

42 East Market Street
Red Hook, New York 12571
March 23, 1976

Mrs. Edward McNally
Barrytown Road
Red Hook, New York 12571

Re: survey of houses in Red Hook

Dear Mrs. McNally:

I went down to Poughkeepsie today to do some work on tracing our house back through the deeds. As you will see from the summarized chain of title below, I have traced the house back to Jacob Barringer, who apparently acquired the house in 1815.

In order to go further back than that, I will have to start looking in local church and tax records. Jacob was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Red Hook, so I assume he was a member of that church. Do you know whom I should contact to see if that church has records of who Jacob married, who his parents were, etc.? I was unable to find any recorded deed TO Jacob Barringer in the County Clerk's office, so now I shall have to go by "feel".

Do you know whether the Village or the DAR has copies of old tax records? That would be another way of finding out who had the house before 1815.

This is what I have so far:

1975: Linda G. & Richard J. Lawson to Paul Weiner and Caroline Rider

1970: Admin CTA of Barzelle H. Doyle to Linda G. & Richard J. Lawson

1922: Martha Niver to Barzelle & Mary L.F. Doyle

: break here - don't have conveyance to Martha Niver; have to check probate records for Marks Piester to see if he was Martha's father

1872: Mathias R. and Elizabeth Near to Marks Piester

The parcel that Mathias Near conveyed to Marks Piester was made up of three smaller parcels. As far as I can tell, the parcel with the house on it went as follows:

1871: ~~Alexander~~ Henry A. and Catherine N. Barringer to Mathias Near

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1867: Jacob Barringer to Henry Barringer by will (Book Y Page 67,
Dutchess County Surrogate's Court)

In the deed from Henry and Catherine Barringer we find
the following language:

"All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land
with the dwelling house, barn and cooper shop thereon...
being a part of the premises which the said Jacob
Barringer held and occupied as his homestead since
the year 1815 to the time of his death...." (emphasis
supplied)

There is something in the deed about Jacob's having
acquired the land by assignments of a "Lease in Perpetuity"
executed by Jonathan Thompson and George C. Hoffman. Next time
I go down to the County Clerk's office, I will look for the
lease.....but local tax records would certainly help.

Anyway, there is my progress report. Is there any way
of finding out what happened to the cooper's shop?

Sincerely yours,

Caroline

Caroline V. Rider