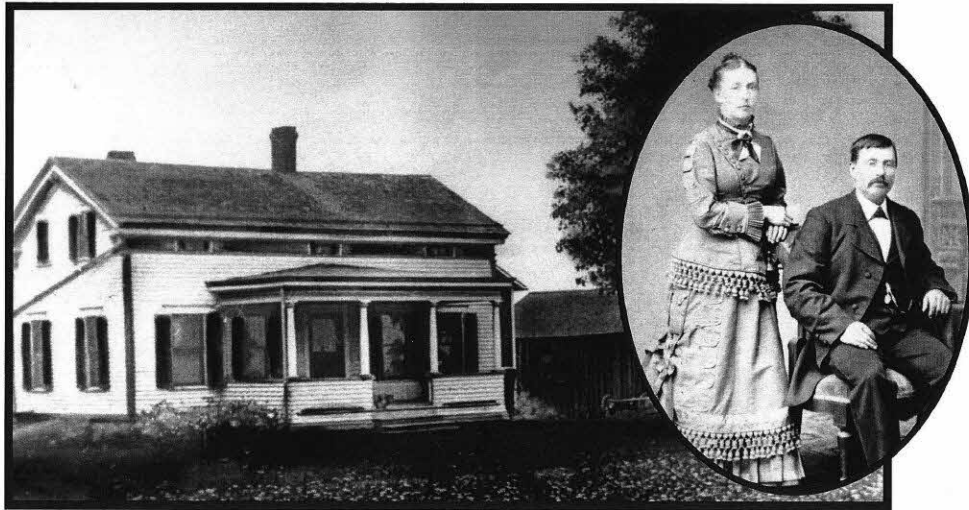


THE FARMSTEAD



This farmstead was once the Smith Lynn farm, at a time when what is now the intersection of Maple and Grange Roads was known as Lynnville. The heirs of Smith Lynn sold this place in 1879 to Charles and Wilhelm Lepinske, immigrants from West Prussia. For 30 years, Charles and Maggie Lepinske farmed these 95 acres which included two barns, two tobacco sheds, two wells and fresh water springs in the pastures. Here, Charles and Maggie raised their six children: Minnie, Celia, Lottie, Lillian, Fred and Ed. Charles' mother, Clara Lepinske, died here in 1900, and Maggie's mother, Margaret Sahn, died here in 1906. About 1909, the family moved to a home that was built for them, on what is now the east end of Grange Road, presently the home of Carl Lepinske. In the 1920's, Charles and Maggie retired to Muskrat Bay of Oneida Lake. This farm was owned by the Bishman family when the house burned about 1924.

Wedding insert: Charles Lepinske and Margaret Sahn were married in 1877; he was 33 and she was 18.

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LYNNVILLE WAY



Around 1808, two Lynn families left Lynn, Massachusetts with an ox team to settle on 640 acres. Lynnville sprang up around the intersection of what are now Maple and Grange Roads.

On an 1854 map, every farm along the upper half of what is now Maple Road shows the surname of Lynn. For many decades, what is now Maple Road was known as the Lynnville Road. Where Maple Road meets the railroad was called "Lynn's Crossing".

The Lynnville school was a brick building at the corner of present day Grange and Van Hoesen Roads. We see its barefoot students in 1892, with Ray Blanchard holding the sign "Cigarville". The brick school was torn down in 1897, replaced by the current wooden structure at the same site, which later served as the East Clay Grange for many years.

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LEPINSKE FARM PLACE



Carl (Charles) Lepinske was born in 1844 in West Prussia, near what is now Chojnice, Poland. He immigrated to New York in 1871, with his mother, Clara, and siblings; David, Will and Emil. Charles married Margaret Sahn in 1877. Charles and Will purchased the Smith Lynn estate in 1879; that is how they came to the area once called Lynnville.

This photo was taken around Charles' 80th birthday in 1924. The bold, young man is Ferdinand (Bud) Lepinske (1919-2006), who farmed this land his entire life. Standing from left to right: Minnie (1879-1946) (Mrs. Asa Ladd) of Brewerton; Ed (1891-1971), veteran of World War I, who married Anna Herbrandt of Cicero and farmed on Grange Road; Celia (1880-1955) (Mrs Charles Waterbury) of New Jersey; Charlotte (1882-1936) (Mrs. Clarence Sotherden) of Clay; Fred (1889-1970) who married Minnie Paneitz of Liverpool, and farmed on Grange Road; Lillian (1885-1982), an actress who lived in NYC and toured eastern cities in the US.

In the 1920's, Charles had a new home built near the farm of their daughter, Minnie, near Muskrat Bay, Oneida Lake. Here (Charlie) lived out his days in the quietude of fishing, until his death in 1933 at the age of 88. Maggie was 88 when she died in 1946 at their daughter Celia's home in Bernhard's Bay, N.Y.

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