

Lawrence Long in Liverpool

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Leaving the Fabius Farm

Lawrence Long and family plus Thomas Long (Pioneer) left the family farm in Fabius by 1887.¹ Until we have an event to mark the family's departure from the farm, perhaps it is better to say that by a certain year they were no longer on the family farm in Fabius.

- How do we know that?
- Leaving the farm: Abandoned? Sold? Foreclosed? Rented out?

People in the Long family in 1887: Lawrence, Jane, Kit (1878), John (1879), Stephen (1883) and father Thomas (1811).

An Unexpected Stop in Pompey

The 1892 NYS Census was taken on Feb. 16, 1892. At that time Lawrence Long and his family, his father and his brother Patrick were living on a farm in the town of Pompey. The next farm down the road was that of Patrick Gleason and Bridget Lahert (see 1874 map). The Gleasons were in the same location, on this road near the northern border of the town of Pompey, for many years and can be used to locate the Lawrence Long family at the time of the 1892 census.

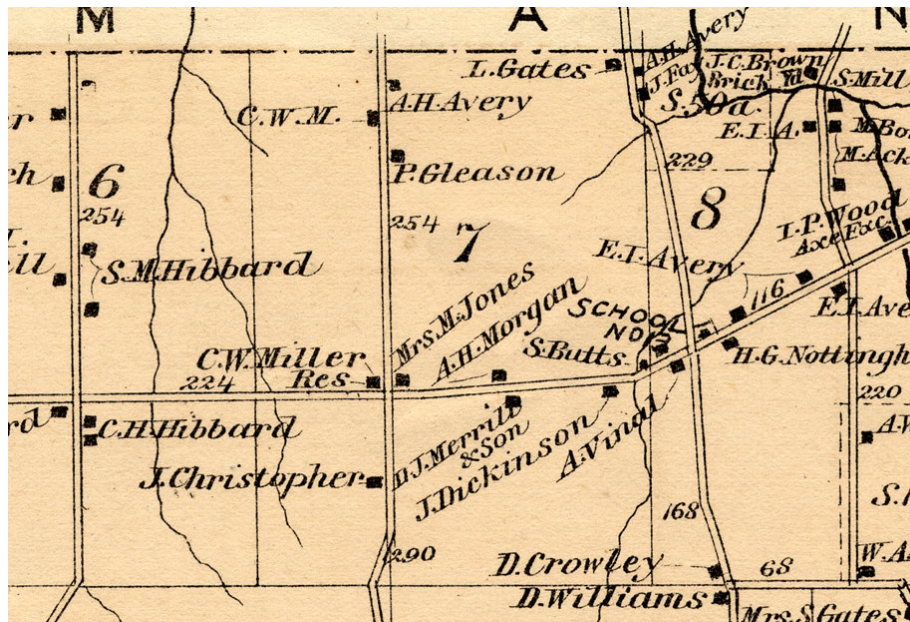
Name	Sex	Census Age	Actual Age	Birth Place	Citizen	Occupation
Thomas Long (Lawrence)	M	43	46	US	C	Farmer
Jane Long	F	40	34	US	C	
Kittie Long	F	14	14	US	C	
John Long	M	12	12	US	C	
Stephen Long	M	9	9	US	C	
Luella Long	F	4	5	US	C	
Eugene Long	M	3	4	US	C	
Eva Long	M	1	10/12	US	C	Farmer
John Long (Thomas)	M	84	84	Ireland	C	
Patrick Long	M	40	48	US	C	

Census Problems:

- (1) Laurence and Patrick Long were born in Ireland not the US.
- (2) Laurence is a little over 2 years younger than Patrick. The census has Laurence 3 years older than Patrick.
- (3) Absolute ages are also wrong. Laurence was baptized at Holycross church on July 11, 1845. Patrick was baptized in the same church on May 10, 1843.
- (4) Thomas was listed as John.
- (5) Thomas Long's census age and his death certificate age agree.

Born in Pompey: Louella (1886), T. Eugene (1887), Eva (1891). Since the year 1887 for the Long family leaving the Fabius farm is uncertain, Louella and T. Eugene might have been born in Fabius. There are no baptismal records for any of the Long children at Immaculate Conception Church in Pompey.

1874 - Onondaga County- Town of Pompey



The Liverpool Connection

The Liverpool connection arises from the death certificate of Thomas Long who died on December 24, 1892, in Liverpool, NY. I don't have a copy of the death certificate but the following information was received from Tom Long via Dick Long:

Thomas Long, 84, died Dec. 24, 1892 in Liverpool, NY.

(Marital Status): Widower,

Birthplace: Ireland,

Occupation: Laborer,

Father's name: Patrick Long,

Mother's maiden name: Mary Long,

Immediate cause of death: old age, paralysis,

Medical attendant: R. A. Whitney,

Place of burial: Fulton, NY (no cemetery listed).

The death certificate only means that Thomas was in Liverpool when he died, not that he resided in Liverpool. Since Thomas died on Christmas Eve it is possible that the family was visiting someone in the Liverpool area when Thomas passed away. However, this just makes his subsequent burial in Fulton, NY even stranger.

- ❑ Who gave the information for the death certificate?
- ❑ Why would Thomas have been buried in Fulton? There were several closer cemeteries.
- ❑ The attending physician would have gathered the information needed to fill out the death certificate. When he asked one of the members of the Long family where Thomas was to be buried, they might have said St. Mary's (thinking Syracuse) and the physician, thinking St. Mary's in Fulton, wrote down Fulton, NY, for the place of burial.

- ❑ Thomas died December 24, 1892. The papers from Dec 24, 1892 and Dec 26, 1892 were searched page by page and no Thomas Long death info was found. There was no paper on Christmas Day. The more extensive Old Fulton NY Post Card site newspaper database was extensively searched and nothing about Thomas Long's death was found.

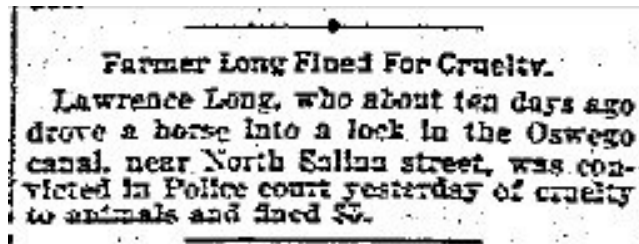
Liverpool - Farm or village?

The earliest that Lawrence Long could have moved to Liverpool was after Feb. 16, 1892, the date of the NYS census.

- ❑ Why didn't Lawrence go to Tipp Hill, like some of the other family members?
- ❑ Farm: Probably rented a farm.
- ❑ Emmett (1893), and Agnes (1895) were probably born in Liverpool
- ❑ Most of the children would have attended school in Liverpool - perhaps some records still exist.

News Story

This clipping was in the Syracuse Evening Herald, on January 6, 1898. Since this event took place very early in the year, it was probably prior to the death of Lawrence's son John.



This small item from the paper indicated that Lawrence was indeed a farmer at that time. The intersection of the Oswego Canal with North Salina St was about three blocks north of Clinton Square. A Liverpool farmer or a Pompey farmer might find himself in that part of town. Recently a more detailed article about the same incident surfaced and contained information about the farm where the Lawrence Long family was living.²

“Lawrence Long, who lives on the ‘Morehouse’ farm, about one mile west of Liverpool, declares that he left the horses and that they got into the water themselves.” Since we know that the Morehouse farm was being rented by the year, as early as 1889,³ it could be assumed that Lawrence Long was now renting that farm.

The Syracuse Daily Journal,
Syracuse, NY,
Thursday, December 23, 1897

IN THE LOCK.

**WHERE A TEAM OF HORSES WAS
FOUND TO-DAY—ONE ANI-
MAL WAS DEAD.**

Early this morning a man walking along the Oswego canal found a wagon, to which was hitched two horses, in lock No. 2 of the Oswego canal. One horse was still alive, the other was dead. The buoyancy of the dead animal and the wagon kept the other horse from drowning.

After considerable work, members of the ambulance corps of the S. P. C. A. succeeded in removing the horses and wagon from the deep lock. The one live horse was cured for and will probably live.

How the team and wagon got into the lock is not known. Lawrence Long, who lives on the "Morehouse" farm, about one mile west of Liverpool, declares that he left the horses and that they got into the water themselves. O. R. Casey says that the horses must have backed around near the lock and finally got in.

Long was arraigned in police court this afternoon and the case was adjourned till next Wednesday.

**The Messenger,
Baldwinsville, NY,
January 18, 1995 - 115 Years Ago**

From pages past

From the pages of the Onondaga Gazette, The Gazette & Farmer's Journal, and The Messenger, all published in Baldwinsville, now on Microfilm at the Baldwinsville Public Library.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN YEARS AGO -- 1880

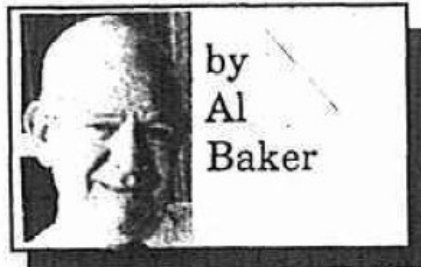
We need this balmy weather about as much as a cow needs a side pocket. Business at present in our village is dull owing to the unseasonable weather.

Oswego & Syracuse Railroad timetable: Leave Baldwinsville, Going South: 8:30 and 9:44 a.m., 1:00 and 6:23 p.m., 7:30 p.m. frt. Going North: 6:05 and 7:50 a.m., 2:40 and 7:50 p.m., 11 a.m. frt.

Last Wednesday a colt belonging to Mr. Thomas Long, while capering around near the canal, back of Russell's blacksmith shop, fell in, and despite its utmost endeavors, could not get out again. For or five men with ropes finally pulled him out. This is the same colt, we understand, that fell into a well last summer. The animal evidently has a propensity for falling, and for deep water.

Last Monday morning a section of Greenway's Brewery, Syracuse, fell into Onondaga creek. A section of five floors, from the roof to the basement, about 35x40 feet in area was precipitated into the bottom of the creek. Two men were injured, though not seriously. The damage to the building and loss in grain, hops, malt, etc. will aggregate between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

We should like to inquire when our village trustees are going to meet again.



by
Al
Baker

The event described above took place at least 12 years before the Lawrence Long family moved to Liverpool. It would appear the Long horses have an unusually strong attraction for the water.

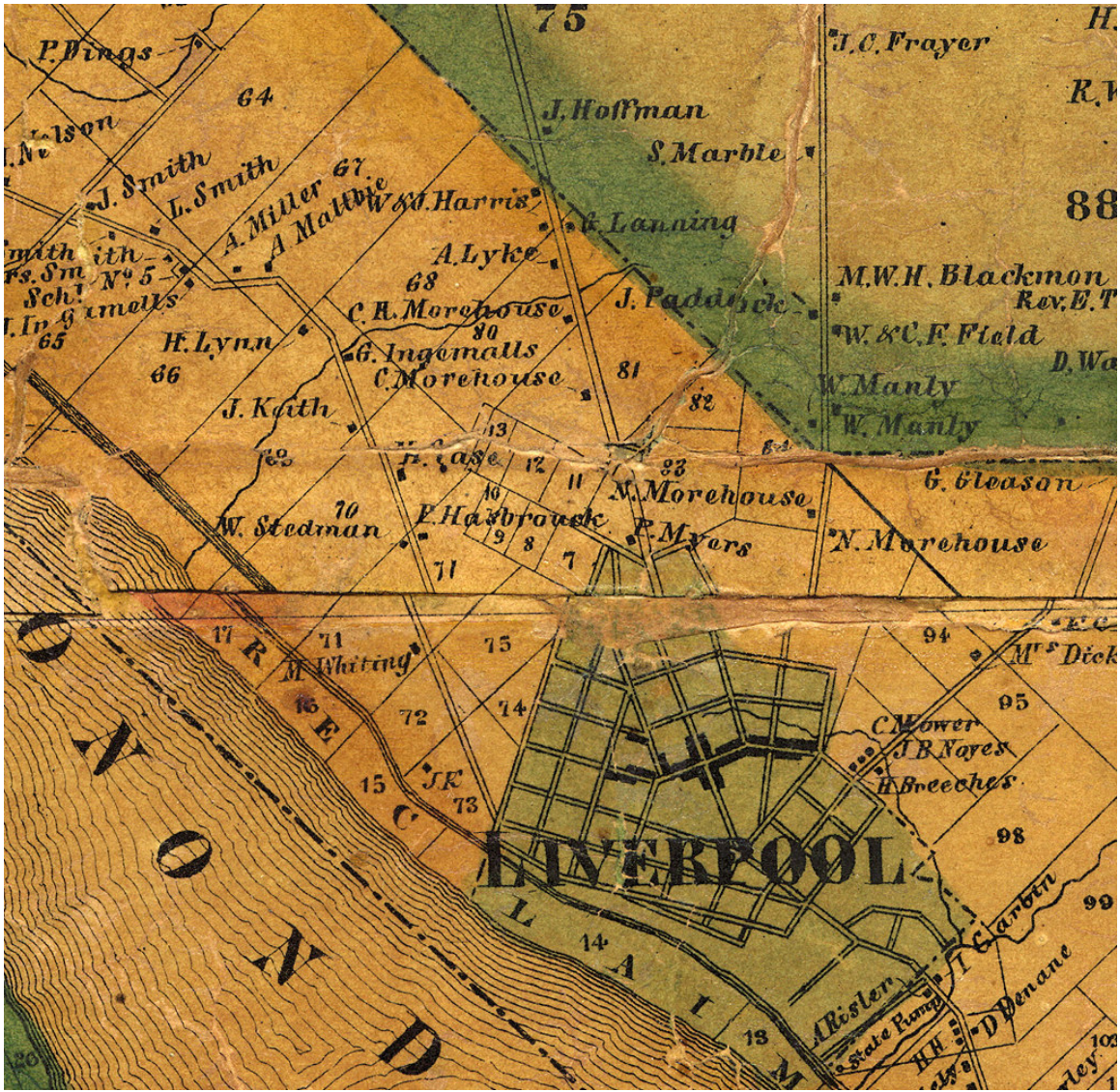
The Village of Liverpool - 1874



The Charles Morehouse farm was located on Lot 81 out on the Oswego Road (or the Fulton Road, or Route 57). It was just outside the limits of the village itself. Lawrence was living here in 1898 and probably earlier than that but he also might have been living on a different farm in the Liverpool area prior to 1898.

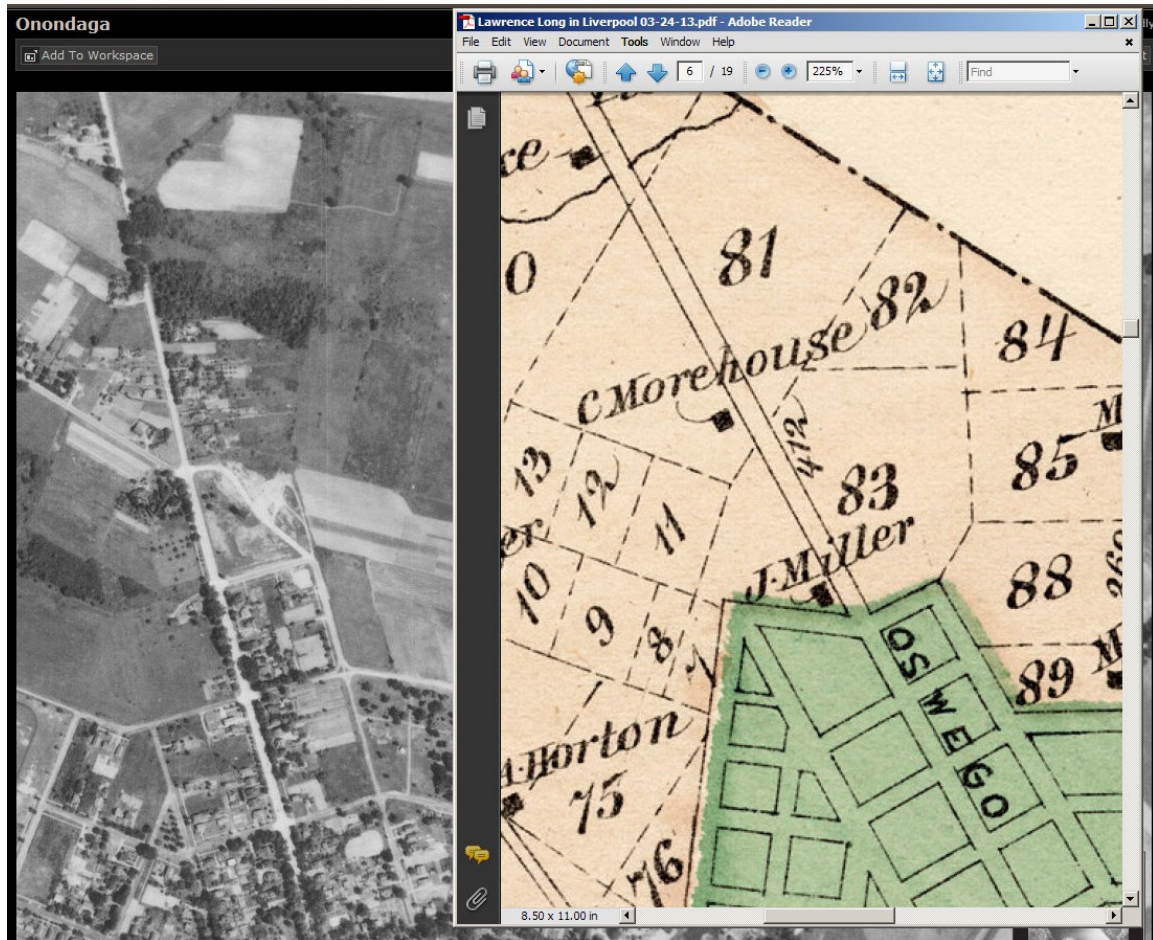
The C. Morehouse homestead was located almost exactly where Route 57 passes over the NYS Thruway today.

The Village of Liverpool - 1860

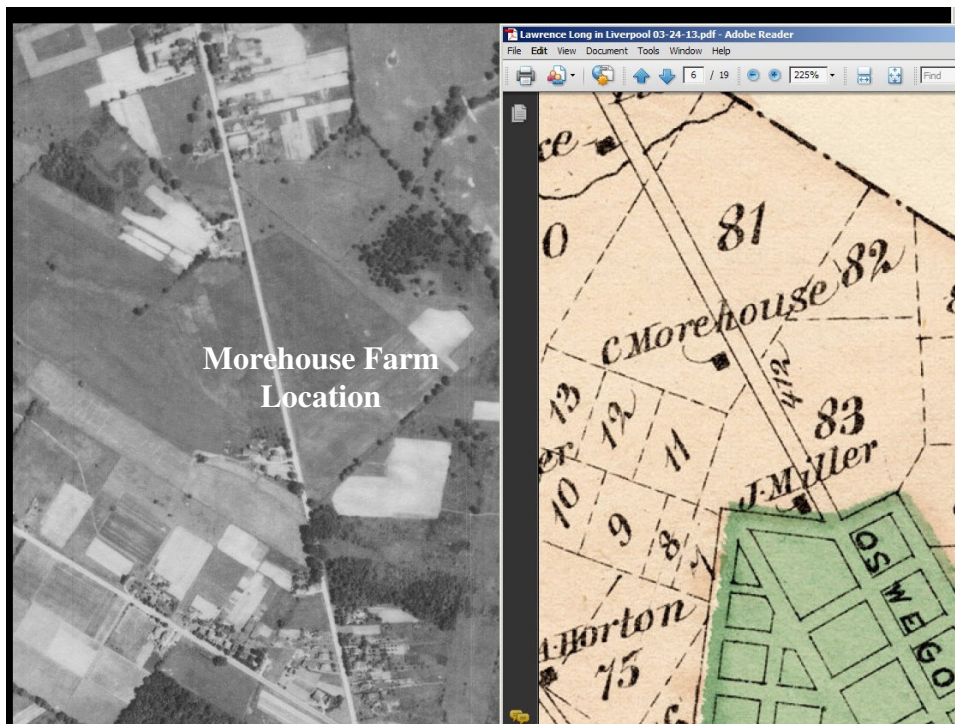


The Charles Morehouse farm was located on Lot 81 out on the Oswego Road (or the Fulton Road, or Route 57). There are several other Morehouses in the area who are probably related to Charles. By 1874 Charles was the only Morehouse in the area. By the late 1880s his farm is being rented out.

Aerial Photo From 1938 Compared With 1874 Liverpool Map



By overlapping this aerial photo⁴ with the 1874 map of Liverpool makes it possible to identify the location of the Morehouse farm. The identification of the two diagonal roads coming in from the right and the diagonal road going off to the left by the Miller farm help relate the features in the two pictures. On the east side of the main road (Route 57) the last block is rectangular on the map but a road, probably unimproved, makes that last block in the photo appear to be triangular. But the main point is that the number of blocks in the map and the photo are the same. Therefore the size of the village blocks can be used to measure the relative distance to the Morehouse farm. The map indicated that the Morehouse farm is three “village blocks” from the village boundary, indicated by the green shading. Using that same measure in the aerial photo shows that the Morehouse farm location is in the upper left hand corner of the photo.



The aerial photo on the right has been re-centered to put the Morehouse farm location in the middle of the picture.



The bottom aerial photo was taken on July 5, 1938 and shows the location of the Morehouse farm. It isn't known if the structures on this property are the same ones that were there during the time of Lawrence Long's residence. Farm buildings burned to the ground all the time and the modernization of farming methods also required the replacement of the old with newer and more modern structures and methods.

Where did John Long die (d. 1898)?

While searching for articles on Lawrence Long this following news item popped up. At first I thought it must belong to another Long family. But then I noticed John's middle initial was an "F," his father was named Lawrence and the year of his death matched. The address threw me off for a while. By searching on the address I found another article, this one from 1914, involving that address. "...a lawn party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Williams, Morningside Farm, No. 441 East Colvin Street."⁵ Therefore even though Lawrence appeared to be living in the city he was actually on a farm. It wasn't until after Lawrence's death that the part of East Colvin, from Salina St. up to Garfield Ave. was paved.⁶

The address numbering can change over the years, especially if major changes are made in the road. In the case of East Colvin Street, the on grade railroad crossing became a railroad underpass sometime after 1940.⁷ During that conversion the old East Colvin Street was diverted to the north and parts of the old Colvin Street still remain. A data point on the address was provided by an article on a Colvin Street suicide. This unfortunate person lived at 360 East Colvin Street and it was stated that the house "...stands just at the corner of the Jewish Cemetery."⁸ Therefore, back in 1907, the 400 block began in the next block with the cemetery on the corner. Therefore the 400 block went east from this point, up over the hill and down the other side to the intersection of Comstock Ave. and East Colvin St.

The Syracuse Courier,
Syracuse, NY,
Wednesday, November 16, 1898

OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of Alfred R. Davis will be held today at 3:30 p.m. from 204 McKinley Avenue.

Richard Wells died Monday at 113 White street, aged 78 years. The funeral will be held privately at 3:30 p.m. today.

John F. Long, the 18 year old son of Lawrence Long of 441 East Colvin street, died Monday. The funeral will be held today at 8 a.m. from the house and at 10 a.m. from St. Mary's church.

Thomas Kelly died Monday at 1008 South Herdson street, aged 35 years. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly. The funeral will be held to-

Perhaps the death of his son John, on the farm, finally soured Lawrence on farm life. Or perhaps Lawrence's health was failing and he was no longer able to keep up with the workload of a farmer.

- ☐ John's death certificate?
- ☐ John's burial location?

Lawrence died in 1899 in Syracuse

This could mean that he died in a hospital in Syracuse while still residing at Morningside farm. We now know that the family had moved into Syracuse prior to Lawrence's death. By the time of the 1900 census Lawrence's widow, Jane (Jennie) Ryan Long was living at 106 Banana St. (now Avoca) on Tipperary Hill. The census date was June 1, 1900.

- ❑ Lawrence's death certificate?
- ❑ Lawrence's burial location?
- ❑ Searches for Lawrence's obit have turned up nothing so far. Without an exact date, a page by page search for Lawrence's obit is out of the question. However, an extensive search of the Fulton NY Post Card website newspaper database turned up nothing. This database has digital copies of almost 21 million pages of old New York newspapers.



This is a portion of an 1874 map of the area just south of Oakwood Cemetery. What is now called East Colvin Street was then called Day Road west of the Jamesville Plank Road and Rose Road east of the Plank Road. The cemetery shown as Rose Cemetery is now Mt. Sinai Cemetery (Jewish). Just across Colvin St today is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.



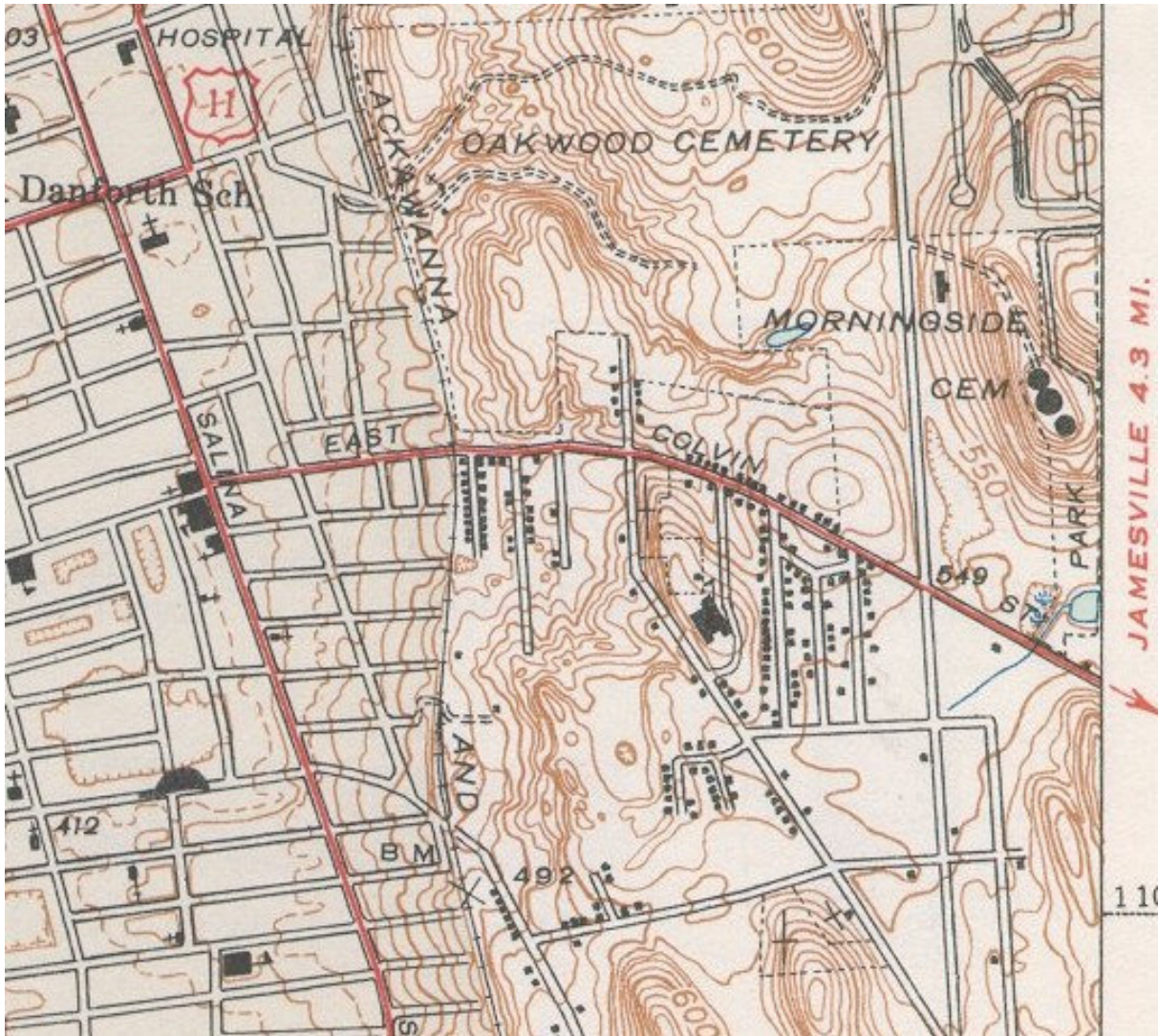
This is a portion of an 1898 USGS map (surveyed 1893) of the area just south of Oakwood Cemetery. The streets aren't labeled but East Colvin is the street running diagonally just under the words "Oakwood Cemetery." The Jamesville Plank Road Begins at Colvin Street but part of it extends north of Colvin, terminating just under the letter "k" in the word "Oak." Comstock Ave. hadn't been built yet but it will run north and south, passing just to the left of the hill labeled "713" (feet of elevation). The NW corner of the intersection of Comstock and East Colvin was the location of Morning Side farm. Today it is Morningside Cemetery.

Overlap of Plates 24 & 25 - 1927 Hopkins Map



These maps show the encroachment of residential development on Morningside Farm in 1927.⁹ The Dougall Tract is a plan and as can be seen in the aerial photos below that area was still under cultivation in September 1938. The Dougall family was living all along this portion of E. Colvin St. They were early settlers in the southern part of the city. The Mary Jane Dougall Flower Shop has been on the old Morningside Farm property, along E. Colvin St., where it meets the Morningside Cemetery property, since 1932. Mary Jane

Dougall retired in 1957 and passed away in 1963 at the age of 76. Her name still remains on the flower shop



This is a portion of a 1948 USGS map (surveyed 1939) of the area just south of Oakwood Cemetery. The main streets are now labeled on these USGS maps. The Jamesville Plank Road has been replaced by a modern road and renamed Jamesville Avenue. Comstock Ave. can now be seen running north and south, passing just to the left of the hill containing three water reservoirs. The NW corner of the intersection of Comstock and East Colvin was the location of Morning Side farm. Morningside Cemetery covers the northwest corner and some additional land east of Comstock Ave.

Aerial Photo of Morningside Farm - 1938



This aerial photo was taken on September 6, 1938.¹⁰ A couple large structures and several smaller ones are seen along E. Colvin St. near the intersection of Comstock Ave. These are probably related to the Morningside Cemetery. The two circular “roads” seen to the north of these structures are the same ones seen in the satellite images of Morningside Cemetery today. The area just to the left of these circular roads, appear to be fields that were under cultivation. This was probably the location of Morningside Farms.

The lot right at the northwest corner of E. Colvin St. and Comstock Ave. might be a candidate for Morningside Farm because that cluster of buildings on that lot, right on E. Colvin, might be the old farm buildings. However, an obscure notice from the City Clerk’s Office, in a May 1903 edition of the Syracuse Journal, indicates otherwise. In the May 6th edition there was a notice that the city was seeking sealed proposals for constructing a cement sidewalk along the west side of Comstock Ave. from Euclid Ave. to E. Colvin St. Two thousand feet of that sidewalk would be in front of Morningside Cemetery. The city wouldn’t put sidewalks in front of farmland. So, in 1903 Morningside was a recognized cemetery and the farm obviously got its name from the cemetery.



July 6, 1938



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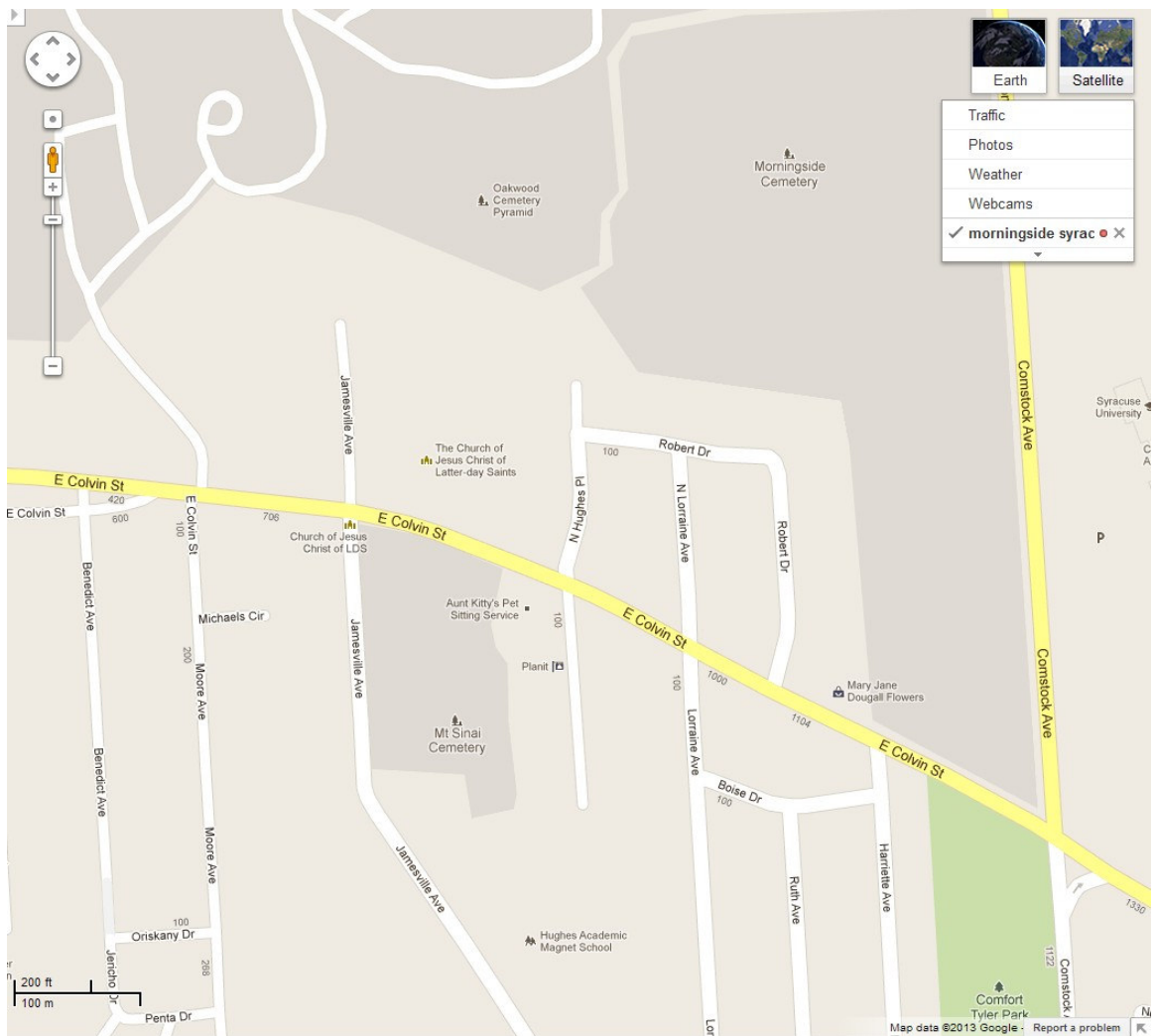


July 1, 1966



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These four views of the former Morningside Farm, located on the lot adjacent to Morningside Cemetery on the west, show the wave of residential development over taking what was formally all farmland.



This is a modern map of the same area around East Colvin Street east of Interstate 81 (that replaced the railroad tracks) and Comstock Avenue.



This is a modern satellite map of the same area around East Colvin Street east of Interstate 81 (that replaced the railroad tracks) and Comstock Ave.

Fannings in Fulton

The late Richard Long said that someone had told him there were “many Fannings in Fulton.” Thomas Long’s wife was Catherine Fanning so Dick thought there might be a connection there. A search of the 1880 and 1900 census records for Fulton and nearby areas determined there were only a few Fannings and surprisingly none in Fulton. Trying “Fannin” in the 1880 and 1900 census produced very few individuals in all of NYS.

Census: 1880 and 1900

Fulton	No Fannings
Syracuse	Only a couple Fannings
Liverpool	None
Village Oswego	About ½ dozen

From an examination of the Syracuse newspapers from 1890-1900, it was found that there were some Fannings in Fulton. The plan here would be to track down some Fannings and see where they were buried. There now appears to be only one Catholic cemetery in Fulton - St. Mary’s. These Fannings, if found, might have been related to Catherine Fanning Long and her son Lawrence might have been allowed to purchase or use one of their cemetery plots for his father Thomas. This is a “long chain of maybes and what ifs,” to support an odd choice of cemeteries.

A 1874 map of the town of Salina and the Village of Liverpool showed there were no Fannings in the Liverpool area in 1874.

Liverpool Village Cemetery 1846 - Present

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/CEMETERY/liverpoolvillage.html>

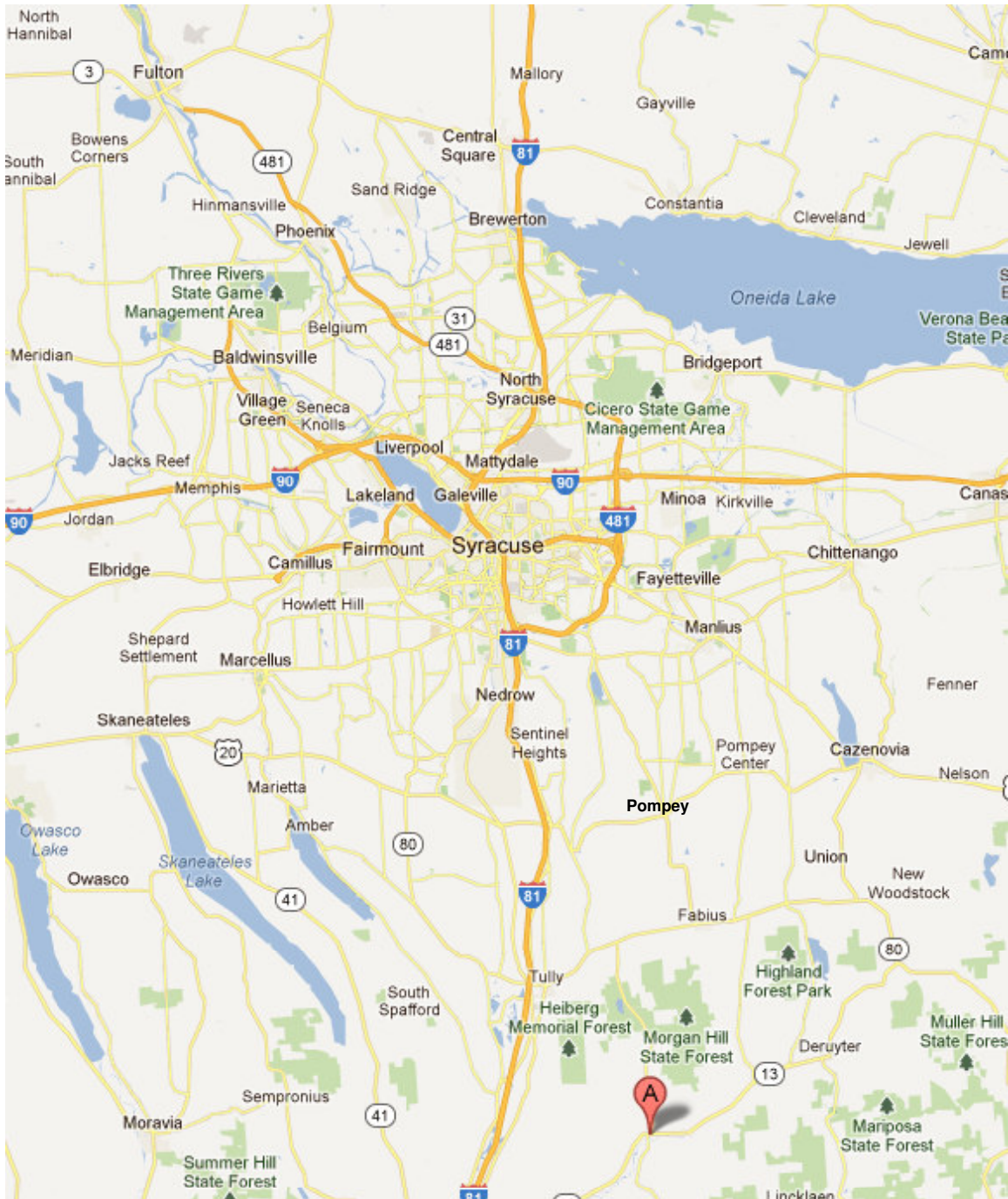
This cemetery is right in the Village of Liverpool and was the closest cemetery at the time of Thomas Long’s death. Protestant and Catholic burials took place in the cemetery. Searching the list showed that there was no Thomas Long interred there.



Although Thomas Long’s (d. 1892) death certificate stated that he was buried in Fulton, NY this was the closest cemetery to the Morehouse farm. I have checked some Fulton cemetery lists that were available on line and Thomas Long was not found. I’ve also checked the Old First Ward cemetery list and Old St. Mary’s on Renwick Ave. without any success.

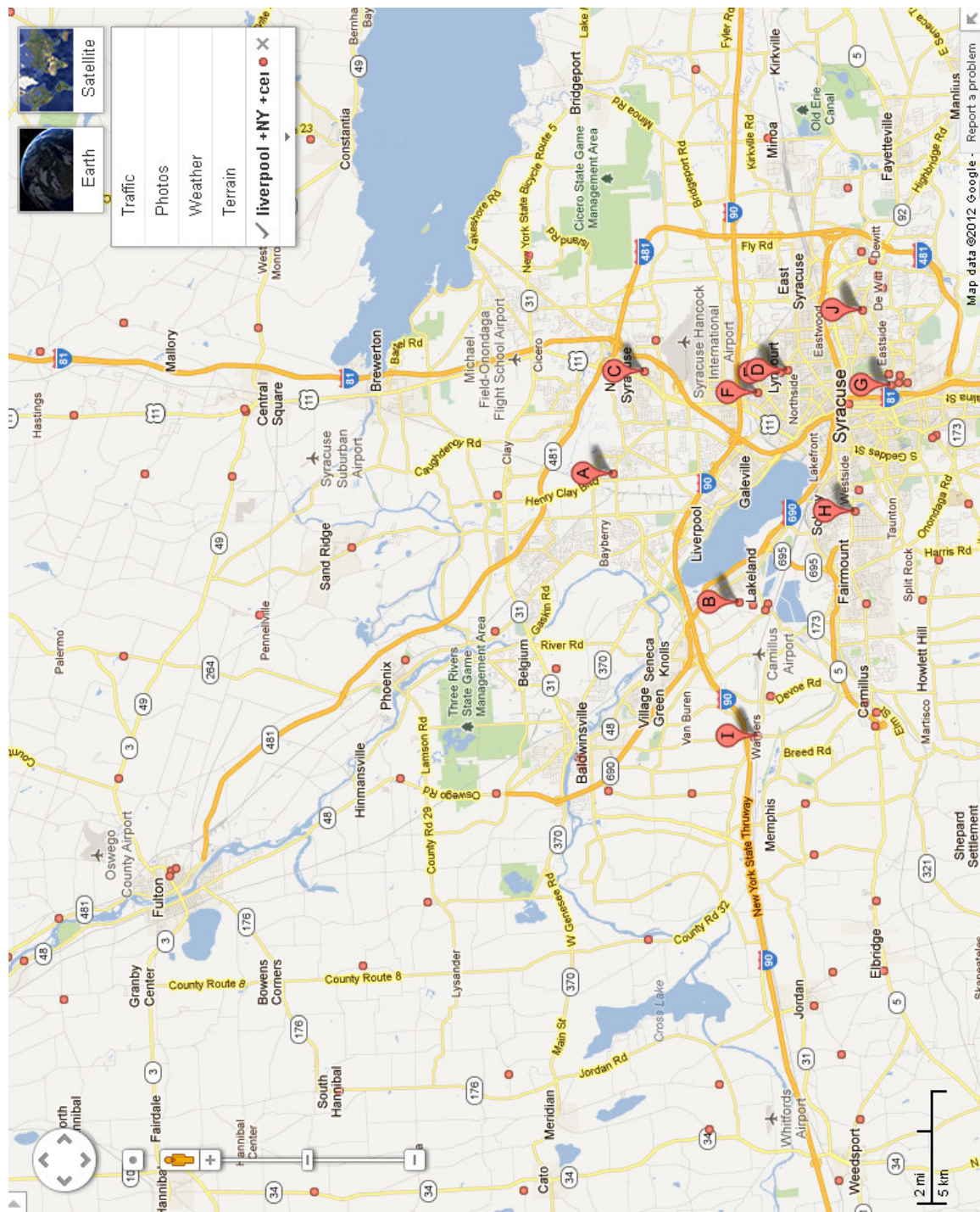
The Central New York map on the following page shows the relative distances of Fulton, Pompey and Truxton from Liverpool, NY.

A Map of Central New York



Just comparing straight-line distances, Fulton and Pompey are equidistant from Liverpool. Even Truxton (the “A” balloon), is not much farther than Pompey, and that was where Thomas’s wife, Catherine Fanning Long (d. 1871) and his sons Richard (d. 1870) and John (d. 1877) were buried.

Cemeteries in the Liverpool - Fulton Area



All the red circles represent cemeteries or in a few cases monument suppliers. This is a modern day map and even though some of the cemeteries might be newer, many of the cemeteries date back to the 19th century. The point being that there were closer choices than Fulton for the burial of Thomas Long. The Fulton cemetery (St. Mary's) is very far away. Any of the Syracuse cemeteries are much closer than the Fulton cemetery.

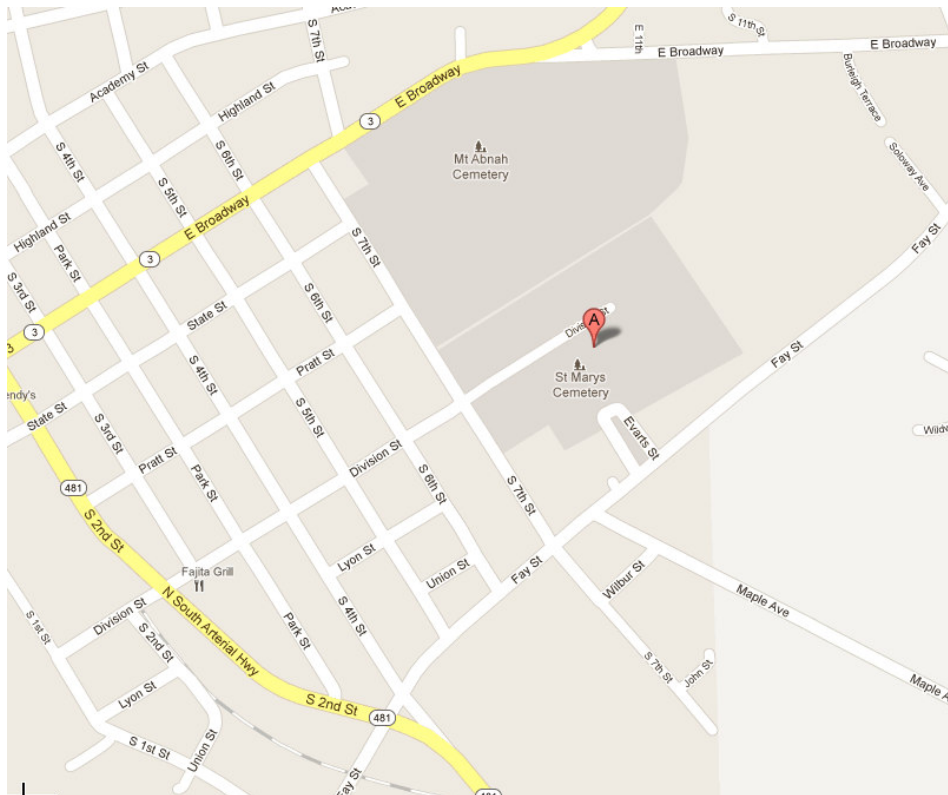
Fulton Cemeteries

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fulton,_Oswego_County,_New_York

“The city is currently served by two cemeteries, viz., **Mt. Adnah** (a beautiful and historic burial ground with many older carved and engraved stone monuments.) and **St. Mary's Cemetery** which adjoins Mt. Adnah and primarily serves the *Catholic populations* of the greater Fulton area. There are several smaller outlying public cemeteries in locations such as

- ❑ Clifford,
- ❑ Vermillion,
- ❑ Fairdale,
- ❑ Hannibal,
- ❑ Lysander (Cook and Jacksonville),
- ❑ Mexico,
- ❑ Mt. Pleasant,
- ❑ North Volney,
- ❑ Palermo,
- ❑ Roosevelt,
- ❑ etc.”

“These cemeteries generally are/were used by people who once resided in the villages and townships in which the cemetery is located. There are also a number of *"family"* or private cemeteries throughout the area. These are generally located on or near the original family estates and were usually *reserved for burial of members of the extended families* for which they were named.”



St. Mary's Cemetery

463 South 7th Street
Fulton, New York 13069.

This is a very small partial list of the interments in St. Mary's Cemetery. Thomas Long wasn't among the names on this short list.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyoswego/cemeteries/stmaryful.html>

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FOOTNOTES

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- ¹ *The Long View* by Stephen Long, p. 3.
- ² *In The Lock -Where A Team of Horses Was Found To-Day-One Animal Was Dead*, The Syracuse Daily Journal, Syracuse, NY, December 23, 1897
- ³ The Syracuse Weekly Express, Syracuse, NY, April 3, 1889 - "Harvey Shattuck of Mallory has rented the Morehouse farm for the coming year."
- ⁴ New York Aerial Photographs, Cornell University. Photo: ARX-27-95, 7-5-1938
<http://aerial-ny.library.cornell.edu/photos/onondaga/1938/>
- ⁵ The Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, NY, August 20, 1914 - "...a lawn party held at the home of Mr. And Mrs. F. E. Williams, Morningside Farm, No. 441 East Colvin Street."
- ⁶ *City Treasurer's Office*, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY, May 9, 1903 - The City Treasurer was giving public notice of an assessment for the paving of East Colvin Street from Garfield Ave. to South Salina St. Prior to this time the road was unpaved and the portion after Garfield, headed up the hill would remain unpaved.
- ⁷ *P.S.C. Gives Approval to Plans for 'L'*, The Syracuse Herald -Journal, Syracuse, NY, October 5, 1940. "...the Public Service Commission today announced approval of...general plans and land maps for the East Colvin Street underpass."
- ⁸ *F. L. Grover Hangs Self in Woodshed*, The Syracuse Journal, Syracuse, NY, August 1, 1907. Grover lived at 360 East Colvin St. "The house stands just at the corner of the Jewish Cemetery."
- ⁹ G. M. Hopkins, Map of the City of Syracuse and Suburbs, Onondaga Co., NY. 136-138 South Fourth St., Philadelphia. PA, 1927. - Wardmaps LLC.
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