

DOING RESEARCH ON OLD BUILDINGS AND SITES I CALLED ON MR. RALPH MAC ARTHUR WHO HAS LIVED AT THE SITE OF THE HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF 17-B AND ROUTE 115 FOR 80 YEARS. HE SAID THAT IN THE LATE 1880s HIS GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER OWNED IT. IT WAS USED FOR A WASHHOUSE FOR THE DRAY-MEN OF WAGONS CARRYING PRODUCE FROM LONG DISTANCES AND DRIVERS OF STAGECOACHES. WHERE THE HOUSE NOW SITS WAS A DRIVE-THROUGH BARN WHERE HORSES COULD BE CHANGED . ABOUT 1900 , THE BARN WAS DESTROYED AND THE SQUARE WASHHOUSE MOVED TO IT'S PRESENT LOCATION. IT WAS ABOUT 18FEET SQUARE. IT WAS MADE INTO A DWELLING OF TWO FLOORS WITH ONE ROOM EACH.

THE HALSEY HOTEL WAS ACROSS THE ROAD ON 17-B AND PERRY ROAD AND WAS OWNED BY TWO OF MR. MAC ARTHUR'S AUNTS.

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According to Mr. Ralph MacArthur who owns this building and in whose family it has been for many years (before the little building was built, this was never a Toll House. It was a wash house behind the barns that were used as a Way station for teamsters hauling a distance too great for one team or without a rest. It was moved where it is now about 1900 and used for some years as a home.

Mr. MacArthur is now 80 years old.

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