

Norman Morehouse Farm
Morgan Rd, Liverpool NY 13090
General Information

Name of Structure: Norman Morehouse Farm

Address: Morgan Rd (east side), ie Liverpool outskirts on "the Clay road"
Next property north of 1238 Tulip St

Parcel ID: (314889) 026.-01-05.6

Atlas: 1852: "N Morehouse" (east); 1859 "N Morehouse" (on east & west)
1874: "Moses R. Avery" ("M & H.A. Avery") (Salina map)
Lots 85 and 86 (Salina), across the road from one another

1850 Census: Norman Morehouse, age 43; Nancy Morehouse, age 33;
and three children

When Built/Mason: 1840s, perhaps built and occupied by Norman Morehouse

When Razed: Destroyed 4/10/1894 fire
Assumed it was torn down in the aftermath of the fire

Original Owner: Originally Norman Morehouse

Subsequent owners: acquired 1866 Moses R Avery; foreclosed 1878
At time of fire it was occupied by a Mrs. Connors and daughter
(ownership unknown)

Original Use: Dwelling

Subsequent Use: Continued to be used as a home

Pictures: None known

Description: As gleaned from newspaper reporting

Design details: 1-½ story or possibly a 2-story

Masonry details: Built with lake-washed stones from Lake Ontario

Email from Glenn Hinckley dated 9/29/2019

... Thanks for the information!

A note about the name of the road: It was probably always referred to as the Clay Road because it was the main road to Clay, NY from Liverpool. The portion of the road within the Village of Liverpool is called Tulip Street, the portion of the road outside the village line is now called Morgan Road. ...

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THE FIRE

Norman Morehouse

[Syracuse NY Daily Standard 1894-1894 - 0912.PDF](#) (4/11/1894)

"An Old Landmark Gone—Historic House Near Liverpool Destroyed by Fire"

The cobblestone house on the Clay Road just north of this village was burned down early yesterday morning. The house was occupied by Mrs Connors and her daughter, who discovered the flames in an upper room. They gave the alarm, but the prompt assistance of neighbors failed to stay the flames. The house was destroyed, as were nearly all the household effects. The loss is about \$7000.

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The fire department of the village of Liverpool was aroused, but as the burning property was outside of the corporation limits they declined to respond."

[Marcellus NY Random Issues 1885 - 1954 Grayscale - 0029.pdf](#) (4/14/1894)

COUNTY NOTES: "Soon after 4 o'clock Tuesday, the historic cobblestone house on the Clay road, just north of the village of Liverpool, was destroyed by fire. The flames were first discovered in the upper rooms by Mrs. Connor and her daughter, but before assistance was at hand the building was in flames. Some of the furniture in the lower rooms was removed by neighbors, who responded to the alarm. Mrs Connor valued the house at \$5000 and had about \$2000 worth of personal effects. The exact amount of insurance could not be learned. It is stated that the building was heavily mortgaged. This house was a well-known landmark and was one of the oldest buildings in this portion of Onondaga county. It was erected in the forties by Norman Morehouse, the cobblestones used in its construction being brought to Liverpool from the shores of Lake Ontario. The fire department of the village of Liverpool was aroused, but as the burning property was outside of the corporation limits they declined to respond."

[Syracuse NY Evening Herald 1894-0961.pdf](#) (4/15/1894)

The SUNDAY HERALD, SUNDAY MORNING 4/15/1894

LAID IN RUINS: Fire Destroys the Old Cobblestone Landmark North of Liverpool
Liverpool, April 16--During the last week there has disappeared one of the most interesting landmarks in this vicinity, the old cobblestone house that stood on the Clay road just north of this village. This house had stood there for the last fifty years and when it was built, was regarded as one of the mansions of the county. It corresponded in point of magnificence and date with some of the older of the fine dwellings that are to be seen along the line of the Genesee turnpike. The cobblestones of which it was built were brought from the shore of Lake Ontario, by Norman Morehouse, the builder and owner of the house. At the time of the fire it

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was occupied by a Mrs. Connors and her daughter. They lost nearly all the contents of the place and it is said that the loss amounted to about \$7000. The neighbors worked to save the property, but the Liverpool Fire department would not respond, because the place was just outside of the corporation.

TRACE OF OWNERSHIP

1850 Census

The Norman Morehouse house stood on the east side of Morgan Road at the northern edge of Liverpool, next to the Clay town line. According to the 1850 census, Norman Morehouse, age 43, and his wife, Nancy, age 33, lived there with their 3 children. They farmed about 100 acres of the adjoining land until 1866 when the farm was sold. The property changed hands several times after that.

The Journal—Syracuse 2/16/1866:

FARM FOR SALE—ON THE CLAY ROAD, about ½ mi north of the village of Liverpool containing 100 Acres of Good Land under good cultivation, with valuable Stone Dwelling House, nearly new, 3 barns and other outhouse, and now in the occupation of L M Seeley, Esq to whom apply for further information... ANSON BLAKE 2/3/1966

The Journal—Syracuse 3/10/1866:

Mr M.R. Avery has purchased the "Morehouse farm" in the town of Salina, containing 103 acres of Mr Anson Blake of New York City for \$15,000.

(1874: "M & H.A. Avery" — Moses Rubin Avery & Hanna Augusta Avery) — siblings

Repeatedly advertised in 1877 Newspapers:

"By virtue of the judgment of foreclosure and sale ... 12/4/1877... shall sell at public auction at the front door of the court house in the city of Syracuse on the 19th day of January next..." then in a later dated newspaper: "The above sale is hereby postponed until February 2d, next..."

Dated 1/19/1878."

Unresolved Questions

- Who acquired it during 1878 foreclosure sale?
- Who was Mrs. Connor?

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Oakwood Cemetery

<https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=83616561>

Norman Morehouse (6/11/1804 - 3/25/1884)

wife: Nancy Tyrrell Morehouse (1818 - 1888)

children (Augusta A Morehouse Newell, Gertrude Morehouse Harlow, Frederick Morehouse)

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/77196109/moses-rogers-avery>

Moses Rogers Avery (1823-1899)

wife: Julia Emily Avery

sister: Hannah Augusta Avery (1825-1897)