

Elisha G. Merriman House  
Vine Street, Syracuse, NY 13211  
General Information

Name of Structure: Elisha G. Merriman House

Address: Today would be ~opposite 1067 Vine St  
497 Electronics Pkwy is address of the plant built in 1946 on the  
approximate site of the erstwhile Merriman House.

Parcel ID: (314889) 031.-01-01.1  
Atlas: Military Lot #1; 1852: "M. Nearing"; 1859, 1874 "E.G. Merriman"

When Built/Mason: Unknown mason  
When Razed: ~1944 torn down for Electronics Plant

Original Owner: Presumably Mars Nearing  
Subsequent owners: Elisha Grandison Merriman; unknown after that;  
Acquired by GE 8/25/1944

Original Use: House  
Subsequent Use: House, until torn down

Pictures: None

Description:  
Design details: Unknown (see CFS)  
Masonry details: Unknown

Correspondence: 2011: Dorianne Gutierrez, Liverpool Village Historian:  
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photos, anything we could think of."

References: Carl F. Schmidt's 1966 "Cobblestone Masonry" (CFS) —  
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two-story cobblestone wing. It was razed when the Electronics Plant was  
erected"

From their website: Electronics Park is a landmark 181-acre office/industrial business park conveniently located six miles from downtown Syracuse. Originally built in 1946 for General Electric, Electronics Park is now used for engineering, research, and development.

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Email from Dorianne Gutierrez, Liverpool Village Historian, dated 2/10/2011

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Email from Glenn Hinchey dated 7/29/2017

... ELISHA MERRIMAN HOUSE

The Merriman house stood on Vine Street, just north of the train tracks at the northwest edge of the Village of Liverpool. The house shows on the 1852 county map as belonging to Mars Nearing, but by 1859, Nearing and his family had moved to Hastings, NY and Elisha Merriman had taken over the farm. It is not known when the wood frame house was built, but it is likely that the cobblestone wing was added by Merriman in the mid 1850s. The 1865 census shows Elisha Merriman, 52, living there with his wife, Polly, 51, a daughter, Josephine, 25, a son, Willis L., 21 and a nephew, Willis S., 14. Polly was Elisha's second wife, his first wife having died of Consumption (Tuberculosis) in 1844. The family farmed the adjacent 106 acres of land. In 1870, the farm had 3 horses, 2 "milch cows", 1 pig, 199 sheep and 6 other cattle. They produced wheat, corn, oats, and tobacco. Their biggest crops in 1870 were tobacco, producing 4200 pounds, and the wool from 199 sheep.

Just after World War II, in 1946-48, General Electric built a 150 acre plant called Electronics Park. The land from the old Merriman farm became a large part of this complex. The Merriman house was torn down to build the Vine Street entrance to Electronics Park. No photographs of the house are known."