

BENJAMIN HILL ROAD

Benjamin Hill Road is believed to be named after the Benjamin family. Jonathan Benjamin lived in a home near Benjamin Hill in the early 1800s. There were several Benjamins, one of the being Herrick Benjamin. On the 1938 map Benjamin Hill Road is known as Windfall Road because of the strong winds and that area was known as Windfall Settlement in the early days of Newfield. It appears that only the hill was called Benjamin Hill.

Present Number	Street	House Age	Some Historical Property Owners and Residents	Other Information
3	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1900?	Pete and Fanny Cudlin, Gundula Lee	In the 1930s the home was owned by Pete and Fanny Cudlin. Pete was Joe Cudlin's father's (Charlie) brother. There were three brothers: Charlie, Tony and Pete.
4	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1850	J. R. Dudley, Leon and Ruth Dailey, Christopher L. Crance	Owned by J. R. Dudley in 1866. Owned by Leon and Ruth Dailey from the 1950s to the 1980s.
5	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1860	George and Claudia Strednak	
7	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1900?	David and Barbara Bizzell	
10	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1880?	Revo Fairbrothers, Lebbeus Heath, Robert and Jeannette Hine, Ronnie Emery	Was owned for several years by Robert and Jeannette Hine. The property was owned in 1866 by Revo Fairbrothers. In 1866 it was owned by Lebbeus Heath. His wife was Revo Fairbrother's daughter.
11	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1890	Eleanor and Iguina Dozier and Aebria Dozier	
52	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1900	Jack A. Pyhtila	Was much smaller and was moved from just above the Cutter Schoolhouse (home owned by Reid and Suzanne Hoskins) on Van Buskirk Gulf Road after 1866.
93	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1890	Lloyd and Bonnie Tompkins	There is an abandoned road just south of 93 Benjamin Hill Road near the hedgerow. The road went over the hill to Shaffer Road and came out beside 378 Shaffer Road.

136	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1890	B. R. Tompkins, Myron Tompkins, Leon and Mary Lou Payne, Leon F. Catlin, Jay and Deborah Bellas	Tax records indicate house was built in 1890. Was owned for many years by Leon and Mary Lou Payne and then Leon F. Catlin. In 1866 it was owned by B. R. Tompkins. In the late 1800s Myron Tompkins married Joseph Kellogg's daughter. Myron built the barn on the property. It is thought he was a lawyer who practiced in Ithaca.
179	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1850	Hebert and Una Williams, Darlene Williams Fish and husband Larry, Michael H. and Catherine M. Griggs	This home as a two-room schoolhouse on Seely Hill and was situated almost across the road from Blumquists at the corner of Beech Hill and Seely Hill Road. Byron William's parents, Hebert and Una Williams, moved the schoolhouse to 179 Benjamin Hill Road in about 1938. The two rooms downstairs were used as a kitchen and living room. A variety of Williams family members lived in the home. Hebert and Una added a porch on the back in the 1950. Darlene Williams Fish and her husband Larry took the porch off and made it into a room and added a room facing Newfield village. The original schoolhouse as a two-room schoolhouse with two room living quarters upstairs.
190	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1879	Joseph Kellogg, Richard McGreevy, the Caslick family, the Harvey Williams family, Howard Wilson, James House, Robert and Edith Tallman	The Kellogg family came to Newfield from Vermont in 1809. The house, a Victorian prefabricated pattern house, was brought in pieces by the railroad and then hauled to the site by horse and wagon. A later owner of the house was Richard McGreevy who was the proprietor of the Lehigh Valley House in Ithaca. McGreevy was also a road builder and contracted to build Route 13 through the village in 1912. He used stone from the stone fences on the farm as a base for the road. Succeeding owners were the Caslick Family, the Harvey Williams family, Howard Wilson, James House and Robert and Edith Tallman.

256	Benjamin Hill Road	circa 1865	Philip Everhart, the Helsevas, William J. Payne, John and Donna Smith	Site of the Payne Dairy. Was opened and operated as a dairy farm by William J. Payne and sons under the name W. J. Payne & Sons from the 1930s to 1945. All the sons (Joe, Roy, Earl, Glenn, Ralph, Richard and Leon) worked with their dad and the daughters Winifred and Thelma helped their mother. Milk was delivered to Ithaca and Newfield and to three C.C.C. camps in Arnot Forest, Enfield and Slaterville. In 1866 the property was owned by Philip Everhart, a son of Eva Shaffer Everhart. There is a foundation on the property where John Everhart lived in 1866. John was Sam and Eva Snyder's father. In the 1940s and 1950s the Helsevas lived there. Just before Payne Dairy there was a school on the right going towards the village. No one seems to remember it but it shows up on the 1866 atlas.
309	Benjamin Hill Road		Bradford and Bradley Tompkins, the Rumsey's, Ed Hine, Emil Maki, Steve and Lois Maki	Owned by Bradford and Bradley Tompkins in the 1800s. House is a good example of Greek Revival architecture.
358	Benjamin Hill Road		Earl Payne and Margaret Bock, the Tallmans	House was about 100 years old when it was moved from 190 Benjamin Hill Road. Earl Payne lived there in the 1940s and 1950s. His wife was Margaret Bock. Earl is Billy Payne's father.

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