



The federal style house that stands at 7516 Pittsford-Palmyra Road is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, surviving pioneer farmstead in Perinton and was designated a Perinton landmark in 1993.

In 1802, Thomas Ramsdell purchased 320 acres in Lot 22 in what was then called the Town of Boyle. He built his house on what would become the Palmyra-Rochester coach road, a regular stage and mail route to Rochester. There Ramsdell and his wife Hannah raised six children and successfully farmed the 320 acres. Indeed, it was due to Thomas and other successful farmers in the area who were able to harvest corn in 1816, the “year without a summer,” that the name “Egypt,” after the Biblical Egypt that provided food for the famine-stricken Israelites, was given to the area.

Members of the Ramsdell family occupied the family farm until it was sold to Hiram Ranney in 1862. Hiram, his son Roswell, and his grandson Hiram all farmed the land and served their community. Hiram’s widow Nellie lived in the house for many years, followed by her son David who lived in the house until it was sold in 2000. The property is now owned by Northern Nurseries who use both the old barn and the former farmhouse, which serves as an office. As such, one of Perinton’s oldest landmarks has been kept intact.