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1066 Long Pond Road - THE BRITTON FAMILY HOMESTEAD

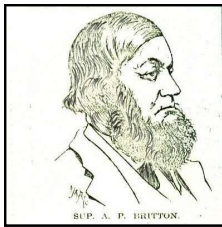
Coming to Monroe County in the early 1800s, the Britton Family were early settlers in what was then called Rochesterville.

Alanson Phizarro Britton, the ninth child of thirteen, was born in the tiny village in 1820. While in his teens he ran a line boat on the Erie Canal and later he managed a Toll Gate on the plank road in Brighton which became East Avenue. While boarding at the Toll Gate house he met and later married, in 1849, a school teacher named Laura Lewis. By 1853 he became interest in a plot of land in the town of Greece. The first dwelling, on about 102 acres he purchased from John and Lydia Beal, was a log house. A small portion of this land had already been deeded for use as a school house to Greece District #9 by the Beals. Shortly after the Civil War, Alanson began building the present Italian-ate style home on the property. The timbers were cut from trees on the property, hauled to a saw mill, cut into useable lumber and brought back to the building site.



South side of 1066 Long Pond circa 1904 - The Brittons standing on a stone wall.

The Britton farmstead, completed about 1870, was well known for its Hubbard Squash. By 1875 the Brittons had sold about an acre of the southern portion of the land near Maiden Lane to the Methodist Church for \$700. Laura and Alanson raised four children, of which the two eldest died fairly young.



Mr. Britton was the Town of Greece Supervisor five different times from the late 1870s until 1901. By mutual agreement, elected supervisors only served a two year term and retired, but could run again after a two year gap. Of all the 19th century supervisors, Britton seems to hold the record for the number of times served. Alanson had a long life, dying at the homestead in 1912; Laura preceded him in 1910 with an equally long life. They are buried in the Falls Cemetery on Ridge Road. The Britton homestead is now about 140 years old and is again up for sale with 1.6 acres of the original 102 acres from 1853 remaining. House #1066 is listed on the "101 historic sites in The Town Of Greece" and awaits a new owner who loves being surrounded by "friendly ghosts" of an important Greece family!



(L) The same view of the house taken Oct. 1, 2010

(R) The front view of the Britton Home - Oct, 1, 2010

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