



NORTH GREENBUSH NOTES

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Sharpe Family Homestead

There is a new Historical Marker in North Greenbush. This is the 11th marker placed since 2009 and it commemorates what is probably the oldest house in town, dating from the 1730's. The property is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although the house has been modernized, it still contains knee brace and jamless fireplace support and framing in the style of early Dutch houses. Sections of original clapboard are now at the State Museum.

The saga of the Sharpe family is quite interesting. George "Jurrie" Sharpe emigrated from Germany in the early 1700's and settled first on the Livingston Manor in New York State. By the 1840's the family had moved first to Schaghticoke and then to what is now North Greenbush and leased 131 acres from the Van Rensselaers.

Several of Jurrie's sons settled in this area. Nicholas lived in Defreestville where the Sharpe Apartments stand. Peter lived on Sharpe Road in Wynantskill. George had a home on

Edwards Road and Martinus inherited the family homestead.

A family story, perhaps apocryphal, is that a son of Jurrie was captured by Indians, returned to his family but later left to live with the Indians and was forever lost to the Sharpe family.

The Sharpe Homestead remained in the Sharpe family until the early 1900's and is today proudly owned by the Dwyer family.