

# Webster Crossing, NY History

By Gladys Weed



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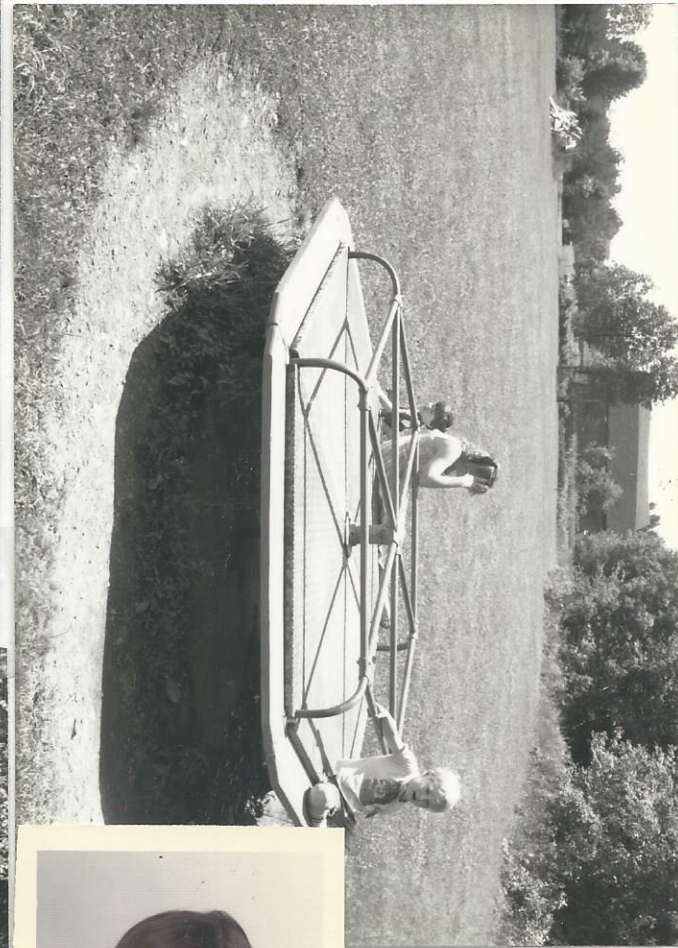
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Mary Weed  
1971

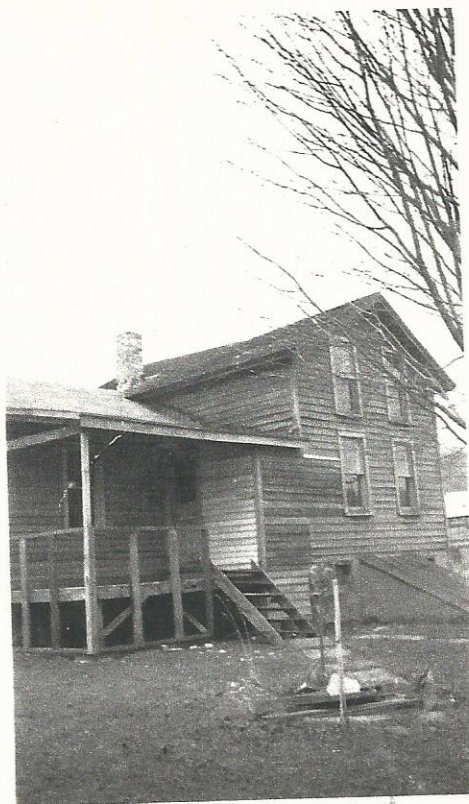
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Harvey W. & Leola Teed 7222, [REDACTED]  
Webster Crossing Road, Conesus, NY 14435



7222 Webster Crossing Rd.

**APPRAISAL OF**



**LOCATED AT:**

7216 STATE ROAD  
SPRINGWATER, NY 14560

**CLIENT:**

HARVEY & LEOLA TEED  
7222 MAIN STREET  
SPRINGWATER, NY 14560

**AS OF:**

July 1, 2013

**BY:**

JENNIFER L. WHITE

Property 7216 next to the creek was purchased by Harvey and Leola Teed from Emma Brooks, 1988.

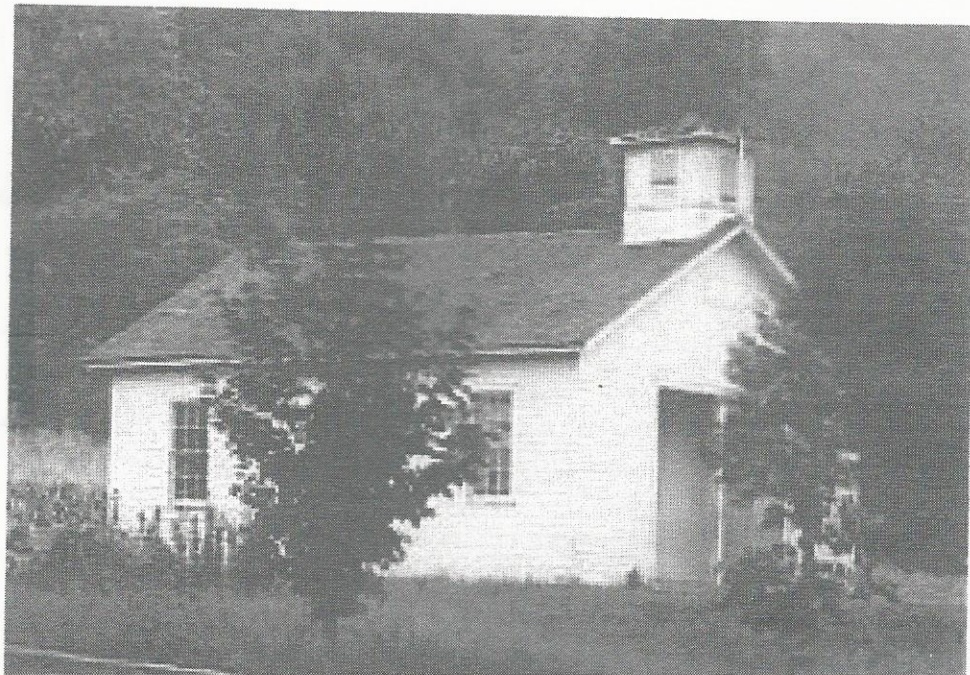
This building was originally a barn. The large barn door with the latch is still there under the siding. It was probably used to put hay in the building.





James & Betty Jane Van Scooter, Jr.  
7212 Webster Crossing Road, Conesus, NY 14435









School #22 Webster's Crossing NY - Class of 1938 Route 15 in Webster's Crossing NY.

Second row standing: Howard Van Scooter, Clifford Van Scooter, Roy Bortles, Ruth Van Scooter, Jetty Van Scooter, Julia Van Scooter, Regina Bortle, Jimmie Buskirk, Emily Morris - teacher.

Front row sitting: Unknown, Arlene Newcomb, unknown, Doris Van Scooter, Stella Van Scooter, Esther Bortle, Golda Bortle, 3 Lown Boys.

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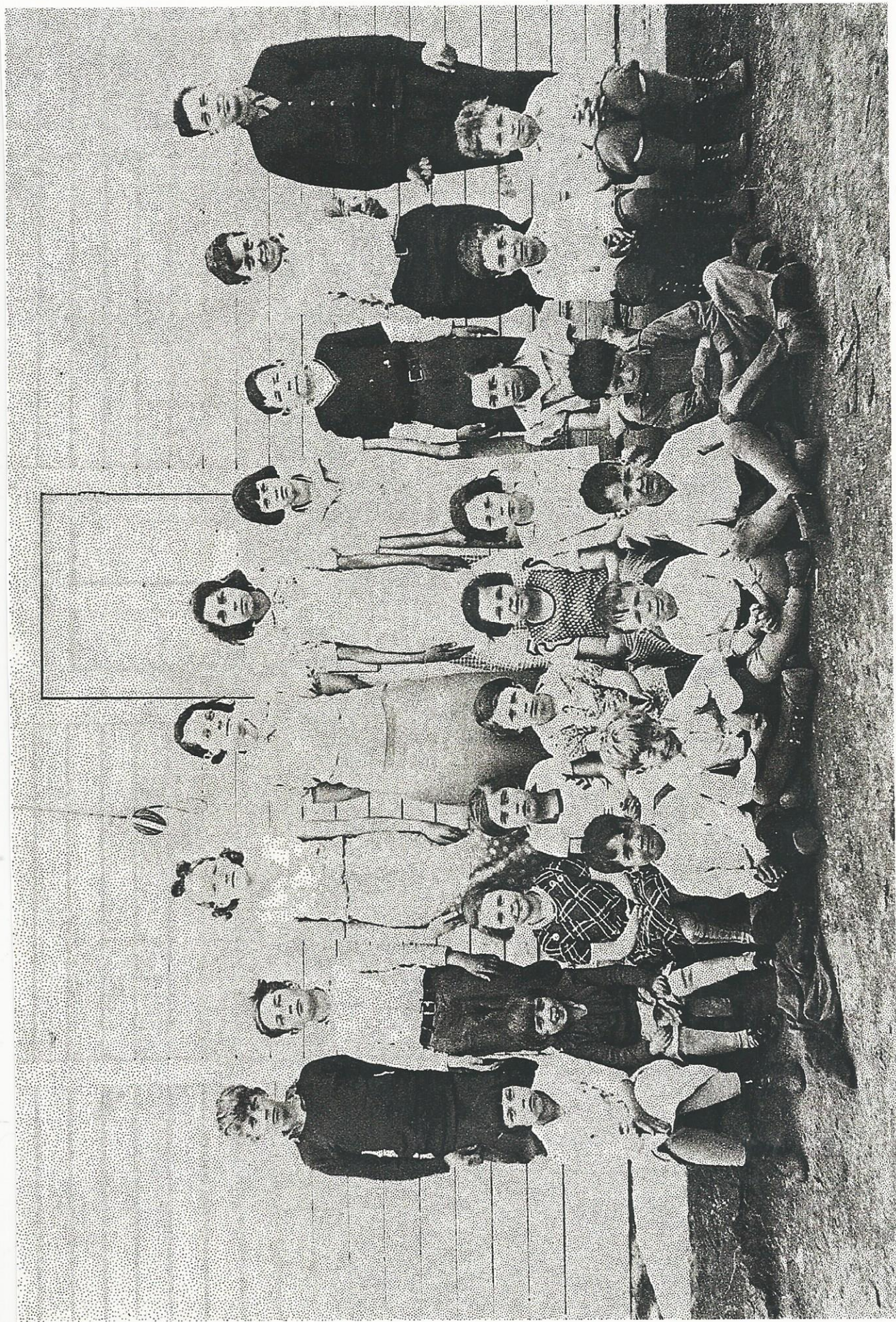


1924-36

Memories of School Teachers

1. Mrs. Arthur (Ladie) Jacobs
2. Mrs. Arthur (Hangi) Morris
3. Miss Dorothy (May) Mack
4. Mrs. Ellen (Doolittle) White





School #22 Webster's Crossing NY - Class of 1934 - Route 15 in Webster's Crossing NY.

Third row standing: Howard Van Scooter, Ray Bortle, Georgia Benway, Dorothy May Mack - teacher, Cora Van Scooter, Jettie Van Scooter, John Price, Dan Webster, unknown.

Second row sitting: Julia Van Scooter, Esther Bortle, Ruth May, Regina Bortle, Phyllis Gannon, Betty White, Ruth Van Scooter, Virginia Van Buskirk, Francis Bortle, Leroy Dunlap.

Front row sitting: Roy Bortle, Clifford Van Scooter, Paul White, William White, James Van Buskirk.









1934 Webster Crossing Census School

L to R

Seated on Ground:

1. ~~John~~ Roy Bortle
2. Clifford Van Scooter
3. Paul White
4. William White
5. James Van Buskirk

Seated on Step:

1. Julia Van Scooter
2. ~~Regina~~ Bortle
3. Ruth May
4. Regina Bortle
5. Phyllis Gannon
6. Betty White
7. Ruth Van Scooter
8. Virginia Van Buskirk
9. Francis Bortle
10. Leroy Dunlap

Back Row:

1. Howard Van Scooter
2. Roy Bortle
3. Georgia Benway
4. Dorothy May (black) - Teacher
5. Cora Van Scooter
6. Jettie Van Scooter
7. John Price
8. Dan Webster
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School #22 Webster's Crossing NY - Class of 1936 - Route 15 in Webster's Crossing NY.

Second row standing: Julia Van Scooter Stoll, Regina Bortles Laurence, Betty Campbell, Howard Van Scooter, Cora Van Scooter Young, Mildred Van Scooter Stone, Georgia Benway, Ellen White (teacher), Maxine White, Stuart May, Dan Webster, Ray Campbell, Ruth Van Scooter.

Front row sitting: Alice Douglas, Ruth May Holbrook, Betty White Greene, Virginia Buskirk Johnson, Ray Bortles, Douglas \_\_, Ella White, Jetty Van Scooter Woodhams, Lillian White, Warren White, Frances Bortles, Nellie White, Phyllis Mc Cabe.





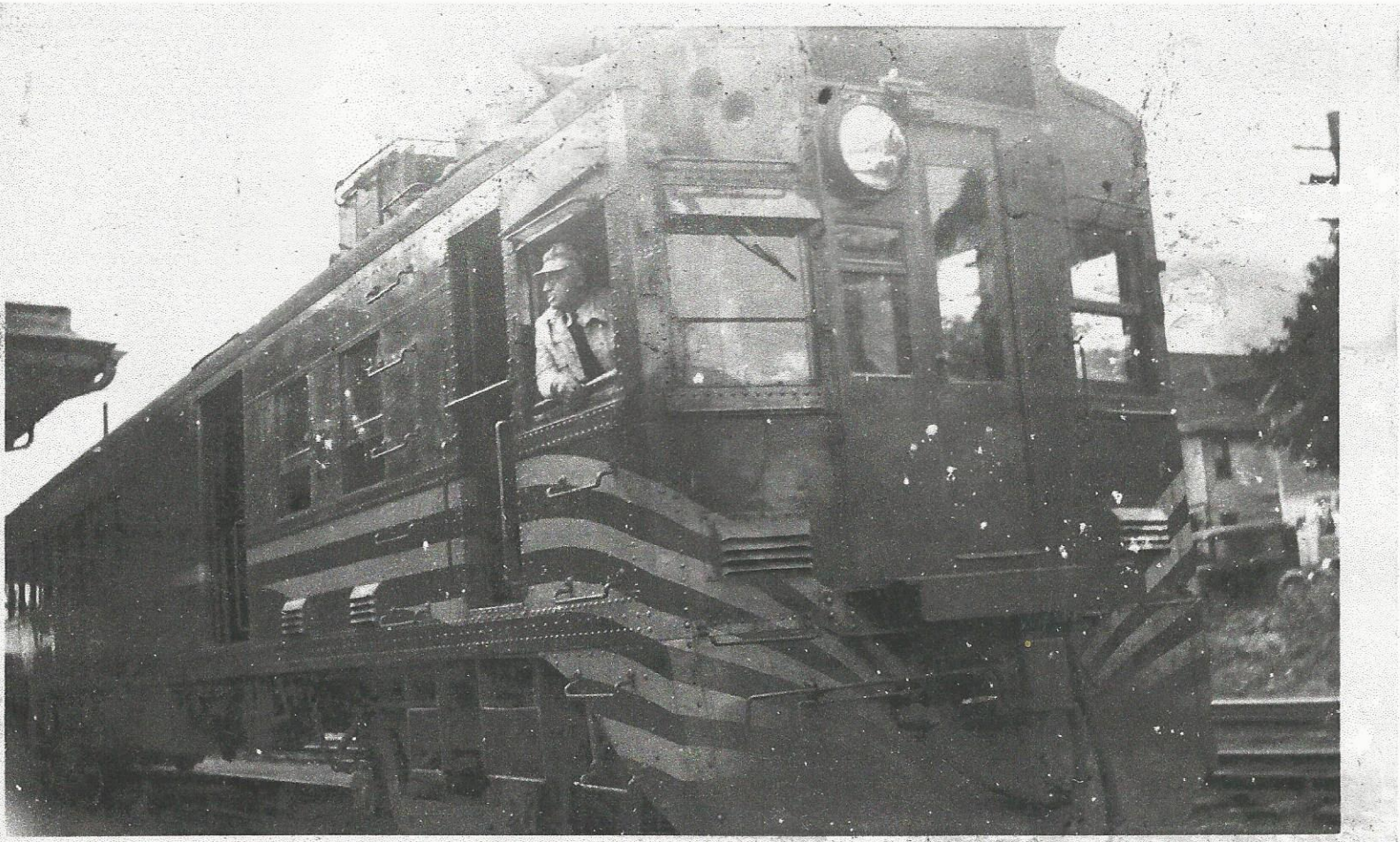




**RAILROAD:**

The railroad was constructed through Webster's fields in 1830- 1840.

The railroad closed in 1951 and the depot was demolished.



ERIE RAILROAD AT DEPOT - IN AARON

ENGINEER - WILLIAM WHITE - OF WEBSTER CROSSING

SON OF - CHARLES<sup>AND</sup> NELL (O'NEILL) WHITE  
WHITE RD  
CONESUS, N.Y.

P.S. - ONE OF LATEST ENGINES  
ON THE LINE BEFORE  
CLOSING LINE







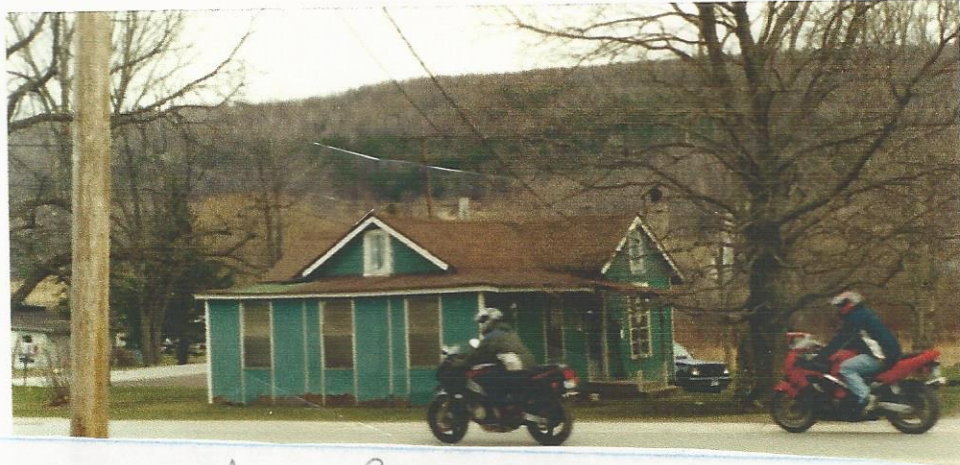
Michael & Pam Van Scooter 7201 Webster Crossing  
Road, Conesus, NY 14435





Betty Jo Van Scooter, Clint Lang 7203 Route 15,  
Conesus, NY 14435





Moved here from Coopers, N.Y.

Laura Newcomb 1953

Lorna Seed 1983

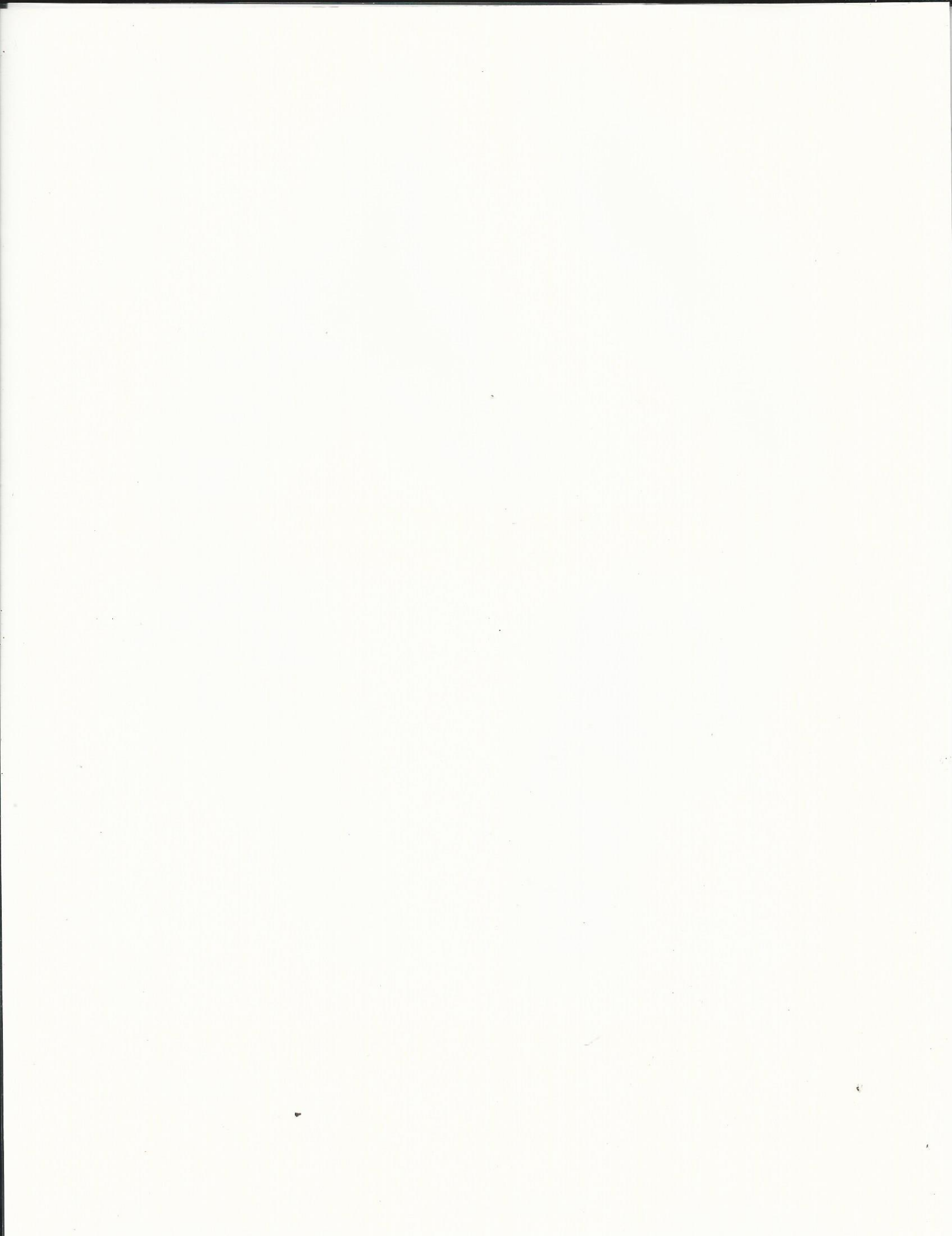
Thyoming Bark 2003

" " to Strassner 2004



Robert & Susan Strassner 7241 Webster Crossing  
Road, Webster Crossing, NY 14560









Phillip & Elizabeth West 7243 Webster Crossing  
Road, Webster Crossing, NY 14560

*Built in 1870*





Martha Bortle (deceased 2015), Robert Mann  
7253 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

William Barnhardt to William Van Scooter 1920  
Merton May 1934  
Francis & Martha Bortle 1960



THIS LICENSE EXPIRES JUNE 30, 1937

1936

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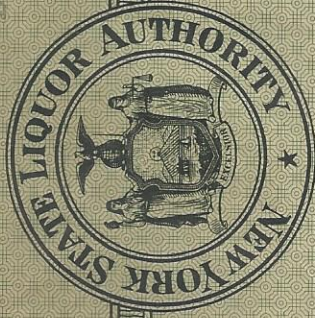
1937

NUMBER

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\$100.00



RETAIL

BEER  
LICENSE

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED UNDER CHAPTER 478 OF THE LAWS OF 1934, AS AMENDED, TO SELL BEER AT RETAIL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION TO

M E H T O N M A Y ---d/b/a May's Lunch

Conesus Springwater Hwy.

(NAME OF LICENSEE)

(STREET ADDRESS OF LICENSED PREMISES)

Websters Crossing

Livingston

Bating Place

(CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE)

(COUNTY)

(TYPE OF PREMISES - HOTEL, CLUB OR EATING PLACE)

Merton May

Websters Crossing, N. Y.

(NAME OF OWNER OF BUILDING CONTAINING LICENSED PREMISES)

(ADDRESS OF OWNER OF BUILDING)

THIS LICENSE SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERABLE TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR TO ANY OTHER PREMISES OR TO ANY OTHER PART OF THE BUILDING CONTAINING SUCH LICENSED PREMISES.

THIS LICENSE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PROPERTY OR VESTED RIGHT AND MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME PURSUANT TO LAW.

DATED July 1, 1936

COUNTERSIGNED

*Charles A. Westers*

*Henry E. Guzman*

CHAIRMAN

BEFORE COMMENCING OR DOING ANY BUSINESS FOR THE TIME FOR WHICH THIS LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED, THE SAID LICENSEE SHALL BE ENCLOSED IN A SUITABLE WOOD OR METAL FRAME, HAVING A CLEAR GLASS SPACE AND A SUBSTANTIAL WOOD OR METAL BACK SO THAT THE WHOLE OF SAID LICENSE MAY BE SEEN THEREIN, AND SHALL BE POSTED UP AND AT ALL TIMES DISPLAYED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE ROOM WHERE SUCH BUSINESS IS CARRIED ON, SO THAT ALL PERSONS VISITING SUCH PLACE MAY READILY SEE THE SAME. IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE TO POST SUCH LICENSE OR TO PERMIT SUCH LICENSE TO BE POSTED UP ON PREMISES OTHER THAN THE PREMISES LICENSED ON UPON PREMISES WHERE TRAFFIC IN ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE IS BEING CARRIED ON BY ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE LICENSEE, OR KNOWINGLY TO DEFACE, DESTROY OR ALTER ANY SUCH LICENSE IN ANY RESPECT.

IF THERE IS A WINDOW OPENING FROM THE STREET INTO THE LICENSED PREMISES AND A WINDOW FACTOR THE STREET UPON WHICH SUCH WINDOW OPENING, SUCH LICENSE SHALL BE DISPLAYED IN SUCH WINDOW, SO IT MAY BE READILY SEEN FROM THE STREET.



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES







Floyd & Beth Wester (moved to Niagara Falls 2015)  
son, Andrew Wester 7257 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

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## **POTATO STORAGE:**

The potato storage was built by Harvey Humphrey in 1875, next to railroad so farmers could ship hay, fruits, etc. ( it housed the first Post Office). In 1968, the building was purchased by Gail & Ray Wagner they made the building into four apartments. It later was bought by a family by the name of Preston and made into a family home.



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Timothy Landers, Tricia Bressler - Potato Storage  
7269 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

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Charlie Morrison house  
tore down in the 1950



## POST OFFICE:

The Post Office had several homes. The first Post Master was Elisha Webster, the first home was the Humphrey Potato Cellar. William Johnson's Furniture was the second place, The Hardware Store, then it was housed in Merton May's home . In 1956 it was moved to the Case home in the middle of the Hamlet (where Gladys Weed lives). Gladys was Postmaster at this time. The Post Office closed on February 1, 1998 and consolidated with Springwater Post Office.





FINAL DAY COMMEMORATION -- Friday, February 13, 1998



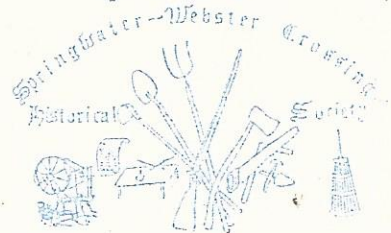
Last home of the Webster Crossing U.S. Post Office  
7273 Route 15, Webster Crossing, N. Y., 14584

*Since the last century  
the hamlet's identity —  
the foyer a refuge of good will,  
neighborly greeting and gentle gossip —  
a message center, a social focus,  
the source of information.*

*This day the flag is lowered in finality;  
the end of an era leaves a void.  
The last postmark, the official farewell —  
the eternal reminder of fond memories*



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## WEBSTER'S CROSSING

Elisha Webster	07-27-1870
Harvey Humphrey	03-16-1879
John Foster	01-18-1881
John C. Holmes	06-28-1888
Elisha Webster	07-09-1888
Mrs. Ella J. Morris	09-05-1890

## WEBSTER'S CROSSING JANUARY 31, 1894

Elisha Webster	01-31-1894
William D. Johnson	01-21-1898
Charles F. Morris	04-21-1910
Doris Johnson	03-25-1916

## WEBSTER'S CROSSING POST MASTERS

Mrs. Grace Brownett	acting postmaster	05-04-1929
"	"	Postmaster 12-04-1929
Merton May	acting postmaster	08-22-1939
"	"	Postmaster 11-02-1939
Gladys weed	Acting postmaster	03-31-1956
"	"	Postmaster 08-10-1956



## WEBSTER'S CROSSING POSTMASTERS

Marie Weed	(officer in charge)	09-28-1979
" "	Postmaster	04-05-1980
James E. Weed	(officer in charge)	07-22-1986
" "	Postmaster	08-01-1987
Sharon Ingraham	(officer in charge)	06-11-1990
" "	Postmaster	11-02-1991
Sandra West	(officer in Charge)	09-24-1992
Iva Johnson	(officer in charge)	0-07-1994
Sandra West	(officer in Charge)	10-20-1994
Bonnie Oswald	(officer in charge)	03-08-1996
Sandra West	(officer in charge)	08-09-1996
" "	(officer in charge)	02-14-1998



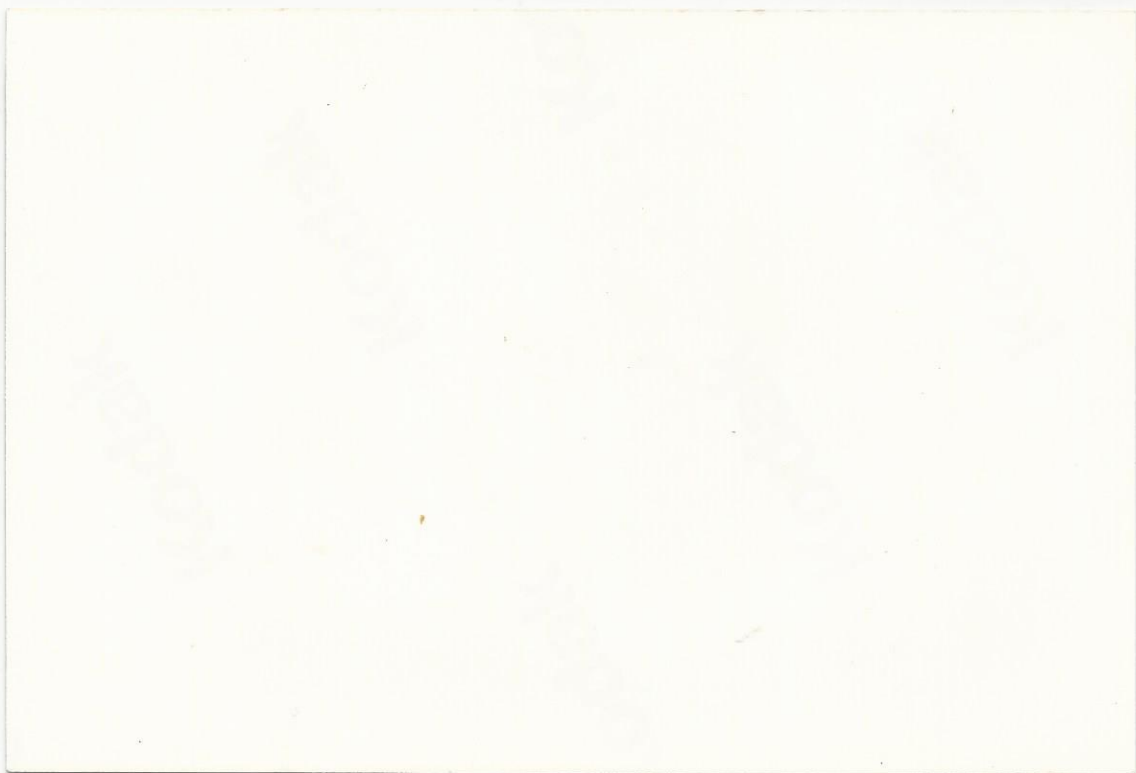


Post Office 03-31-56-2-14-1998



Sharon Ingraham making the last pick up 2-14-1998









**CLOSING TIME** — The Webster Crossing Post Office on Route 15 will officially shut down Feb. 13. Boxholders will instead be served by rural delivery, postal officials say.

## Era ends at Webster Crossing *Post office to close for good on Fri.*

By **BOB RIEDEL**  
*Genesee Country Express*

Call it the little post office that couldn't.

The Webster Crossing Post Office in the town of Springwater will close its doors tomorrow, Feb. 13 — the latest casualty in a nationwide effort by the US Postal Service to streamline its operations.

Although residents expressed dismay at losing the 104-year-old facility, USPS review official Ken Thompson said the decision was not arrived at lightly.

"What usually happens in these cases is whenever we have, for instance, a postmaster vacancy or similar situation, it provides us with an opportunity to take a look at how we do business in that community," Thompson said. This is especially true, he said, where the Postal Service leases the facility from a third party.

The Webster Crossing Post Office has for the past 35 years leased its quarters in the home of the former postmaster, Gladys Weed.

Although the Postal Service often comes under fire, frequently being

charged with taking too close a look at its bottom line and being insensitive to community needs in areas where the post office may be less than profitable, Thompson says that's not the case, at least in Webster Crossing.

"The Postal Service doesn't want to intentionally cause pain and sorrow," Thompson said, "so we're willing to work with people."

The post office currently rents 58 of its 96 boxes, and those boxholders will be the ones most affected by the change.

"What we'll do is provide service to those customers via rural delivery," Thompson said, "and they'll be allowed to keep 'Webster Crossing' in the address. The only difference will be that the ZIP code will change from 14584 to 14560 (Springwater)."

A few boxholders, however, reside in Conesus, and will have to change to a Conesus address and ZIP code, Thompson added, "but 90 percent go to Springwater."

Thompson acknowledged that the Postal Service is not set up to be a money-making venture.

Under the terms of its charter, "it

shall provide prompt, reliable and efficient services to patrons in all areas and shall render postal services to all communities."

"We feel that by still allowing customers to keep Webster Crossing as their address, we're helping the community to preserve its identity," Thompson said, adding, however, that economic issues had to be addressed in order that the Postal Service could stay responsible to all its customers.

Sandy West, officer in charge at Webster Crossing for the past five years, will move on to a position at the Perkinsville post office.

To mark the bittersweet occasion, a special commemorative has been planned for Friday afternoon, sponsored by the Springwater-Websters Crossing Historical Society.

From 3 to 5 p.m., patrons may have a cancellation mark placed on a copy of a poem written for the event by Havilah Toland. The poem reads, in part: "This day the flag is lowered in finality;/ The end of an era leaves a void./ The last postmark, the official farewell —/ The eternal reminder of fond memories."









Gladys Weed 7273 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560

Built in 1877 by Clark Baker  
Elisha & Anstons Case  
William Case 1878  
Earl Case 1939  
Brenard & Gladys Weed 1950









Pat Martindale 7283 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560





Bruce Bortle 7291 Webster Crossing Road  
Webster Crossing, NY 14560



Virginia & Roy Bortle  
with Pastor Tom Simmons  
1978