

SHAFFER ROAD



44 SHAFFER ROAD (undated photo, courtesy Newfield Historical Society)

Shaffer Road was named for Amos Shaffer and his son Cicero Shaffer who resided at what was to become 471 Shaffer Road and purchased the home from Byron's father Hebert Williams. Amos and Cicero Shaffer are both buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Newfield. Amos died in 1916 and his son Cicero died in 1930. Amos Shaffer's father, Adam Shaffer, was born April 6, 1795 and died June 16, 1872. He was married to Mary Van Buskirk, daughter of Moses Van Buskirk and had a sister Eva Maria Shaffer. Their father was Johan Philip Shaffer, who was born September 13, 1793 and died May 5, 1882 and was married to Anna Marie Lohr. Johan was baptized in West Salisburg, Pennsylvania and is buried in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania near the Shaffer Schoolhouse. His daughter, Eva Maria Shaffer married John Everhart and they had a child Sam Everhart who had children Allen Everhart (a prominent builder in Newfield) and his sister Lina Everhart (who married Edward Wescott). They had twins Eva Wescott Lawrence and Iva Wescott Snyder and a daughter Helen Wescott Norris. Allen Everhart had a son Adrian Everhart, who, with his wife Pearl Wetherbee, had Bonita, Dale and Dean Everhart. The Shaffers and the Everharts are believed to be of German ancestry.

Present Number	Street	House Age	Some Historical Property Owners and Residents	Other Information
1	Shaffer Road	circa 1830	George Dudley, Sim McCorn, Frank McAllister, the	Built by George Dudley. Was a boarding house in the 1890s operated by Sim McCorn. Owned by Frank McAllister in the 1920s.

			Kelloggs, Rev. Lewis and Georgia Coffin	
10	Shaffer Road	1832	First Presbyterian Church of Newfield, the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges, Better Housing of Tompkins County	This building was the First Presbyterian Church of Newfield. In 1878 the parish numbered about 100. In 1909 the church was sold, and services discontinued. It was purchased in 1910 by the Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodges and was used for their meetings and many varied community affairs. In 1984 it was purchased by the Better Housing of Tompkins County who renovated it into five apartment units and is presently known as South Street Lodge.
14	Shaffer Road	circa 1910	Claudia Protts	
15	Shaffer Road	circa 1800	Philander "Flan" and Liza Pierson Starr, Leon Drake, Hebert and Helen Drake, Richard and Shawn Boyle and Darlene Washington	Philander "Flan" and Liza Pierson Starr lived here about 1870 to 1910; they had two little boys who drowned in the creek, not far from the King Bowstring Bridge, in 1880.
16	Shaffer Road	circa 1880	Daniel Kidney Trust	
22	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Jonathan Underdown, Betty Roe	Jonathan Underdown was Betty Roe's husband Gene's grandfather who owned the home in the 1800s.
24	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Douglas and Marilyn Kemp	
29	Shaffer Road	circa 1850	Vivian Dassance	Vivian Dassance was the widow of David Dassance.
33	Shaffer Road	circa 1900	Joseph and Marge Humble	
35	Shaffer Road	circa 1870	David and Ruth Allen	
36	Shaffer Road	circa 1855	Samuel Smith, John and Annis Puff, Amos H. and Harriett Campbell, Levi Horton, Homer and Ethlyn Tompkins, DeWitt and Mildred Zien, Robin Anderson	In 1856 Samuel Smith sold this house to John and Annis Puff, Newfield Civil War hero Captain Joseph Gregg's wife's parents. It was then sold to Amos H. and Harriett Campbell, who sold it to Levi Horton in 1858. It was owned for many years before 1964 by DeWitt and Mildred Zien and before that Homer and Ethlyn Tompkins.
40	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Lon Palmer, Willie and Rhoda Ellers	
41	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Helen Ostrowski	
44	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Robroy and Gaye Brewer	

48	Shaffer Road	1800s	Aaron Alexander, Steve and Pam Pollack, Richard Watson, Nanette Peterson	Was owned by Aaron Alexander in the late 1800s who ran a wagon shop behind where the Tioga State Bank is now.
67	Shaffer Road	circa 1850	Jame Jessup (?), Robert Estabrook, Rob Estabrook, Christopher and Diane Harrison	Was possibly built by Jame Jessup. Was owned by Robert Estabrook and his grandson, photographer Rob Estabrook.
70	Shaffer Road	circa 1850s	Daniel and Sara Crawford, Bertha Blauvelt	Owned by Daniel and Sara Crawford in the 1850s.
92	Shaffer Road		Alanson Joseph Allen, Martha Gold and Thomas Barron	Built by Alanson Joseph Allen, who was Lochary Van Kirk's grandfather on his mother's side.
102	Shaffer Road	circa 1870	Alanson Joseph Allen, Joann Shepardson Gaylord and Joseph Gaylord Shepardson	Built by Alanson Joseph Allen.
108	Shaffer Road	circa 1870	Alanson Joseph Allen, Henry Heslop, John Albert Heslop, Anthony Raggi and Carol Perez	Built by Alanson Joseph Allen. Owned by Henry Heslop, Road Commissioner and then his son, John Albert Heslop.
133	Shaffer Road	circa 1875	Lawrence and Hazel Tompkins	
141	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Gerard and Sheri Dunham	
171	Shaffer Road	circa 1890	Lee and Helen Tompkins	
192	Shaffer Road	circa 1865	John and Iva Tompkins, Dave and Shirley Palmer, Debra Moree	Owned in the 1900s by John and Iva Tompkins; owned in the 1960s by Dave and Shirley Palmer.
325	Shaffer Road	circa 1840	Clifford and Dorcas Stamp	Originally the Payne Schoolhouse which was one of 22 one-room schoolhouses in the district. Additions have been built to the original structure.
341	Shaffer Road	circa 1820	Chester Whitlock	
378	Shaffer Road	circa 1840	Henry Smith, Martha and Gurdon Brewster	Benjamin Star Sr. settled here in 1810 but in an earlier home. Owned by Henry Smith about 1850 to 1890.
395	Shaffer Road	circa 1920	Carl and Audrey Norberg	Barn is referred to as the 7-Up Barn
428	Shaffer Road	circa 1880	Jake and Louise Seeley, Michael Robert and Beth Bowen	
471	Shaffer Road	circa 1870	Byron and Sylvia Williams	
486	Shaffer Road		William Baker	Barn on the crest of the hill; a house one stood with it.
503	Shaffer Road	circa 1865	Steve Hoffman	

522-536	Shaffer Road	circa 1880	Sam and Madora Stuart Taggart, Sarina Owen Morse	Sam and Madora Stuart Taggart lived here in the late 1800s and early 1900s.
535	Shaffer Road	circa 1939	Delbert and Carol Smith	Barn is circa 1880.
556	Shaffer Road	circa 1860	Glenn Armstrong	A red barn across the street may have previously been part of the property.
612	Shaffer Road	circa 1909	Charles and Inez Tompkins, Sylvia and Paul Kent, Charles and Joanne James	Built by Charles and Inez Tompkins.
620	Shaffer Road	circa 1865	Lafayette Cutter, Elmer and Kathryn Maki, William and Anne Chernish	Built by Lafayette Cutter.
700	Shaffer Road	circa 1890	Paul and Minnie Cutter, Charles and Beatrice Brockner	Owned for many years by Paul and Minnie Cutter, hence the name "Cutter's Dip" for the road. This was once also known as Lampkins Gulf, so perhaps the Lampkins also lived here. Abram Earl settled near 700 Shaffer in 1809 in an earlier house, possibly the foundation of which is half-way down Cutter's Dip on the right in a grove of apple trees.
876	Shaffer Road		Roy and Virginia Trask	
1019	Shaffer Road		George Ruuspakka, James Bell	Owned by James Bell in 1866.
1034	Shaffer Road		Patrick Bell	Previously the Knettles Schoolhouse.
1157	Shaffer Road		Kevin and Jennifer Goodwin	
1199	Shaffer Road			Old house was on this site. Hiram Allen lived in a previous house. Across the road lived David Knettles.

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