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General Information

**Name of Structure:** Rufus Hartwell House

**Address & Parcel ID:** 1671 Fintches Corners Rd, Martville NY

Tax ID: (055689) 16.00-1-39.2

**Atlas:** 1853: "R Hartwell"; 1859: "R Hartwell"; 1875 "R.O.Hartwell";  
1904 unmarked hatched Lot 47

**When Built and Mason:** unknown

**When Razed:** 1982 or shortly thereafter (1983 new structure built on the lot)

**Why:** Greatly deteriorated

**Original Owner:** Rufus Hartwell

Martville Cemetery: Rufus Hartwell (1802-1882); wife Lydia (1804-1872)

**Subsequent Owner(s):** unknown

**Original Use:** House

**Subsequent Use(s):** House, vacant, demolished

**Through the Years:**

Owner of ruin in 1981: The estate of Robert S Schumack was sold in 10/1982 to Norman Hickox who razed the house. Tax records document the home on this site was built 1983.

**Pictures:** Roudabush

**Building Details:**

It was 1½ story; 3-bay center entrance, long side faced rd; brick quoins, wooden L&S; small water-round multi-everything stones 3/Q w/V'd horizontals, pyramid or straight verticals—pretty. RR pix shows infrastructure wall was rubble.

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Robert Roudabush photographed it in 1979, documenting that the owner intends to reconstruct it. He describes the house as in ruins.

11/5/2011, Judy Snyder, Sterling Town Historian ... The cobblestone house on Finches Corners Rd. has been down for many years. I do remember seeing it as a kid. A manufactured home is now on the site and is owned by Norman and Carolyn Hickox. Property address is 1671 Fintches Corners Rd.

Lockport Daily Journal, 1871 (12/5/1871): "The residence of Rufus O Hartwell of Martville Cayuga County, was entered by burglars the other night and robbed of \$1,000 in specie and greenbacks and the deed of his farm. The robbers escaped."

The Citizen, Auburn NY, Wed 4/21/1976, p 14 Property Transfers; Robert H and Sylvia C Thompson of Sterling to Robert Schumack of Martville property in Sterling including about 25 acres for \$10,000, Assessment \$900.

The Oswego Valley News, Thr 9/3/1981: Auction, Wed Sep 9, 10AM, Robert S Schumack Estate Martville NY, Sale site: 1 mile north of Martville (Fintches Corners Rd) LOOK LaGrande 12 x 64 Mobile Home - NOTICE: Everything sells as is where is, and no warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied. ROBERT S SCHUMACK, JR, Adm.

The Citizen, Auburn NY, Wed 10/13/1982, p 8: Robert S Schumack representing the estate of Robert S Schumack to Mr and Mrs Norman W Hickox Jr, Martville, property in Sterling, Fintches Corners Rd with 24 acres of land at \$12,000. Assessment at \$1,400.