

7752 PITTSFORD-PALYMRA ROAD/425 ALDRICH ROAD



The elegant, rambling farmhouse that sits high on a knoll at 7752 Pittsford-Palmyra Road has been a recognized part of the Perinton landscape since the 1820's. Several prominent local families have lived there and the house was declared a Perinton landmark in 2002.

The first structure on the property was a small 30' square house with a summer kitchen and a woodshed probably built around 1806. The construction of the large middle section of the house occurred sometime in the 1820's. The Greek Revival style structure featured hand-hewn beams and chestnut floors. The adjacent barn was built prior to the 1860's and rumor has it that there was a cave underneath where escaping slaves could take refuge. The large west wing that was added to the house in the 1940's included a large living room and a master bedroom. At the same time, the dining room was expanded and two corner cupboards and a bay window were added. In addition, two 17th century fireplace mantels were brought in from New England.

Joseph Beal was the owner of record in 1805 and built the original small house and the 1820 addition to house himself, his wife and nine children. They, however, moved to Michigan in the 1830's, leaving other members of the family in the Perinton-Macedon area, apparently living in houses along Pittsford-Palmyra Road. In the ensuing decades a number of families inhabited the homestead and farmed the extensive acreage. Among them were George and Mary Mason in the 1860's, Harvey Wygant in the 1870's and 1880's, Roswell, Clara, and Amanda Ranney in the 1890's, Samuel Warner around the turn of the 20th century, and the Hoyt family (of the Case-Hoyt printing company) in the 1940's.

The current owners have lived in the house since 1997 and take pride in its history. This well-recognized and well-preserved farmhouse is a fine example of rural and Greek Revival architecture and is a reminder of Perinton's agricultural heritage.