

# "FROM THE HISTORIAN'S FILE"

## WHAT'S in a "STREET" NAME?

### What are the origins of many of the Greece Street names?

From Arlidge Drive and Armstrong Road to Weiland Road and Wendhurst Drive you will also find the odd ball names of, Canasta Road and Hojack Park! Who named these Greece streets and why do they have these varied names? Why was McGuire Road originally called Sage or Ottaway Road? Podunk Road became Mill Rd., which actually had a Cider Mill on a Creek near Long Pond Rd. English Road was not named after The United Kingdom, but for the Nathan English family who were farmers in the area and Eddy Road, north of the Ridge, became Mt. Read Boulevard.

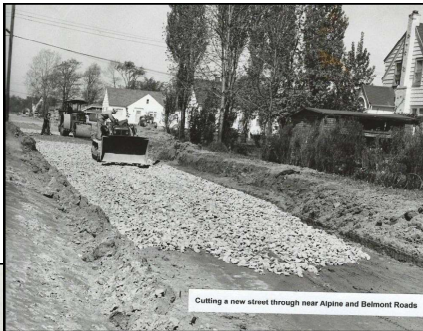
The end of World War II saw a huge influx of street development and housing. Multiple adjoining streets were named after wildflowers, types of fruit, variations of common names etc. A housing tract running north of Ridge Rd., East of Long Pond Rd. acquired a group of early New England names of towns and illustrious citizens. Some of the names are Alden, Cabot, Duxbury, Nantucket, Standish, etc.

When the Greece High Schools were built, starting with Olympia in the late 1950s, they would all carry Greek names. It was natural that Greek names would be used for new streets near the schools, i.e.: Olympia Drive, Arcadia Parkway, Athena Drive, etc.

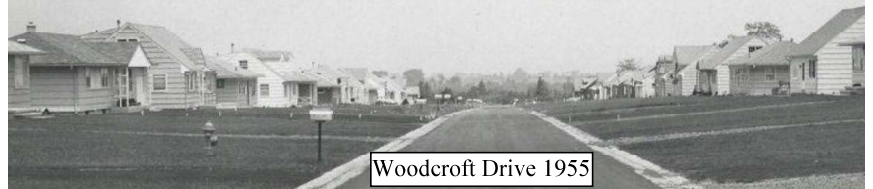
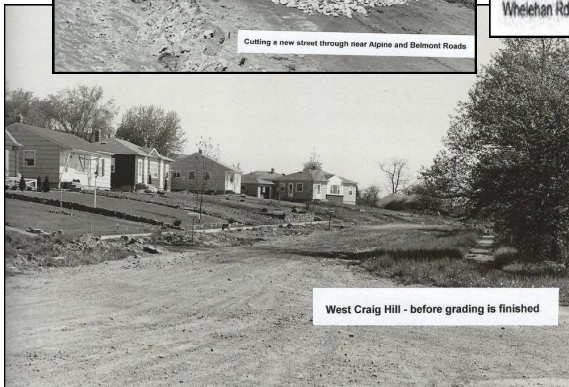
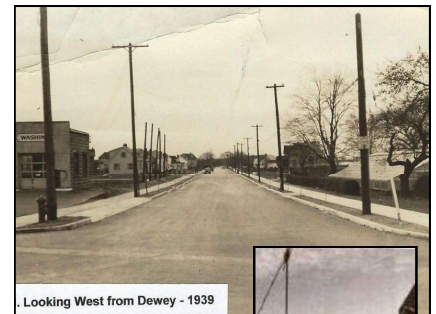
The introduction of full Zip Codes caused a rethinking of how streets would be named. The Postal Dept. and Town Hall certainly were in frenzy during those years. According to data from our DPW, the town presently has 261 miles of roads it maintains. Monroe County maintains 72½ miles and New York State has 19 miles. There are 1000 roads in Greece, plus 57 which are private.

The compiled list shown below is what I have been able to gather with over seventy Greece Street names that are linked to early settlers, farm families and tract developers, plus a few miscellaneous names not directly connected to the Greece area.

See last month's Corinthian, page 5, for the first article on "Google Mapping." In the future you will be able to go to Google Map Engine Pro and find some of these streets with a short sentence about the origin of their names and more. That will be an interesting but ongoing project.



- Almay Rd. - Arlidge Dr. - Armstrong Rd. - Bakerdale Rd. - Barnard Crossing Rd. - Barthoff Rd. - Beatty Rd. - Buckman Rd. - Britton Rd. - Bonesteel Rd. - Canal Wood - Clark Pk. - College Ave. - Conrad Dr. - Denise Rd. - Desmond Rd. - Dobson Rd. - Dowey Ave. - Dohrcrest Rd. - English Rd. - Erath Rd. - Estall Rd. - Fallenson Rd. - Feltzner Rd. - Fleming Creek Circle - Frisbee Hill Rd. - Frear Dr. - Greenleaf Rd. - Goethels Dr. - Hinchler Rd. - Hogan Pt. Rd. - Hojack Pk. - Holmes Rd. - Hoover Dr. - Howedale Rd. - Island Cottage Rd. - James Rd. - Kaiser Ct. - Kirk Rd. - Kuhn Rd. - Larkins Crossing - Latta Rd. - Lawson Rd. - Long Pond Rd. - Lowden Pt. Rd. - Marilyn Dr. - McCall Rd. - McGuire Rd. - Mill Rd. - Mitchell Rd. - Newcomb Rd. - Owens Way - Payne Beach Rd. - Pearson Lane - Peck Rd. - Preston Circle - Post Ave. - Rigney Lane - Shirley Terrace - Straub Rd. - Stone Rd. - Studley St. - Suttons Dr. - Tiernan Venes Rd. - Verstreet - Vince Tofany Blvd. - Wendhurst Rd. - Weiland Rd. - West Craig Hill - Whelehan Rd. - Wilmae Rd. - Yarkerdale Dr.



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