

Huddle Update

Editor's Note: The story in our March newsletter about the Huddle prompted several readers to send us additional information. We thank them for sharing their memories, allowing us to update our records.

Bob Wignall, former resident now living in Colorado Springs, Colorado: "I enjoyed the info on The Huddle. As I mentioned in my earlier message about the Pacific Hotel, my grandparents (John and Carrie Franke) moved to the Huddle in November 1912 to the Ralph Allen house. I assume they purchased it, rather than rented. They lived there until he died in January 1924. Probably it was sold shortly thereafter, because I believe my grandmother went to live with her eldest daughter in Caledonia. I guess you would have to look at land records for exact dates.

The interesting info from your article was that the house had once been a stagecoach stop and tavern. I never knew that. You also confirmed for me the township line. I had always assumed The Huddle was in Walworth, but when I went to check the census records for my grandparents, I found of course they were listed under Macedon, not Walworth. That was a real surprise to me."

Richard Donovan:

"The school house did not burn down (as previously indicated). My parents, Richard and Myrtle Donovan, bought the property in 1946 with hopes of turning the school house into a private residence. Due to its deteriorating condition, it could not be saved and I had it torn down. It was located in front of a metal pole barn, which is still on the property. Greg Reybrouck bought the property in 1990, according to my Mom."

Vaughn Pembroke:

"Louie Duell and his brother Ernest cut and hauled ice from the mill pond near the Huddle. The Huddle was a place for Walworth folks to stop at a tavern and get a beverage as Walworth was a dry town."



Photo of the old mill at the Huddle (April 2008)