

SKIFF LAND RECORDS

Revised: July 16, 2014

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg	Location
Salina Lots 17 & 18				
1882 - Apr	Mary A. Avery	Charles H. Skiff	238, 173	Sal 17, 18 & 27; \$24,667.50
1885	Charles W. Skiff	B. Skiff	246, 346	Sal 17r
1900	Charles H., Ella A., Polly J., Ann aJ., George, Marilla Skiff	E. C. Young & ano	332, 248	Sal 36, 40
1908 - Jun	C. H. Skiff & wife	George T. Skiff	388, 23	Sal 17 &c
1908 - Jun	George T. Skiff & wife	Charles H. Skiff	388, 22	Sal 17 & 18
1908 - Jun	George T. Skiff & wife	Charles H. Skiff	388, 22	Sal 17
1910 - Jul	Syracuse & SB RR	George Skiff	395, 471	(M) Sal 18
1916 - Jul	T. H. Dixon	George Skiff	451, 506	Sal 17
1916 - Jul	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	G. Barbieri	451, 518	(M) Sal 17
1918 - Jul	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	A. P. Kresse	470, 176	(M) Sal 18
1919 - Jan	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	Seymour N. Skiff	470, 544	Sal 17 &c Seymour got ½ interest in Skiff property
1919 - Apr	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	H. Barnello	475, 195	(M) Sal 17, 27
1920 - Mar	George T., Helen L., Seymour N. Skiff	Harrington Farms	489, 79	(M) Sal 17 &c
1920- Jun	R. C. Vetter & wife	George T. Skiff	489, 437	(M) Sal 1,2 Campbell Tract
1922 - Jan	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	C. G. Young	507, 557	(M) Sal 3 Campbell Tract
1922 - Dec	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	F. W. Grieb & wife	522, 48	(M) Sal 4 Campbell Tract
1923 - Apr	G. Crouse	Charles H. Skiff	522, 410	(M) Sal 17, 18
1923 - Apr	R. LaPenna et al	Charles H. Skiff	522, 409	(M) Sal 17, 18
1923	Charles H. & Anna J. Skiff	Greater Syracuse Development Corp	522, 413	(M) Sal 17, 18; same parcel as 522, 412
1923 - Apr 16	Brenda & Seymour Skiff	Charles H. Skiff	522, 410	(M) Sal 17, 18
1923	Charles H. & Anna J. Skiff	Central City Development Corp	522, 412	(M) Sal 17, 18
1923 - Jul	J. W. Crosby	Charles H. Skiff	525, 214	Sal 3, 139c Brace
1923 - Jul	A. Dunfee	Charles H. Skiff	528, 318	(M) Sal 17, 18

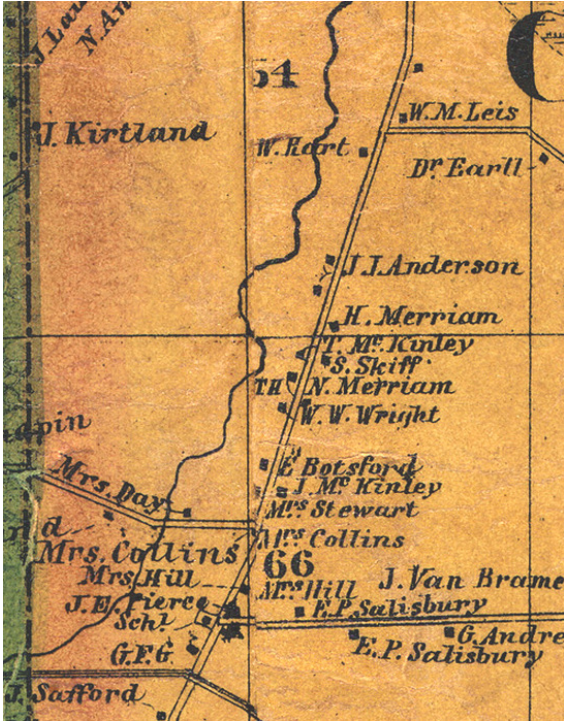
DeWitt Lot 5 - The following 5 parcels are NOT the same property				
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg	Location
1914	J. Fulmer	Charles H. & Seymour N. Skiff	436, 105	DeW 5 Part of Lot 5; 5a
1914	J. Gower	Charles H. & Seymour N. Skiff	436, 105	DeW 5 Part of Lot 5; 5a
1914	C. E. Haw	Charles H. & Seymour N. Skiff	436, 106	DeW 5 Part of Lot 5; 5a
1914	A. Walters	Charles H. & Seymour N. Skiff	436, 107	DeW 5 Part of Lot 5; 5a
1914	H. Wands	Charles H. & Seymour N. Skiff	436, 107	DeW 5 Part of Lot 5; 5a
Onondaga Lots 213 & 221				
1923 - Mar	Hitchings Apple Farms	George Skiff	519, 258	Onon 213, 221

GIBBS AND SEYMOUR SKIFF OF CICERO

Cicero Lots – Gibbs Skiff				
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1831	B. Andrew	Gibbs Skiff	SS, 492	Cic 54
1831	E. T. Dennis	Gibbs Skiff	SS, 493	Cic 54
1831	T. Curtis	Gibbs Skiff	VV, 248	Man 11
1835	N. Merriam	Gibbs Skiff	58, 413	Cic 66
1835	Gibbs & Artemissia Skiff	J. Bowring	58, 422	Cic 54
1844	Gibbs & Artemissia Skiff	P. Eaton	85, 137	DeW 11
The following two entries refer to the same deed. The land being conveyed was land Gibbs Skiff had owned at the time of his death in 1847. Lansing was the only Grantor mentioned in the actual deed.				
1847	Heirs of Gibbs Skiff (see p. 2312) & <i>Lansing S. Skiff</i>	S. Skiff	93, 118 (93)	Cic 54 & 66; 42a; \$1
1847	<i>L. S. Skiff</i>	Seymour Skiff	93, 118 (93)	Cic 54 & 66; 42a; \$1
These next three deeds seem to be related to some common event.				
1849	<i>Bradford L. Skiff</i>	J. Mariam (or Mariam)	96, 331 (514)	Cic 54 & 66
1849	<i>Almira Skiff</i>	S. Skiff	96, 332 (515)	Cic 54 & 66; \$100
1849	J. Merriam	Seymour Skiff	96, 332 (515)	Cic 54; 22a; \$500
1853	Seymour Skiff	J. Mariam	110, 180	Cic 66
1857	P. Merriam	Seymour Skiff	127,426	Cic 66
1865	A. J. Earll	Seymour Skiff	154, 149	Cic 55
1867	Seymour & Polly J. Skiff	H. C. Day	165, 170	Cic 55
1869	T. McKinley	Seymour Skiff	146, 75	Cic 66
1884	Polly J & Seymour Skiff	C. R. Abbey	240, 370	Cic 54r

Three new Skiff names have shown up in these land records in the period 1847-49: Lansing S. Skiff, of Cicero in 1847; Bradford L. Skiff, of Cicero in 1849; Almira Skiff, of Cicero in 1849. These are probably relatives of Gibbs Skiff. However, none of these names showed up in the newspaper database or were found in the Cicero Cemetery.

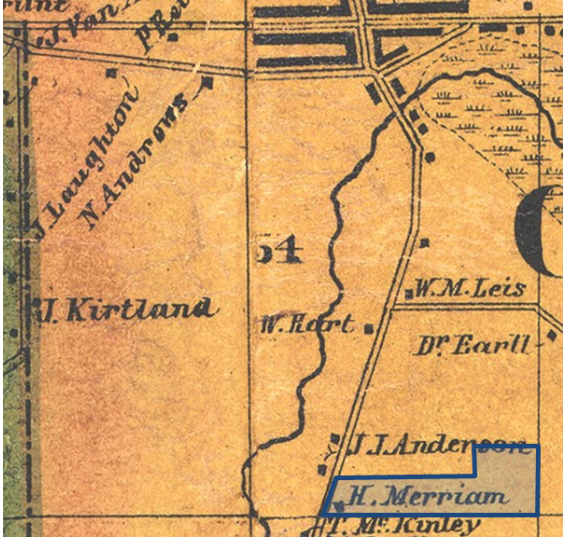
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1847	L. S. Skiff	Seymour Skiff	93, 118 (93)	Cic 54 & 66; 42a; \$1
Date of Indenture:		February 13, 1847		
Grantor:		Lansing F. Skiff of Cicero		
Grantee:		Seymour Skiff of the same place		
Amount:		\$1.00		
Description:		<p>All that certain piece of parcel of land which Gibbs Skiff died Seased of and being parts of Lots No. Fifty four and Sixty Six in the County of Onondaga and town of Cicero aforesaid and bounded as follows. On the west by the Plank Road leading from Brewerton to Salina, on the south by lands now owned by Noah Merriam on the east by lands owned by Royal White and McKeller and on the north by lands owned occupied by Bartholomew Andrews containing <u>forty two acres</u> of land.</p> <p>On the left is an 1860 map showing the bottom portion of Cicero Lot #54 and the top portion of Cicero Lot #66. The land described in this deed straddles the boundary between those two lots. However, the legal description found in this deed is vague. It describes three of the boundaries of the land that Gibbs Skiff owned at the time of his death in terms of the names of the land owners whose property bordered his property. To determine an exact quantitative legal description it would be necessary to find the deeds for each of these three neighbors and hope that their properties were not described in the same indirect manner.</p> <p>However, the S. Skiff seen on this map, on the plank road, just below the boundary between the two lots, is Seymour Skiff. This deed most likely describes the land he held at the time the 1860 map was created. It just isn't easy to trace out the exact boundaries of his land for the reasons described above.</p>		
Date Recorded:		October 16, 1847		



The two following transactions involve the same property as above. The purpose for these transactions might be the result of an estate settlement. Especially in the case of Bradford Skiff who pointed out that his was a “one Seventh part.”

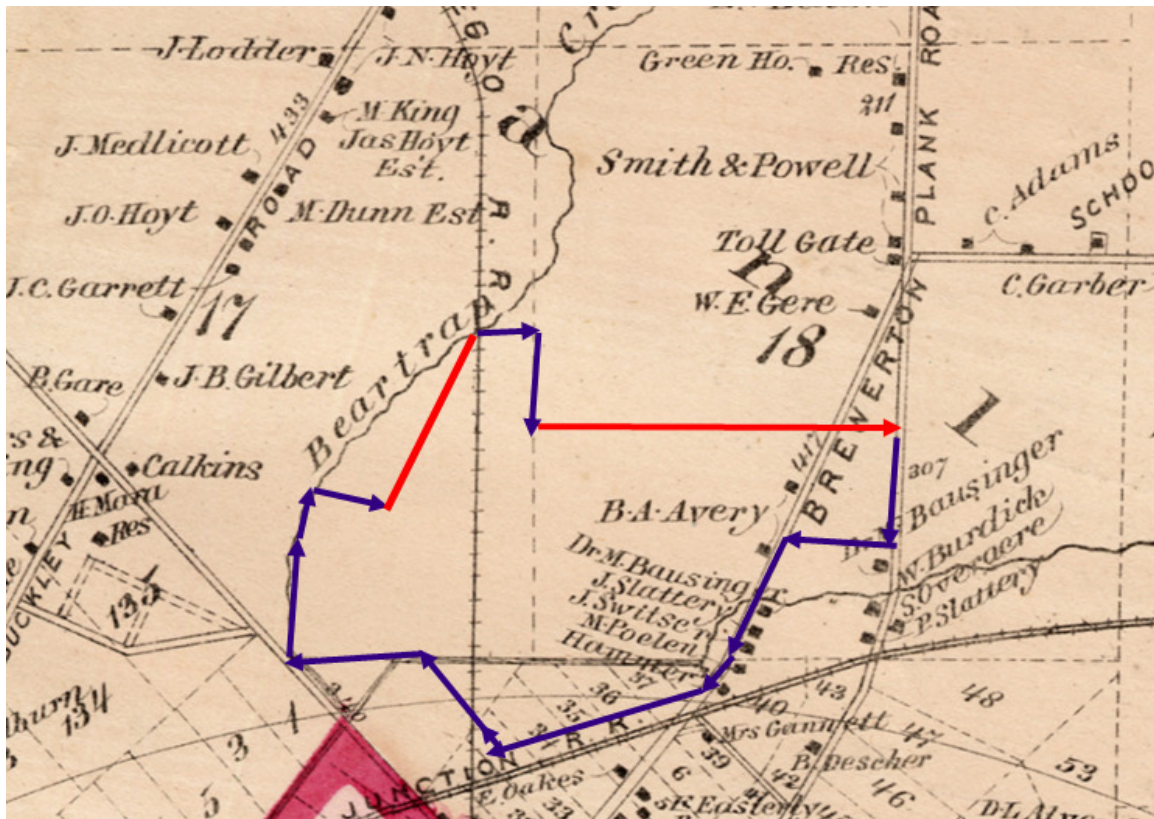
Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1849	<i>Bradford L. Skiff</i>	J. Mariam (or Mariam)	96, 331	Cic 54 & 66
Date of Indenture:		No date		
Grantor:		Bradford L. Skiff of the town of Cicero County of Onondaga & State of New York		
Grantee:		John Mariam of the same place		
Amount:		\$1.00		
Description:		All that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the town & County & State aforesaid & being small parts of Lots Number Fifty four & Sixty Six in said town & Bounded as follows. On the north by lands owned & occupied by Bartholomew Andrews on on the East by lands now owned and occupied by John McCullen and William White & on the South by lands owned & occupied by Noah Marriam & on the west by the center of the Plank Road containing <u>forty two acres</u> of land & being the same two pieces of land deeded to Gibbs Skiff by Bartholomew Andrews & Wife & Noah Mariam & Wife as reference to said deeds will more fully appear & being the same land on which the said Gibbs Skiff resided at the time of his death the right & title to be conveyed by the Deeds is understood to be the <u>one Seventh part of the above described piece of land.</u>		
Date Recorded:		January 25, 1849		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1849	<i>Almira Skiff</i>	S. Skiff	96, 332	Cic 54 & 66; \$100
Date of Indenture:		November 1, 1848		
Grantor:		Almira Skiff of the town of Cicero & County of Onondaga & State of New York		
Grantee:		Seymour Skiff of the same place		
Amount:		\$100		
Description:		All that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being the State County and town aforesaid & being small parts of Lots Number Fifty four & Sixty Six in said town & Bounded as follows to wit. On the north by lands owned & occupied by Bartholomew Andrews on the east by lands now owned and occupied by John McCullen and William White & on the south by lands owned & occupied by Noah Marriam & on the West by the center of the Plank Road containing <u>forty two acres</u> of land & being the same premises on which the said Gibbs Skiff resided at the time of his death & being the same premises land deeded to Gibbs Skiff by Bartholomew Andrews & Wife & Noah Mariam & Wife as reference to said deeds will more fully appear.		
Date Recorded:		January 25, 1849		

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1849	J. Merriam	Seymour Skiff	96, 332 (515)	Cic 54; 22a; \$500
Date of Indenture:		November 9, 1848		
Grantor:		John Mariam of the town of Cicero and County of Onondaga & State of New York		
Grantee:		Seymour Skiff of the same place		
Amount:		\$500		
Description: Overlay is on an 1860 map.		All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the town county aforesaid and known as part of Lot No. Fifty four in said town and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at the <i>southeast corner</i> of said Lot No. fifty four		
		thence running along the south line of said lot, north 89 degrees & 5 minutes west thirty three chains and Seventy five links to a point in the center of the State Road fifty links west of a Stake and Stone thence along said road in the center thereof north 18 degrees east five chains and fifty one links to a point fifty links west of a stake thence south 89 degrees 5 minutes east twenty two chains and six links to a stake thence north one half of a degree east four chains and seventy six links to a stake thence south 89 degrees and 5 minutes east ten chains to the east line of said lot thence southerly along said line ten chains to the place of beginning containing <u>twenty two acres</u> of land.		
<p>By providing the distance from the southeast corner of Cicero Lot #54 to the Cicero Plank Road in the legal description, it was possible to develop a scale which allowed the boundaries of the land to be traced out.</p>		<p>Now this is the correct method for providing a legal description of a parcel of land that is to be conveyed. This is as opposed to the type of description found in the 1847 Deed between L. S. Skiff and Seymour Skiff found in Deed Book 93, p. 118 for land in Cicero Lots #54 & #66.</p>		
Date Recorded:		January 25, 1849		

This is the original purchase of the B. A. Avery farm by Charles & George Skiff

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1882 - Apr	Mary A. Avery	Charles H. Skiff	238, 173	Sal 17, 18 & 27; \$24,667.50
Date of Indenture:		April 1, 1882		
Grantor:		Mary A. Avery of Syracuse		
Grantee:		Charles H. Skiff of Salina		
Amount:		\$24,667.50		
<p>Description:</p> <p>As time went by the surveying methods got more exact and with that the legal descriptions became more detailed and complicated. This is a perfect example of that increase in detail.</p> <p>After finding a way to quickly generate these segments it was possible to examine this description in detail. There are one or two mistakes here and a missing segment. This is discussed and corrected below.</p>		<p>Beginning in the <u>southwest corner</u> of Lot 18 Thence north 4° east 16.73 chains along the west line of Lot 18, Thence north 12.25° east 7.41 chains, Thence south 77.75° east 10.74 chains to the center of "Jack's Bear Trap Creek," Thence northeast along the <u>center line of said creek</u> to the north line of land conveyed to B. A. Avery by Noyce Williams and wife April 10, 1865, [Forty six chains north of the southwest corner of Lot 18.]</p> <p>[The starting point for this next segment needs to be in Lot 17 if the boundary is approaching the west line of Lot 18 by going east.]</p> <p>Thence 87° east 8.80 chains to the west line of Lot 18, Thence south 4° west 14.63 chains along the west line of Lot 18, There appears to be a segment missing here. Thence south 4° west 15.42 chains along said north & south highway, Thence north 86.5° west 16.10 chains to the center of the Plank Road, Thence north 25.75° west 18.38 (or 18.88) chains <u>along the center of the Plank Road</u>, Thence south 40.5° west 6.85 chains along the center of the Plank Road, Thence south 73.5° west 31.55 chains along the north line of the Syracuse Junction RR lands, Thence north 39.5° west 2.96 chains Thence <u> </u> 40.5° <u> </u> 5.14 chains, Thence north 39.5° west 15 chains to the north line of lot 27, Thence south 86° west 19.84 chains along the north line of Lot 27 to the place of beginning, containing <u>214.50 acres</u>.</p>		
Date Recorded:		April 13, 1882		



This is how the boundary from the description in the deed above, from Avery to Skiff, should appear. There were several items in the description that were in error or resulted from a transcription error or a misinterpretation of the handwriting in the deed book. The overall size of this parcel shown above is adequate to represent the 214 acres conveyed by the deed.

The written description above had the starting point at the southwest corner of Lot 18, but that doesn't work. The correct starting point appears to be the southwest corner of Lot 17. However, Lot 17 is not a square and although it has a corner that could be considered its southwest corner, it doesn't have a "westline" proceeding north from the corner as would be expected with a square shaped lot. The third segment proceeds almost directly east until it reaches Bear Trap Creek. That requires segment two ended at a point west of the creek and that can't happen if the starting point is the southwest corner of Lot 18.

The fourth segment followed the center line of the creek "to the north line of land conveyed to B. A. Avery by Noyce Williams and wife April 10, 1865." That point is well defined by the crossing of the creek and the railroad track. Given the starting and ending points I just connected the two and used a red line segment to indicate I didn't follow the creek, which itself might not be in the correct location.

Segment five from that crossing to the west line of Lot 18 is OK. Segment six heads south along the west line of lot 18 which is OK. This is now at the north line of Avery's property in Lot 18 and the next segment is the one that is missing. The missing segment needs to follow the north line of Avery's property from the west line of lot 18 to the state highway. Segment seven refers to "said north south highway" but no north-south

highway had been mentioned up until that point. Now it's possible the segment is missing from the description in the deed book or I missed it in transcribing the legal description of the property. It was colored red in the diagram. To indicated that it has been added and was not listed in the description in the summary table describing this transaction.

The missing segment heads straight east and matches up quite nicely with segment seven, which proceeds down the "said north south highway." From that point on, just by following the segments, the boundary ends at the southwest corner of lot 17. This is where it was felt that the beginning needed to be located, instead of the southwest corner of lot 18, as was stated in the description.

In the previous overall analysis of the parcels in lot 18, Avery had about 145 acres. In the land sold to the Skiff brothers it was seen that Avery had picked up some land in adjacent lot 17 to the west and a bit of land in lot 27 to the south. There was also a small square missing from the southeast corner of his 145 acres on lot 18, which would have been only about 20 acres. Another observation that comes out of this analysis is that the 1882 purchase by the Skiff brothers did not include the old Gere farm, just to the north in lot 18. In March 1900 they did ultimately purchase the Gere farm.

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1918 - Jul	George T. & Helen L. Skiff	A. P. Kresse	470, 176	(M) Sal 18
Date of Indenture:		July 19, 1918		
Grantor:		George T. & Helen L. Skiff		
Grantee:		Arthur P. Cresse		
Amount:		\$1		
Description:		"The right of way to be used for street & highway purposes over, upon and along a strip of land fifty (50) feet wide extending across the southerly end or side of so much of the land and premises described in a conveyance made by Charles H. Skiff and Anna J. Skiff his wife to George H. Skiff dated May 12, 1908 recorded in the Onondaga County Clerk's office June 1 st 1908 in Book 388, p. 23, etc. as lies between the old State Road so called and the Syracuse & Brewerton Plank Road, a distance of about one thousand (1000) feet."		
Date Recorded:		July 25, 1918		

A. P. Kresse was the same person that had purchased the 135-acre Overacre farm on the same day as the date of this deed. The western boundary of the Overacre farm was the old State Road (Lemoyne Ave) and Kresse wanted a connection to the Plank Road. This deed gave him a 50' wide 1000' foot long road along the southern edge of the Skiff property. This is a bit of a guess, but this road, if it was ever built, would have been approximately where Edgemere Road is today.

Date	Grantor	Grantee	Bk, Pg (IMG)	Location
1923	Charles H. & Anna J. Skiff	Central City Development Corp	522, 412	(M) Sal 17, 18
Date of Indenture:		April 9, 1923		
Grantor:		Charles H. Skiff and wife		
Grantee:		Central City Development Corp		
Amount:		\$1 and other considerations		
<p data-bbox="183 457 630 489">Description:</p> <p data-bbox="183 520 630 730">This is the portion of the Skiff farms that went to Charles when he and his brother George split up the farm between them. This was largely the old William F. Gere farm. This became Richfield Farms and the Garden City Tract.</p>		<p data-bbox="630 457 1430 636">Known as the Charles H. Skiff farm Beginning in the center of the Brewerton Road at the southeast corner of the premises of John Kirsch which is the southeast corner of the <u>10 acres</u> described in a deed from Wm. F. Gere and wife to Alanson Thorp and others dated June 8, 1854 and recorded August 2, 1854 in Book 117, p. 134. Thence southwest along the center of said highway about 1279 feet to the southeast corner of said Skiff farm which is also the northeast corner of Harrington Farms, Inc. Thence along the north line of Harrington Farms north 88° 45' west about 3660 feet to the center of Bear Trap Creek, Thence northeast along the center of Bear Trap Creek about 2250 feet to a point in the west line of Lot 18, which point is designated as being 26.07 chains north from the northeast corner of the States one hundred acres in a deed from Mary A. Reed and husband to John Phillip dated January 15, 1884 and recorded on January 24, 1884 in Book 246, p. 102, Thence south 89° east 99 feet, (<i>distance missing</i>), Thence south 1.5° west along west line of the premises of John Kirsch 8 chains to the southwest corner of premises of said Kirsch, Thence south 89° east along the south line of Kirsch land 294 feet, Thence south along the west line of the premises of John Kirsch 165 feet to south line of John Kirsch land, Thence east along the south line of John Kirsch's land about 2593 feet to the place of beginning.</p> <p data-bbox="630 1224 1430 1402">Being the same premises conveyed by Deed from John Phillips as an individual and as executor of the Last Will and Testament of Susan A. Phillips (deceased) to George and Charles Skiff dated <u>March 1, 1900</u> and recorded on March 3, 1900 in Book 333, p. 157. And by a Deed from George and Helen Skiff to Charles Skiff dated May 28, 1908 and recorded June 1, 1908 in Book 388, p. 24.</p> <p data-bbox="630 1402 1430 1528">Excepting: All land north of a line extending westerly from the center of Brewerton Road and parallel with the north line of Harrington Farms and 570 feet northerly from measured at right angles there to.</p>		
Date Recorded:		April 10, 1923		