

## PERINTON/FAIRPORT STREET NAMES

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From Baird Road in the western part of town to Pannell Road in the east, many roads are named for local farming families.

The Baird family owned extensive property on both sides of Baird Road, some of which extended as far east as Howard Road and the Howard farm, which at one time gave its name to the part of Route 250 between the village of Fairport and the Penfield town line. That portion of Route 250 is also known today as Nine Mile Point Road, so called because at the end of the road at Lake Ontario there was once a large elm tree visible to sailors who knew it was about nine miles from the port of Charlotte. South of the village that same Route 250 is known as Moseley Road for the Leander Moseley family who owned property there. The intersection of Routes 250 and 31 was once referred to as Hannan's Corners, after the Hannan family, whose extensive land holdings were located on the site of today's Perinton Hills shopping center. James Hannan and his wife Lucretia Packard (daughter of Perinton's first supervisor) settled on that land in the early 1800's. The family owned the property until it was sold for development in the late 1960's. In the same vicinity is Garnsey Road, named for Mark Garnsey's Willow Valley Farm. Turk Hill Road was once known as Baker Road after the Nathan Baker family of that area. Eventually, the name Baker gave way to Turk Hill, perhaps either after the flocks of wild turkeys in the area, or after the gangs of "young turks" that squatted on land there.

Silas Pannell's 100 acres and Warren Pannell's Fruit and Berry Farm flanked Pannell Road. James Daley and Thomas Ryan farmed land in the vicinity of today's Daley and Ryan Roads, two of Perinton's oldest, dating to 1800 and 1802 respectively. Solomon Aldrich, who came from Massachusetts, purchased over 300 acres in the eastern portion of the town in 1806 in the area of Aldrich Road. J.G. Aldrich was still farming there in 1902. Loud Road is named for Oliver Loud, who ran a popular tavern and stagecoach stop in the hamlet of Egypt. The Wilkinson family, settling on Wilkinson Road in the 1830's, were also founding members of the South Perinton United Methodist Church. Their farmhouse is a Perinton landmark and is owned today by Floris Wilkinson Lent. Rufus Watson's Far View Farm of over 100 acres gave its name to Watson Road, which is the northern extension of Turk Hill Road. Adam Kreag, the creator of Shinola Shoe Polish, had an extensive farm on the road that was named for him. He was also known as the "Potato King," a nickname obviously related to his farm produce. The Jesse Whitney house and farm are shown on the corner of Whitney Road and North Main Street as early as 1852. By 1902 the DeLand family had purchased the land and moved the Whitney homestead to the east. In 1847 Benjamin Furman purchased land along what would become Furman Road and raised wheat which he sold in Rochester for thirty cents a bushel. The farm was designated as a New York State Century Farm in the 1950's because it had been in the same family for over 100 years. Michael Hogan, Samuel Mason, and Frank Howell, among others, all had farms on roads that now bear their names. Budlong Road, which is now known as Perinton Parkway, was named for Milton Budlong, whose farm straddled the road.

While many roads were named for one of the families that lived there, other sources might include businesses or activities that took place in the area. Today's builders often look back in history for street names. The third and last column in the series will describe those examples.

