor taken by petitioner on June 30, 1924.

Deposition of subscribing witnesses sworn to on July 26, 1924.

BJ



Brian & Wendy West Jr. 7266 Webster Crossing  
Road, Webster Crossing, NY 14560



Karen Chapman (Old Hardware Store)  
7260 Webster Crossing Road, Webster Crossing, NY  
14560



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Timothy J. Canfield 7256 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

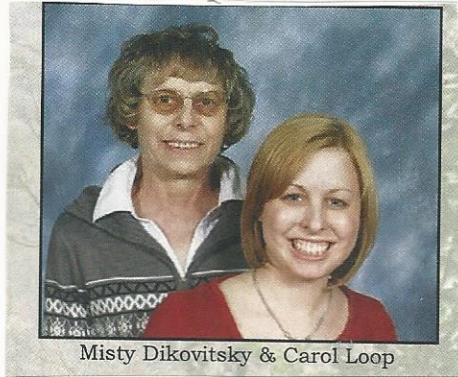
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Carol (Martindale) Loop  
7248 Webster Crossing Rd.

December 2015



Misty Dikovitsky & Carol Loop



David C. & Melba (Hamilton) Johnson  
7250 Webster Crossing Road, Webster Crossing, NY  
14560

House was built in 1903  
Carrie Wolfange 1<sup>st</sup> person to live here.  
When she died it was owned by:

Hilda Moss

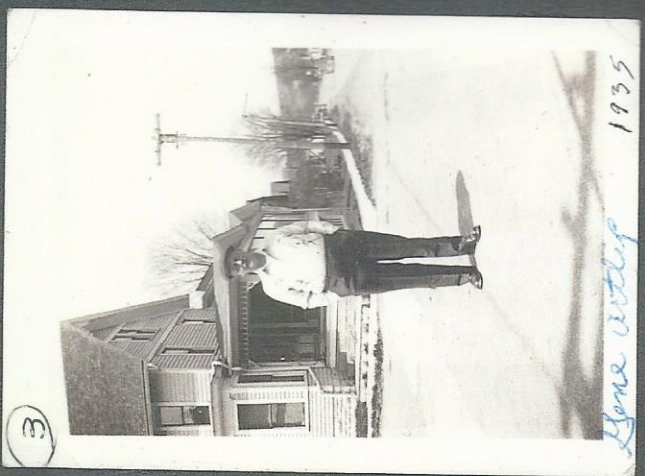
Nicholas Wolfange

Myrtle E. Bohell

Carl and Mayjorie Johnson bought it  
from them on March 6, 1951

Carl & Mayjorie Johnson lived there from 1944- 1977  
David and Melba Johnson live there now.





Gene and Peg 1935



Mary Johnson

Marge 1935



Grandpa and Uncle 1935



Bob, Mary, Ruth, and I

2



3 Maymie & Carl Johnson

~~1935~~ 1935



2

MARGIE JOHNSON 1935



1 Carl Johnson

~~1935~~ 1935



5

FRIENDS RUBY 1935



4

RUBY NEWCOMB 1935



Brandon & Amanda (Strassner) Shull  
7244 Webster Crossing Road, Webster Crossing, NY  
14560

by  
moved by  
team of open

Built in 1846 located on Hemlock Lake  
1904 Arthur Richardson to Fred & Alma White 1930  
Alma White to J. Donald Root 1950  
Then to Earl & Vera White 1953  
Stanley Turcotte to Eleanor Turcotte 1960  
Ralph & Virginia Wagner 1980  
Thomas & Tina Coffey 1986  
Livingston County Social Service 1991  
Patricia Smith 1992  
Robert & Susan Strassner 1998

